

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 16th March 2020.

Present:

Councillors D Goodfellow (Chairman), G Allen, E W R Barker and R A Faulkner.

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan and Mark Rizk), the Monitoring Officer, the Environment Manager, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader, the Shared Services Centre Manager (Revenues, Benefits & Customer Contacts), the Social Regeneration Officer and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies:

Councillor B G Peters.

PART II

53/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

54/20 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2020 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 D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		

55/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

56/20 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1st March 2020 to 30th June 2020 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

57/20 **QUARTER 3 REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the forecast outturn position in relation to the Council's revenue budget, capital programme of expenditure and treasury and risk management activities was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A: Forecast variances against budget at outturn 2019/20;
- Appendix B: Investments at 31st December 2019;
- Appendix C: Corporate and Strategic Risks – Quarter 3 2019/20.

Councillors noted that overall there was a forecast budgetary pressure of £46k for the full financial year against a net budget of £10.617m and that the key reasons for this pressure was a shortfall in income associated with the Councils recycling levels.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That the financial position at quarter three of 2019/20 in relation to revenue and capital budgets be noted;
- 2) That the latest position in respect of the Council's investments and borrowing be noted;
- 3) That the corporate and strategic risks, together with actions being taken to manage these be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		

58/20 **CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20: QUARTER 3**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the progress at the end of the third quarter of the 2019/20 financial year towards achieving the priorities

set out in East Staffordshire Borough Council's Corporate Plan was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1 Comprehensive data on all Corporate indicators;
- Appendix 2: Benchmarking Report.

Councillors noted that out of the 109 targets, 94 were green status, 1 was amber, 5 were red, 1 had been put forward for deletion, 2 were to be deferred and 6 were not yet due to be reported and that of the 100 live targets 94% were green status, 1% was amber status and 5% were red status.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That performance at the end of the third quarter of the 2019/20 financial year towards achieving the Council's corporate priorities be considered;
- 2) That targets VFM25 and CR02 be deferred;
- 3) That the target CR06 be deleted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		

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SMARTER STREET CLEANING PROGRAMME – UPDATE REPORT

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the SMARTER street cleaning programme approved by Cabinet in February 2019, was considered. Appendix 1 – Summary of Educational and Enforcement Initiatives had been circulated with the report.

Cabinet noted the progress made in respect of

- Bartec Street Cleaning Module;
- Cleanliness Levels on A38;
- Bulky Waste Charges;
- Street Cleansing, Education and Enforcement.

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

Resolved:

That progress made against the previous recommendations for street cleaning be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		

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REVIEW OF POLICY FOR THE GRANTING OF MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY NON DOMESTIC RATE RELIEF

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the proposed revised policy for the granting of Mandatory and Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Relief was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting:

- Appendix 1: Non Domestic Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Relief Policy;
- Appendix 2: Equality and Health Impact Assessment;
- Appendix 3: Rate Relief application form.

Councillors noted that the current Rate Relief policy had been in place since 1st April 2015 and that with recent changes to the funding received from Central Government, it would be prudent for the Council to review its Rate Relief Policy.

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

Resolved:

That the proposed policy (at appendix 1 of the report) be approved for implementation with effect from 1st April 2020.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		

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REVIEW OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the review of the Neighbourhood funding scheme was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Neighbourhood Fund process;
- Appendix 2: Neighbourhood Fund enquiries and applications;
- Appendix 3: Neighbourhood Fund commitments and expenditure.

Cabinet noted that the Fund had met and exceeded all of its Corporate targets and was on track to have awarded £282,620.75 in grant funding to 28 projects with a combined total value of £2,447,366.00 by 31st March 2020.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That the contents of the report be noted;
- 2) That the committed funds be carried forward beyond 31 March 2020 to enable these projects to be delivered.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		

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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