

CABINET - 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

Councillor Mrs J M Dalgarno (Chairman)

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

Councillors:

- W D Davis - Planning and Regeneration Portfolio
- J S Highfield - Environment Portfolio
- R M Smith - Leisure Portfolio

Also present:-

Councillor Mrs I E Davies and Mrs A P Edgeller

CAB24 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 9 August 2007 were submitted and signed.

CAB25 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P M M Farrington and M R Heenan.

CAB26 **FINANCIAL PLAN 2008/09 - 2011/12**

Considered an updated financial forecast for the financial years 2008/09 to 2011/12, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

- That:-**
- (a) the forecast Revenue and revised Capital Programme for the financial years 2008/09 to 2011/12 be noted;**
 - (b) the General Fund working balance be increased to a minimum of £1 million,**
 - (c) the principles contained within the Council's Financial Plan be considered as part of the completion of the 2008/09 budget;**
 - (d) the objective to limit the increase in Council Tax to within the headline rate of inflation over the period under consideration be supported.**

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALL IN PROCEDURE AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 2 OCTOBER 2007.

CAB27 COMMITTEE CYCLE 2008/09

Considered the Committee Cycle for 2008/09, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

That the Committee Cycle for 2008/09 be approved as submitted.

CAB28 CIVIC SUITE - AUDIO/VISUAL FACILITIES

Considered a scheme for improving the audio/visual facilities in the Craddock and Walton Rooms of the Civic Suite in the Civic Centre, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

- That:-**
- (a) the installation of audio/visual equipment in the Civic Suite as set out in the report be approved;**
 - (b) the Council be requested to approve the amendment to the Capital Programme.**

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALL IN PROCEDURE AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2007.

CAB29 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EARLY TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) (DISCRETIONARY COMPENSATION) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2006

Considered new Regulations requiring the Council to review and amend its policy relating to discretionary payments to employees whose employment terminates on the grounds of redundancy or early retirement in the interests of the efficient exercise of the employing authority's functions, as set out in Section 2 and the Confidential Appendix of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

That the revised early retirement and redundancy scheme be approved as set out in the report.

CAB30 FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN

Considered a Food Safety Service Plan, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

That the Food Safety Service Plan for 2007 - 2008 be approved.

CAB31 THE CONTROL OF DOGS (FOULING) - THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

Considered the consultation process with a view to designating the whole Borough under Section 57 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 with a Dog Control Order controlling dog fouling, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

That permission be granted to begin the formal consultation process with a view to obtaining a Dog Control Order controlling dog fouling under the Act for the whole Borough.

CAB32 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Considered a report relating to:-

- (a) agreeing the final version of the Local Development Scheme for preparing the Local Development Documents within the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework;
- (b) bringing the scheme into effect on 19 September 2007 following this meeting of the Cabinet;
- (c) providing an updated position on preparing the Development Plan Documents.

The report is set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

- That:-
- (a) **the Local Development Scheme, as amended following discussions with Government Office West Midlands, comes into effect on 19 September 2007; and**
 - (b) **work on preparing the new Development Plan Documents can make progress by replacing the previous Core Strategy Development Plan Document, following the independent Examination in July 2006, and the related Development Plan Documents.**

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALL IN PROCEDURE AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 2 OCTOBER 2007.

CAB33 OFF STREET PARKING CONSOLIDATION ORDER IN READINESS FOR DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Considered the variation of the Council's existing Off Street car parking orders to the extent required to support the introduction of decriminalised parking in the Borough, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

That the Head of Planning and Engineering, in consultation with the Head of Law and Administration, be authorised to take all appropriate steps to make, and bring into effect, Orders varying existing Council Off-Street Parking Orders to the extent considered necessary as a consequence of any designation order made under Schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991, to enable the enforcement against parking contraventions on the Council's car parks following the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) later this year.

CAB34 EXTENDED CAR PARK FOR STONE

Considered detailed proposals to extend public car parking facilities in Stone by extending the Christchurch car park to provide capacity for 88

cars along with space for pedal and motor cycles, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

- That:-
- (a) a sum of £210,000 be included in the 2007/08 Capital Programme for the construction of an extended car park at Christchurch, Stone to serve Stone town centre;
 - (b) the Head of Planning and Engineering Services be authorised to appoint Staffordshire County Council Engineering Services to project manage all elements of the project, that the construction phase is procured through the Staffordshire Highways Partnership and that an exception be made to Contract Procedure Rules under Rules 2(a)(i) and 2(a)(iii) in this instance;
 - (c) the Council be requested to approve the amendment to the Capital Programme.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALL IN PROCEDURE AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 3 OCTOBER 2007.

CAB35 HOUSING STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

Considered the arrangements for consultation on the new Housing Strategy, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

- That:-
- (a) the proposed Housing Strategy Consultation document be approved for consultation purposes;
 - (b) the Community Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider the proposed Housing Strategy Consultation document and be asked to undertake public consultation on the proposals in the consultation document in preparation for the 2008 Housing Strategy.

CAB36 DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAMME

Considered the future Capital Programme provision for mandatory disabled facilities grants, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

- That:-**
- (a) the Head of Environment be authorised to determine mandatory disabled facilities grant applications in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996;**
 - (b) the Head of Environment be authorised to issue deferred approvals for mandatory disabled facilities grants where the demands on the service exceed the Capital Programme resources available in line with Option 1 of the report;**
 - (c) the Capital Programme for mandatory disabled facilities grants be increased to £566,667 in line with Option 2 of the report;**
 - (d) the Council be requested to approve the amendment to the Capital Programme.**

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALL IN PROCEDURE AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2007.

CAB37 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES - LEISURE CENTRE

Considered an interim increase in fees and charges as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 105 issued on 7 September 2007.

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

- That:-**
- (a) the recommendations, as outlined in the report, be approved;**
 - (b) the Council be requested to approve the amendment to the Revenue Budget.**

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALL IN PROCEDURE AND
WILL BE REFERRED TO THE LEISURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON
18 SEPTEMBER 2007.**

Proceedings commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 7.07 pm.