

Chair - Councillor A T A Godfrey

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

Councillors:

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

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
G Stott	-	Deputy Chief Executive - Resources
D Piper	-	Head of Economic Development and Planning
W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

CAB22 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2024 as published on 12 August 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB23 Staffordshire's Climate Emergency Shared Statement on Planning Policy Commitments

Considered a report seeking agreement to a shared statement produced jointly by the Local Planning Authorities in Staffordshire (as detailed in appendix 1 of the report). The shared statement sought a commitment to explore the inclusion of proactive policies in emerging local plans to address the declared climate emergency and to undertake additional studies with the aim of improving the evidence base in support of achieving the transition to net zero by 2050.

The Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Councillor A N Pearce was pleased to support the plan and looked forward to working with the other Staffordshire local authorities in this important area of work.

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

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, be approved as follows:

That:-

- (a) the Council become a signatory to the Staffordshire planning policy commitments shared statement and supports the policy directions and future evidence requirements to support the transition towards achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050;
- (b) delegated authority be approved for the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning to be the signatory on behalf of the Council.

CHAIR