

## **EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Meeting Room, Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### **Present:**

Councillors R G W Grosvenor (Chairman), Mrs P L Ackroyd, G Hall, Mrs J F Jessel, D C Leese and C V Whittaker.

### **Officers Present:**

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan and Mark Rizk), the Monitoring Officer, the Neighbourhood Working Team Leader, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader, the Chief Accountant and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs J Jones.

## **PART II**

### 197/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

### 198/17 **MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

### 199/17 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

200/17 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 was submitted for information.

Councillors noted that Planning pre-application fees would be signed off by way of Executive Decision Record.

**NOTED.**

201/17 **QUARTER 2 REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Quarter 2 Revenue and Capital Outturn Report 2017/18 was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A: Forecast variances against budget at outturn 2017/18;
- Appendix B: Investments at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017;
- Appendix C: Corporate and Strategic Risks – Quarter 2 2017/18

Councillors noted that there was a forecast under-spend of £169k for the full financial year against a net budget of £10.582m.

Councillors noted the positive nature of the external Audit Annual letter which had been presented to full Council earlier in the month.

The reasons for making the decision shown below were set out in the report.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the financial position at quarter two of 2017/18 in relation to revenue budgets be noted;
- (ii) That the financial position at quarter two of 2017/18 in relation to capital budgets be noted;
- (iii) That the latest position in respect of the Council's investments and borrowing be noted;
- (iv) That the corporate and strategic risks, together with actions being taken to manage these, be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		

Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

202/17 **CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18 QUARTER 2**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Corporate plan Performance for 2017/18 Quarter 2 was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Comprehensive data on all Corporate Indicators;
- Appendix 2: Comprehensive data on the benchmarking exercise co-ordinated by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Councillors noted that out of the 117 Corporate Plan targets 103 were green status; 1 was red status, 12 were not yet due to be reported on, and 1 had been previously deleted and that of the 104 targets that were due to be reported on, 99.04% were green status and 0.96% were red status.

The reasons for making the decision shown below were set out in the report.

**Resolved:**

That performance at the end of Quarter 2 of the 2017/18 financial year towards achieving the Council's Corporate Priorities be considered.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

203/17 **ASSESSMENT OF PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the Assessment of Play Area Development Opportunities was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Risk Matrix;
- Appendix 2: EHIA.

Councillors noted that the report followed on from the previous update to Cabinet in October 2015, when Cabinet agreed to focus on the maintenance of play areas rather than their development.

The reasons for making the decision shown below were set out in the report.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the current arrangements that serve East Staffordshire well, be continued and that opportunities for external funding opportunities be utilised;
- (ii) That the existing assets continue to be reviewed and any key sites be identified that are in need of upgrade or replacement by the value of the site in terms of what it offers to the local community and that where a community brings forward a project for delivery then future maintenance would be managed within the existing revenue/capital MTFs arrangements.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

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**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Chairman