

Minutes of the Cabinet held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 7 May 2024

Chair - Councillor A T A Godfrey

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

Councillors:

I D Fordham - Environment Portfolio
J Hood - Community Portfolio
R Kenney - Deputy Leader
G P K Pardesi - Leisure Portfolio

A F Reid - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

A N Pearce - Climate Change Portfolio

Also present - Councillor A P Edgeller

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg - Chief Executive

G Stott - Deputy Chief Executive - Place

J Aupers - Head of Transformation and Assurance W Conaghan - Press and Communication Manager

J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

CAB69 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2024 as published on 12 April 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB70 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R P Cooke.

CAB71 Support to the Voluntary Sector: Stafford Community Food Distribution Hub

Considered a report seeking approval of financial support to the Stafford Community Food Distribution Hub Community Interest Company.

The Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5.

Councillor Hood noted that the Hub were actively seeking other funding streams 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 proposal of the Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio, be approved as follows:

That the remaining £11,190 funding from the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable programme be allocated to the Hub.

CAB72 Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order: A34

Considered a report seeking approval for consultation on a proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to cover the A34 from the link by Junction 14 of the M6, up to the Stoke on Trent boundary, to prohibit car cruising and car meets.

The Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio introduced the report noting the detail as contained within paragraphs 1 and 5 and quoted a local resident in respect of this matter.

Councillor Hood concluded her comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Councillor Kenney noted that he welcomed the report.

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

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

That:-

- (a) the content of the report be noted;
- (b) permission be given to undertake consultation on the proposed PSPO in this specific location of Stafford Borough;
- (c) a further report to be brought back to Cabinet once the consultation was concluded, with a further recommendation dependent on the consultation response.

CAB73 Information Governance Policy

Considered a report proposing the adoption of an Information Governance Policy identifying the council's approach to the management of information.

The Deputy Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, Resources 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 recommendations, which were declared to be carried

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

That:-

- (a) the Information Governance Policy attached in the appendix to the report be adopted;
- (b) the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to review, amend and adopt any related policies referred to within the Information Governance Policy for the purposes of ensuring the lawful and appropriate management of information at the council.

CAB74 Network Infrastructure Replacement

Considered a report:-

- seeking Members' approval to purchase replacement network infrastructure equipment;
- seeking approval to move resources into the Capital programme from the IT Reserve to fund the replacement of the infrastructure.

The Deputy Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report and concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Councillor A F Reid commented that he welcomed the new approach as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report.

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

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

That:-

- (a) Council be recommended to move £198,904 into the revenue budget to be funded from reserves for the purchase of new network infrastructure equipment;
- (b) spend of £198,904 on the procurement of updated network equipment to ensure the ongoing security of the Council's IT infrastructure be approved.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 30 JULY 2024

CAB75 Senior Management Restructure - Part Confidential

Considered a report setting out the new joint senior management structure and seeking approval of the redundancy and actuarial strain costs associated with implementing this.

The Deputy Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, Resources 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 recommendations, which were declared to be carried.

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

That:-

- (a) the new joint senior management structure set out in appendix 2 of the report and the new pay and grading for these posts set out in appendix 3 be noted;
- (b) the redundancy and actuarial strains costs set out in appendix 4 of the report be approved (the costs were to be shared with Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC 51%: SBC 49%);
- (c) the net saving of £178,000 (which would be shared with Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC 51%: SBC 49%)) be noted.

CHAIR