

## CABINET - 11 JULY 2006

*Councillor Mrs J M Dalgarno (Chairman)*

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

Councillors:

- W D Davis - Planning and Regeneration Portfolio
- M R Heenan - Resources Portfolio
- J S Highfield - Environment and Community Safety Portfolio
- T J Reeves - Housing Portfolio
- R M Smith - Leisure Portfolio

Also present - Councillor A H Stafford-Northcote

### CAB15 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 June 2006 were submitted and signed.

### CAB16 **COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATES ARREARS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO WRITE OFF**

Considered the proposed writing off of arrears listed in the Confidential Appendix, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 91 issued on 14 July 2006.

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

**That the arrears listed in the Confidential Appendix be written off.**

### CAB17 **COMMUNICATIONS**

Considered a report relating to a review of the current arrangements for Public Relations and proposing changes to the Service to refocus and enhance delivery and ensure a proactive approach to communications, Public Relations and promotion.

The report is in the Confidential Appendix in Section 2 of Digest No 91 issued on 14 July 2006.

RESOLVED:- **that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Resources, as set out in the Confidential Appendix, be approved.**

### CAB18 **WATERSCAPE PROJECT**

Considered a report regarding approvals required to begin work on the first section of an ambitious, multi-million pound leisure route, which would

eventually stretch across Stafford from Riverway Bridge to Doxey Marshes, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 91 issued on 14 July 2006.

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

**That (a) the Head of Planning and Engineering Services be authorised to engage Staffordshire County Council Engineering Services to project manage all elements of the Waterscape 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;**

**(b) the Head of Law and Administration be authorised to acquire such land and rights over land that are needed to complete the project using compulsory purchase powers if necessary.**

**CAB19 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK EXAMINED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)**

Considered a report relating to:-

- 1 The Planning Inspector's binding report on the Stafford Borough Statement of Community Involvement.
- 2 The adoption of the Final Examined Statement of Community Involvement as the first part of the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework.

The report is set out in Section 2 of Digest No 91 issued on 14 July 2006.

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

**That the recommendations of the Secretary of State be noted, and the examined 'Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)', be adopted as the first part of the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework (LDF).**

**CAB20 RE-LANDSCAPING OF ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD, STAFFORD**

Considered a report relating to the tender process of the various landscaping elements of the proposed improvements to St Mary's

Churchyard, Stafford, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 91 issued on 14 July 2006.

The Chief Executive rehearsed with the Cabinet the possible need, due to the dry summer, to reschedule the works so that the new planting could take place in the early Autumn.

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

**To ensure the completion of the landscape improvements within the given time scales, an exception to the Contact Procedure Rules under Rule 2(a)(i) be approved and the Council engage Jack Moody Limited (Landscape and Civil Engineering Contractors) using, where possible, all schedules of rates from the Pitt Street Doorstep Green Friendship Garden project that have been the subject of the competitive tendering process.**

**CAB21 BUSINESS AGAINST RETAIL CRIME IN STAFFORD**

Considered a report regarding the organisation and implementation of the Business Against Retail Crime in Stafford Scheme, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 91 issued on 14 July 2006.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Environment and Community Safety be approved as follows:-

**That the organisation and implementation of the Business Against Retail Crime in Stafford scheme be approved.**

*Proceedings commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 6.58 pm.*