

Chairman - Councillor P M M Farrington

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

Councillors:

F Beatty	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
J M Pert	Deputy Leader and Community Portfolio
J K Price	Climate Change Portfolio
C V Trowbridge	Leisure Portfolio
M J Winnington	Environment Portfolio

Also present Councillor M Phillips

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	Chief Executive
Dr T Redpath	Interim Head of Corporate Business and Partnerships
Mr W Conaghan	Press and Communication Manager
Mr A Yendole	Strategic Planning and Placemaking Manager
Mr J Dean	Democratic Services Officer

Prior to commencing the meeting, the Leader of the Council announced the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Councillor Farrington described Her Majesty as an outstanding ambassador and an iconic figure throughout the world. All present stood and observed 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect.

CAB16 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2022 as published on 5 August 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R M Smith.

CAB18 Update of the Sport Facilities Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy Evidence Base

Considered a report recommending the adoption of the interim update for the period 2019 - 2021 to the Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Facilities Strategy, alongside the supporting evidence base/assessment.

Councillor C V Trowbridge introduced the report and highlighted the detail contained within Paragraphs 3 and 5 before concluding her 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 Cabinet Member, Leisure Portfolio be approved as follows:

That:-

- (a) the Interim Updates within the context of the recommendations contained in the Playing Pitch Strategy and the Sport Facilities Strategy be approved and adopted;
- (b) the information and recommendations within these Strategies be used inform policies and allocations as part of the New Local Plan 2020-2040;
- (c) it be noted that a working group had been established with partners to oversee the development and monitoring of action plans to secure delivery of the strategies and their objectives.

CAB19 Stafford Borough Council Climate Adaptation Strategy

Considered a report regarding the updated Stafford Borough Council Climate Adaptation Strategy proposing that the document be adopted, together with a week-long communications campaign to be delivered alongside the adoption of the Adaptation Strategy.

The Cabinet Member, Climate Change Portfolio introduced the report by detailing the content of Paragraphs 3 and 5 before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

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

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

That the Stafford Borough Council Climate Adaptation Strategy be approved and a communications campaign be agreed.

The Leader of the Council commended the work of Councillor Price and the associated Officers for their efforts in forming said Strategy.

CAB20 Stafford Borough Council Waste Reduction and Reuse Project

Considered a report introducing the proposed delivery of the Stafford Borough Council Waste Reduction and Reuse Project, which would be delivered in response to the plastic motion as passed by Council in 2019.

Councillor J K Price introduced the joint report which reaffirmed the Council's commitment to tackling climate change before making specific reference to the associated appendix and thanking the associated Officers for their efforts in this area of work.

Continuing, Councillor M J Winnington noted the importance of clear advice to residents of the Borough in tackling the 5 actions as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report and the key role to be played by partner Organisations in respect of this matter.

Cabinet colleagues were referred to Paragraph 2 of the report where the proposal was recommended for approval.

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

RESOLVED:- that the joint proposal of the Cabinet Members for Climate Change and Environment Portfolios be approved as follows:-

That the proposals of the Stafford Borough Council Waste Reduction and Reuse Project be noted, and its delivery be approved.

CAB21 Support for the Voluntary Sector - Food Distribution HUB

Considered a report providing an update to the issues currently faced by the foodbanks in the Borough and seeking agreement for additional financial support for their activities.

The Deputy Leader highlighted the impact of the continuing cost of living crisis which had seen an increase in the use of food banks nationally, with an associated fall in the levels of donations made.

Councillor Pert thanked all of the associated partner organisations for their continued efforts in this area of work before referring Cabinet colleagues to Paragraph 2 of the report, whereupon the proposal was recommended for approval.

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

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

That the information be noted and that the provision of additional financial support to assist the foodbanks be agreed

CAB22 Revenues and Benefits Collection Report - Quarter 1 - Part Confidential

Considered a report informing Cabinet of the performance of the Revenues and Benefits Service as regards:

- collections of Council Tax during the first quarter of the financial year;
- collections of Business Rates during the first quarter of the financial year;
- the recovery of overpaid Housing Benefit during the first quarter of the financial year;

and seeking approval to the write off of the arrears listed in the confidential appendices.

The Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the report and made specific reference to the collection rates as set out in Paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3.

Cabinet colleagues were subsequently referred to Paragraph 2 of the report where the proposals were recommended for approval.

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

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

That:-

- (a) the information regarding collections be noted;
- (b) the arrears listed in the confidential appendices to the report be written off.

CHAIR