

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
R Kenney	-	Deputy Leader and Town Centres and Regeneration Portfolio
G P K Pardesi	-	Leisure Portfolio
A F Reid	-	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

Also present - Councillors A P Edgeller, J M Pert and M J
Winnington

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
J Aupers	-	Head of Transformation and Assurance
J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

Prior to starting the meeting, the Leader of the Council asked all present to join him in observing a minutes silence to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

CAB1 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2024 as published on 10 May 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hood and A N Pearce.

CAB3 Staffordshire Leaders Board – Terms of Reference

Considered a report asking Cabinet to note and agree the updated Terms of Reference for the Leaders Board to enable Stoke on Trent City Council to join the Board as a constituent authority.

The Leader of the Council introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Leader welcomed the proposal for Stoke on Trent City Council to join the Board and looked forward to working with them in the future.

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

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

That the updated Terms of Reference for the Staffordshire Leaders Board (as detailed in the appendix to the report) be noted and agreed.

CAB4 Stafford Station Gateway

Considered a report proposing the governance structure to support the delivery of the Stafford Station Gateway, Levelling Up Fund (LUF) project.

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

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendations, which were declared to be carried.

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

That:-

- (a) the principles of the Stafford Station Gateway governance structure (as set out in appendix 1 of the report) be approved;
- (b) authority be delegated to the Head of Economic Development and Planning (in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning) to establish the governance arrangements set out in the report and to agree and implement the associated Terms of Reference.

CAB5 VFM Progress Report 2023/24

Considered a report advising Members on the progress in the delivery of the VFM Improvement Plan at the end of 2023-24.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 5 and the associated appendix before concluding 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 progress at the end of 2023-24 in the delivery of the VFM Improvement Plan (as set out at appendix 1 of the report) be noted.

CAB6 Performance Report for 2023-24

Considered a report advising Members on the progress in delivering the Council's priorities and performance for 2023-24.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report and highlighted the detail as contained with paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and the associated appendix 2 before concluding 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 progress made during the year in the delivery of the Council's priorities and performance (as set out the appendices to the report) be noted.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE VARIOUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

CAB7 Strategic Risk Register

Considered a report setting out details of the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at 1 April 2024

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report and noted the detail as contained within paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and the associated appendices before concluding 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 draft Strategic Risk Register be approved and the progress made in the identification and management of the strategic risks be noted.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO
AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON 19 JUNE 2024**

CAB8 Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund

Considered a report raising awareness and seeking approval for the Council's ongoing involvement in the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Programme, working in partnership with Staffordshire County Council and other neighbouring District and Borough Councils.

The Deputy Leader of the Council, on behalf on the Cabinet Member, Climate Action and Nature Recovery Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 3 and 5 before concluding 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 Cabinet Member, Climate Action and Nature Recovery Portfolio, be approved as follows:

That:-

- (a) the collaborative partnership with Staffordshire County Council and others to facilitate and coordinate the delivery of Electric Vehicle infrastructure in District and Borough locations with LEVI funding be continued;
- (b) it be noted that any formal consideration or use of the LEVI programme (including funding draw-down), would be subject to business case and further report(s) would be required for Cabinet decision and formal approval requirements (at this stage, the Council was not under any contractual commitment);
- (c) the draft list of potential sites that may be considered in future for the LEVI programme (as detailed in appendix 1 of the report) be noted;
- (d) the timescale and key dates around the next stages of the LEVI programme and for the Council to participate across those next stages (including the draft list of potential sites for consideration as detailed in appendix 2 of the report) be noted and acknowledged.

Prior to closing the meeting the Leader of the Council reminded all present of the D-Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting Ceremony taking place in Victoria Park this evening.

CHAIR