CABINET – 16 SEPTEMBER 2010

Councillor M R Heenan (Chairman)

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

Councillors:
Mrs J M Dalgarno  -  Without Portfolio
W D Davis  -  Planning and Regeneration Portfolio
J S Highfield -  Environment and Health Portfolio
R M Smith -  Leisure Portfolio
K S Williamson -  Resources Portfolio

Also present:-

Councillor A H Stafford Northcote

CAB27 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 5 August 2010 were submitted and signed.

CAB28 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor PMM Farrington.

CAB29 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – DELIVERING THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH – PREFERRED CORE POLICIES (DRAFT PUBLICATION REPORT)

Considered a report relating to the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework, delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough – Preferred Core Policies (Draft publication report), as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 147 issued on 17 September 2010.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member – Planning and Regeneration be approved as follows:-

That the preferred core policies be approved for inclusion within the document ‘Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough – preferred core policies (Draft Publication Report)’.

CAB30 FUTURE JOBS FUND

Considered a report relating to an update on the Future Jobs Fund programme and a request that existing funding for the programme be used to support sports apprenticeships in the Borough, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 147 issued on 17 September 2010.
RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Members – Planning and Regeneration/Leisure be approved as follows:-

That:-(a) the progress of the Future Jobs Fund programme be noted;

(b) a £12,000 allocation from the existing funding identified for the Future Jobs Fund be made available to create sports apprenticeship placements at the Borough Council.

CAB31 COMMITTEE CYCLE 2011/12

Considered a report relating to the Committee Cycle for 2011/12, as set out in section Digest No 147 issued on 17 September 2010.

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

That the Committee Cycle for 2011/12 be approved as submitted.

CAB32 SHARED SERVICES

Considered a report relating to the establishment of Shared Services for Building Control and Information Technology with effect from 1 October 2010 and the additional services included in Phase 1 of the Shared Services programme, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 147 issued on 17 September 2010.

The Leader of the Council reported that the commencement date relating to the implementation of the two shared services needed to be amended to 1 November 2010 for technical reasons.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Leader of the Council, as amended, be approved as follows:-

That:- (a) the establishment of Shared Services with Cannock Chase District Council for Building Control and Information Technology be approved with effect from 1 November 2010;

(b) the implementation of shared services in the service areas of Revenues and Benefits, Legal, Human Resources, Finance, Internal Audit, Insurance and Risk Management, Civil Contingencies, Procurement be approved in accordance
with the dates outlined in the report (paragraph 6.15) and the authority leads as identified in paragraph 5.2 of the report;

(c) the proposal for Community Safety be deferred for further consideration pending clarification of the national position;

(d) that the legal, financial, human resources and governance frameworks that underpin the Shared Services process as attached at APPENDIX 3 be approved.

CAB33 APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT

Considered a report relating to a request for voluntary early retirement on the grounds of the efficient exercise of the authority’s functions, as set out in Section 2 and the Confidential Appendix of Digest No 147 issued on 17 September 2010.

RESOLVED:- That the proposal of the Cabinet Member – Resources be approved as follows:-

That:- (a) the request for voluntary early retirement on the Grounds of the Efficient Exercise of the Authority's functions, without enhancement, be approved;

(b) the Head of Human Resources implement the early retirement in line with the wishes of the employee and the exigencies of the service.

CAB34 THE PEOPLE’S PANEL – SHARED SERVICE

Considered a report relating to an opportunity to undertake a shared service with the police in relation to Citizen Consultation, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 147 issued on 17 September 2010.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member – Community be approved as follows:-

That the merging of the People’s Panel with the Police Citizens Panel be approved.
Considered a report relating to a reduction in staffing, as set out in Section 2 and the confidential appendix of Digest No 147 issued on 17 September 2010.

The Chief Executive discussed with the Cabinet the recent press article relating to this post and the good work undertaken by the postholder in dealing with the wider issues associated with anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED:- That the proposal of the Cabinet Member – Community be approved as follows:-

That:- (a) the staffing reduction and associated redundancy be approved;

(b) the Head of Human Resources, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Improvement, implement the staffing reduction and associated redundancy in line with the Council’s policy on early retirement and redundancy.

Proceedings commenced at 4.30 pm and terminated at 4.46 pm.