

Minutes of the Cabinet held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 9 April 2024

Chair - Councillor A T A Godfrey

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

R P Cooke	-	Resources Portfolio	
I D Fordham	-	Environment Portfolio	
J Hood	-	Community Portfolio	
R Kenney	-	Deputy Leader	
G P K Pardesi	-	Leisure Portfolio	
A F Reid	-	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio	
A N Pearce	-	Climate Change Portfolio	

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

CAB66 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2024 as published on 8 March 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB67 Committee Cycle 2024/25

Considered a report proposing the Committee Cycle for the 2024/25 municipal year.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as set out in the associated appendix.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, be approved as follows:

That the Committee Cycle for 2024/25 be approved.

CAB68 Housing Benefit - Modified Scheme in Respect of War Disablement and Bereavement Pensions

Considered a report:-

- reviewing the Council's modified Housing Benefit scheme which provided that payments under military compensation schemes be disregarded in the assessment of a claimant's income for Housing Benefit purposes;
- recommending Council continued to provide this support for veterans wounded, injured or sick in such a way that affected their life in a permanent or significant way and to the widows of those who gave their lives in service.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 3 and 5.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Members of the Cabinet were pleased to support the report and hoped that the Council would always be in a position to support military veterans and their families.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendations, which were declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, be approved as follows:

That:-

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) Council be recommended to adopt the policy statement as set out in the appendix to the report.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 16 APRIL 2024

CHAIR