

## **EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### **Present:**

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

### **Officers Present:**

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan and Mark Rizk), the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the Chief Accountant and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

## **PART II**

### 17/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### 18/19 **MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 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 G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor B G Peters		

### 19/19 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

20/19 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 was submitted for information.

**NOTED.**

21/19 **QUARTER 1 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 and 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019;
- Appendix C: Corporate and Strategic Risks – Quarter 1 2019/20.

Councillors noted that overall there was a forecast under-spend of £40k for the full financial year against a net budget of £10.617m.

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

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the financial position at quarter one 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:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor B G Peters		

**CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20 QUARTER 1**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the progress at the end of the first 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 108 targets, 80 were green status, 2 were amber, 1 was red, and 25 were not yet due to be reported and that of the 83 live targets 96.39% were green status, 2.41% were amber status and 1.20% 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 first quarter of the 2019/20 financial year towards achieving the Council's Corporate Priorities be considered;
- (2) That the target dates for indicator VFM39 (as detailed in section 5.8 of the report) be adopted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor B G Peters		

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER 2019**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Annual Review Letter showing complaints about East Staffordshire Borough Council dealt with for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting:

- Appendix 1: Annual Review Letter 2019;
- Appendix 2: Interpretation of complaints data (extract from [www.lgo.org.uk](http://www.lgo.org.uk))
- Appendix 3: Formal Complaints per Authority Breakdown.

Councillors noted the positive nature of the Ombudsman’s annual letter and that the vast majority of formal complaints submitted to the Council had been resolved at Stage 1 of the complaints procedure; and that few complaints had proceeded to stage 2 or stage 3 of the procedure. None of the complaints that had eventually been submitted to the Local Government Ombudsman had been upheld.

**Resolved:**

That the Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review Letter be received and 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 G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor B G Peters		

Chairman