

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Tuesday 21st June 2022.

Present:

Councillors G Allen (Chairman), Mrs B Ashcroft, R A Faulkner and S Sankey.

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan, Mark Rizk and Tom Deery), the Monitoring Officer, the Corporate and Commercial Manager and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Cabinet Support Members Councillors A Clarke and M Metcalfe.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B G Peters.

PART II

268/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

269/22 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2022 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against	Those abstaining
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
S Sankey		

270/22 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

271/22 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 was submitted for information.

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REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 21/22

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the final outturn position in relation to the Council's revenue budget, capital programme or expenditure and treasury management activities was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A – Variances against Budget at Outturn 2021/22;
- Appendix B - Summary of Capital Expenditure against Programme 2021/22;
- Appendix C – Investments at 31st March 2022;
- Appendix D – Revenue budget carry forward requests 2021/22 outturn;
- Appendix E – Corporate Risks.

Cabinet noted that the budget for 2021/22 of £13.371m includes a corporate provision of £1.3m towards Covid19 pressures and was balanced by taking into account the £1.1m from reserves. This recognised that there was a high degree of uncertainty and potential volatility with the budgets. The report highlighted that there had been some significant budgetary pressures against the pre Covid19 service budgets but also some windfall income streams and savings. This meant that after taking into account corporate budgets, including the provision of Covid19 pressure, there was an overall contribution to reserves of £0.4m at Outturn.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That in relation to the revenue outturn, the revenue outturn position for 2021/22 be noted;
- 2) That in relation to the revenue outturn, the carry forward requests outlined in Paragraph 4.6 (0.111m) of the report be approved;
- 3) That in relation to the revenue outturn, the remaining sum (£0.767m) be allocated towards key priorities and emerging risks as outlined in Paragraph 2.8 of the report be approved;
- 4) That in relation to the Capital outturn, the capital outturn position for 2021/22 be noted;
- 5) That in relation to the capital outturn, the budgets for outstanding projects from 2021/22 totaling £4.656m to be carried forward to 2022/23 (Para. 6.2 and 6.3) of the report refers) be approved;
- 6) That the position in relation to the council's investments and borrowings as at 31st March 2022 (Section 5 of the report refers) be noted;
- 7) That the position in respect of the Council's general balances and earmarked reserves as at 31st March 2022 (Para.2.6 of the report refers) be noted;

- 8) That the draft outturn position in relation to the Business Rates Retention Scheme for 2021/22, and the impact on the forecast business rates volatility reserve (Paragraph 7.4) be noted;
- 9) That the significant risks facing the authority and associated mitigations or control measures in place, as outlined within Appendix D of the report be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against	Those abstaining
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
S Sankey		

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END OF YEAR CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the update on progress at the end of the 2021/22 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;
- Appendix 3 – Recycling Data;
- Appendix 4 – Planning Data.

Cabinet noted that there were 129 indicators in total for the three corporate priorities. Each target has been graded using a Red, Amber or Green scoring system to reflect the progress towards achieving that target.

Out of the 129 targets, 115 green status, 2 were at amber status, 5 were at red status, 4 had been deferred and 3 had been deleted.

Cabinet also considered that as in previous years it was resolved to change the reporting status of the Amber targets in the end of year report to Red. This approach gives a year end outturn of 94.26% Green and 5.74% Red.

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

It was proposed and duly seconded that:

- 1) Performance at the end of the 2021/22 financial year towards achieving the Council's Corporate Priorities be considered;
- 2) The targets for 2022/23, as listed at section 5.7 of the report be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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COVID 19 EMERGENCY PLANNING RECOVERY UPDATE (JUNE 2022)

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) provided a review of the local framework of activities to the Borough’s recovery from impacts arising from the COVID19 pandemic was considered.

The recovery aspects had been summarised in the report by considering the themes of the Local Economy and Business; Infrastructure and the Environment; Physical and Psychological Health of the Community; and Embedding New Best Practice and Supporting Communities to Adapt to New Norms of Behaviour.

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

It was proposed and duly seconded that:

That the updated detailed within the report be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against	Those abstaining
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
S Sankey		

Chairman