

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 12th November 2018.

Present:

Councillors R G W Grosvenor (Chairman), G Hall, Mrs J Jones and D C Leese.

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan and Mark Rizk), the Monitoring Officer, the Environment Manager, the Environmental Health Manager, the Housing Options Manager, the E-Communications Officer and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P L Ackroyd, Mrs J F Jessel and C V Whittaker.

PART II

269/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

270/18 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2018 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 G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		

271/18 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

272/18 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1st November to 28th February 2019 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

273/18 **SMARTER WASTE COLLECTION – SIX MONTH REVIEW**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the SMARTER waste collection – six month review was considered. Appendix 1: Internal Audit Report 2018/19: Waste Management – SMARTER Waste (Final), August 2018 (CW Audit) had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

Councillors noted that in March 2018, the Council implemented its SMARTER waste business plan in response to the pressures being faced in waste collection, primarily due to housing growth across the Borough and that the report provided a six month update on the progress made.

Councillors noted progress made against key objectives which included:

- Vehicle procurement;
- Employee Consultation and recruitment;
- Resident Communication;
- New Service Commencement;

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

Resolved:

That the contents of the report and the improvements made as a result of the SMARTER waste collection business plan 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 Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		

274/18 **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY RENEWAL**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the renewal of the Housing Allocations Policy was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting:

- Appendix 1: Draft Allocations Policy 2018;
- Appendix 2: Summary of Changes

- Appendix 3: Equality and Health Impact Assessment

Councillors noted that the current Allocations Policy had been adopted in February 2015 and implemented from 1st April 2015 and the policy had been implemented on behalf of the Council by Trent & Dove Housing under a partnership agreement which would continue until 2020. The policy had been shared with Trent & Dove Housing and other housing associations providing housing in the Borough.

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

Resolved:

That the revised Housing Allocations Policy at Appendix 1 be adopted.

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 Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		

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EVALUATION OF SELECTIVE LICENSING SCHEME

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the evaluation of the Selective Licensing Scheme was considered. Appendix 1 – Internal Audit report had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

Councillors noted that within the first year of operation the scheme had been monitored on a monthly basis and regularly reported to Head of Service and Deputy Leader. Internal Audit had also reviewed the Council’s arrangements regarding the administration of the Selective Licensing Scheme for which recommendations have been implemented. To date the inspection of properties had identified numerous hazards which had resulted in improvements to the living conditions and the management of properties within the selective licensing area. It was highlighted that the review of the scheme had not identified an increase in homelessness which was one of the main concerns raised by stakeholders and the average fee had also remained low, due to a high take-up of the discounts for early compliance with the scheme.

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

Resolved:

- (1) That the ongoing designation of the selective licensing pilot scheme for the remaining 4 years until 11 September 2022 be approved and

that an annual review be undertaken in 2019 in accordance with the Selective Licensing Policy;.

- (2) That the revised Selective Licence Fees from the 1 April 2019 to take into account inflation and provide full cost recovery be approved.

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 Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		

Chairman