

Councillor P M M Farrington - Chairman

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

Councillors:

F Beatty	- Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
J M Pert	- Deputy Leady and Community Portfolio
J K Price	- Climate Change Portfolio
R M Smith	- Resources Portfolio
C V Trowbridge	- Leisure Portfolio
M J Winnington	- Environment Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	- Chief Executive
Mr D Piper	- Head of Economic Development and Planning
Mr J Pressland	- Head of Regulatory Services
Mr A Bailey	- Scrutiny Officer

CAB63 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 as published on 10 March 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB64 Councillor R M Smith, Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio

The Leader of the Council led tributes to Councillor R M Smith, Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio who was due to retire from the Council after 21 years. The Leader joined the Cabinet in thanking Councillor R M Smith for all of his hard work as part of the Cabinet and former Deputy Leader of the Council.

CAB65 Shared Services: Framework and Delegations

Considered a report that sought to agree the framework, and delegations, for sharing services with Cannock Chase District Council.

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

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

RESOLVED: that the proposals of the Leader of the Council be approved as follows:

(a) That Council be recommended to:-

- (i) Approve the framework agreement, attached as Appendix 1 of the report, underlying the principles upon which shared services will progress;
- (ii) Confirm that Stafford Borough Council be the Lead Authority for the provision of shared services in respect of the Economic Development and Planning, Operations, Transformation and Assurance and Law and Governance Functions listed at Appendix 2 of the report, and that Cannock Chase District Council be the Lead Authority for the provision of shared services in respect of Regulatory Services, Wellbeing, Housing and Corporate Asset Management, Finance and Transformation and Assurance Functions listed at Appendix 3 of the report;
- (iii) Delegate all non-Executive functions that relate to licensing and registration or regulatory matters, except where decisions on those functions have been reserved to full Council or to one of its committees, to Cannock Chase District Council under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 with immediate effect;
- (iv) Accept the delegation by Cannock Chase District Council of all non-Executive functions that relate to town and country planning and development control (including functions relating to Tree Preservation Orders, hedgerow protection and high hedge regulation), except where decisions on those functions have been reserved to full Council or one of its committees, and agree that those functions be delegated to the Officers of Stafford Borough Council in accordance with the scheme of delegation for its own Town and Country Planning and Development Control functions.
- (v) Agree to place its officers at the disposal of Cannock Chase District Council, under section 113 of the Local Government Act

1972, for the purposes of any functions undertaken by a shared service.

- (b) That, subject to Council approving the recommendations set out above:-
- (i) the Regulatory Services, Wellbeing, Housing and Corporate Asset Management, Finance and Transformation and Assurance functions listed at Appendix 3 of the report be delegated to the Executive of Cannock Chase District Council under Section 9EA of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Regulations made under those Sections with immediate effect;
 - (ii) the delegation by the Executive of Cannock Chase District Council of the Economic Development and Planning, Operations, Transformation and Assurance and Law and Governance Functions listed at Appendix 2 of the report to the Executive of Stafford Borough Council be accepted;
 - (iii) the Economic Development and Planning, Operations, Transformation and Assurance and Law and Governance Functions delegated under Minute No CAB65/23 a(ii) be delegated to the Officers of Stafford Borough Council in accordance with the scheme of delegation for its own Economic Development and Planning, Operations, Transformation and Assurance and Law and Governance functions.
 - (iv) the Leader be authorised to approve individual Service Level Agreements for each service, in consultation with the Chief Executive.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 18 APRIL 2023.

CAB66 Homelessness Prevention Grant - 2023 - 2025

Considered a report that requested authority be delegated to the Head of Service and Cabinet Member to spend the Government allocated Homeless Prevention Grant, 2023 - 2025.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio introduced the report and concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals 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, Community Portfolio be approved as follows:

That the content of this report is noted and permission is given to delegate authority to the Head of Service and Cabinet Member to agree the detailed spending of the Homeless Prevention Grant 2023-2025.

CAB67 Serious Violence Duty 2022

Considered a report that provided Members with an update on the new Serious Violence Duty that had been introduced as part of the Police Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, the Duty commenced on 31 January 2023.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio introduced the report and 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, Community Portfolio be approved as follows:

To consider the additional statutory duties which are now placed upon the council and to agree the following recommendations:

- that the new duties are incorporated into relevant council policies and plans.
- that the new Head of Wellbeing, when appointed, is nominated as the council's Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) on relevant partnership boards including the Staffordshire Violence Reduction Executive.
- the requirements of the duty are encompassed within the existing Community Wellbeing Partnership governance arrangements and terms of reference.
- the existing Community Wellbeing Strategy is reviewed and updated to ensure that it encompasses all of the requirements set out in the new duty.

- the Community Wellbeing Partnership provide regular updates to cabinet and council on the progress being made against the new duty and include this in performance updates to the relevant scrutiny committee.

CAB68 Employee Car Leasing Scheme - Confidential

Considered a report concerning the Employee Car Leasing Scheme

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report and 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.

CAB69 Mr A Bailey, Scrutiny Officer

The Leader of the Council led tributes to Mr A Bailey, Scrutiny Officer, who was due to retire from the Council after 19 years' service with the Council. The Leader joined the Cabinet in thanking Mr Bailey for all of his hard work in supporting Members of the Council.

CHAIR