

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Meeting Room, Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent on Monday 12th February 2018.

Present:

Councillors R G W Grosvenor (Chairman), G Hall, Mrs J F Jessel, Mrs J Jones, 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 Chief Accountant and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd.

PART I

207/18 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018/19 ONWARDS

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period covering the four year period 2018/19 to 2021/22.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A: Detailed Budget Summary 2018/19 – 2019/20;
- Appendix B: Reserves Forecast;
- Appendix C: Asset Management and Capital Strategy.

Councillor R G W Grosvenor proposed an amendment as follows:
“that the saving proposed in relation to the Mayoral budget, is altered to reflect the £7k activity remaining in the budget, but the £13k realignment for Chauffeur Costs is taken”.

This motion was duly seconded.

The amendment was voted upon. The Chairman declared the motion as amended, carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

The amendment, which then became the substantive motion was voted upon. In accordance with the voting the Chairman declared the substantive motion carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

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

Recommended to Council:

- 1) That, subject to the above amendment, the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2021/22 which included the revenue budget, capital programme and the asset management and capital strategy be approved;
- 2) That the level and appropriateness of reserves be noted;

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

PART II

208/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

209/18 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		Councillor Mrs J Jones
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

210/18 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

211/18 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1st February 2018 to 31st May 2018 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

212/18 **HOMELESS REDUCTION ACT COMPLIANCE**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the business case for achieving legislative compliance in performing the additional duties to homeless households created by the Homeless Reduction Act 2017, commencing on 3rd April 2018 was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1 – the number of households with family commitments in Bed and Breakfast accommodation longer than 4 weeks;
- Appendix 2 – Current approach to Homelessness;
- Appendix 3 – New Approach to Homelessness;
- Appendix 4 – Equality and Health Impact Assessment.

Councillors noted that the impact of the legislation would require significant remodelling of the current service provision and that the following programmes were proposed to address this:

- Programme 1: Loan to address Rent Arrears;
- Programme 2: Private Rented Sector Access;

- Programme 3: Rent Additional Units of Self-Contained Temporary Accommodation.

It was agreed to provide an update report in 12 months' time.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That programme 1 be progressed, making available loans to address rent arrears in the private rented sector, in order to increase the number of households whose homelessness had been prevented by remaining in their homes;
- 2) That programme 2 be progressed, providing an enhanced offer to private landlords to increase the number of homeless households who were able to secure accommodation in the private sector;
- 3) That programme 3 be progressed, increasing the stock of self-contained temporary accommodation available to homeless households owed such a duty.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor C V Whittaker		

213/18 **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