

Chair - Councillor A T A Godfrey

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

Councillors:

R Kenney	-	Deputy Leader
R P Cooke	-	Resources Portfolio
J Hood	-	Community Portfolio
G P K Pardesi	-	Leisure Portfolio
A F Reid	-	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
A N Pearce	-	Climate Change Portfolio
I D Fordham	-	Environment Portfolio

Also present - Councillors A P Edgeller and J M Pert

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
C Forrester	-	Deputy Chief Executive - Resources
J Presland	-	Head of Operations
J Aupers	-	Head of Transformation and Assurance
A Nevin	-	Head of Wellbeing
B Waller	-	Biodiversity and Ecology Officer
A Yendole	-	Strategic Planning and Placemaking Manager
M Smith	-	Economic Growth and Strategic Projects Manager
J Holmes	-	Development Manager
W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

CAB28 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 as published on 6 October 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB29 Apologies

None received.

CAB30 Councillors Questions

None received.

CAB31 Final Accounts 2022/23

Considered a report detailing the final outturn position for 2022/23.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report referring colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 2 and 5. Councillor R P Cooke 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 as follows:

- (a) That the final outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2023 be noted;
- (b) That the financing of the capital programme as outlined in the report be approved.

CAB32 Fees and Charges Review 2024

Considered a report proposing to the Council the Fees and Charges for 2024.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report referring colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 2 and 5. Councillor R P Cooke 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 as follows:

That the proposed Fees and Charges for 2024 be recommended to Council for approval.

CAB33 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024-25

Considered a report updating members on proposals to review the Local Council Tax Reduction (LCTR) Scheme effective from 1 April 2024.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report referring colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 2 and 5. Councillor R P Cooke 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 as follows:

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) That a formal consultation be commenced with the results being reported back to Cabinet.

CAB34 Strategic Risk Register

Considered a report setting out details of the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at 1 April 2023.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report referring colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 2 and 5. Councillor R P Cooke 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 as follows:

That Cabinet approve the draft Strategic Risk Register and consider the progress made in the identification and management of the strategic risks.

CAB35 PSPO Update Report September 2023

Considered a report providing an update in respect of the consultation that has been conducted in relation to the application for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in Stafford Borough and to seek approval to implement the proposals.

The Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio, introduced the report referring colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 2 and 5. Councillor J Hood concluded her 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:

- (a) That Cabinet approve the implementation of the new PSPO and put the recommendations forward to Council;

- (b) Approval be granted for the proposed use of CCTV for the issuing of Fixed penalty Notices for breaches, as set out in the report.

CAB36 Stafford Housing Options Pressures and Emergency Accommodation

Considered a report setting out the current position in relation to Housing Options presentations and request additional leased accommodation to meet an increased temporary accommodation demand.

The Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio, introduced the report referring colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 2 and 5. Councillor J Hood concluded her 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:

- (a) To note the content of the report;
- (b) That Cabinet agrees to lease an additional six units of emergency accommodation from Homes Plus to fulfil our statutory function to provide emergency accommodation and reduce core budget spend on Bed and Breakfast placements.

CAB37 Veolia Annual Report

Considered a report of the Veolia Annual Report and Service Improvement Plan covering the period from April 2022 to March 2023 in respect of the Recycling and Waste Collection Services and Processing of Dry Recycling.

The Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio, introduced the report referring colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 2 and 5. Councillor I D Fordham 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, Environment Portfolio, be approved as follows:

- That Cabinet note the information in the report.

CAB38 Any Other Business

Councillor A T A Godfrey reminded the Cabinet that he had written to the Government about the importance of retaining the ticket office at Stafford Railway Station and was pleased that there had been a Government u-turn regarding the proposed closure of ticket offices for rail travel.

CHAIR