

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 11th November 2019.

Present:

Councillors D Goodfellow (Chairman) (min nos 33/19 – 36/19 inclusive only), 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 Monitoring Officer, the Environmental Health Manager and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

PART II

33/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D Goodfellow declared an interest in minute no 37/19 (Selective Licensing Evaluation and Future Expansion), as a family member owned a property in one of the selective licensing areas and he left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

34/19 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019 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 G Allen		Councillor E W R Barker
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor B G Peters		

35/19 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

36/19 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1st November to 29th February 2020 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

37/19 **SELECTIVE LICENSING EVALUATION AND FUTURE EXPANSION**

At this juncture Councillor D Goodfellow left the meeting and Councillor E W R Barker took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the Selective Licensing Evaluation and Future Expansion was considered. The following appendix had been circulated with the report - Appendix 1 – Selective Licensing Policy 2017.

Councillors noted that the first two years of the scheme had demonstrated ongoing compliance with the licensing requirements of the scheme. Whilst the majority of properties had been licensed, the majority of inspections identified works that were required to improve the condition of the property. The review of the scheme had not identified an increase in homelessness which had been one of the main concerns raised by stakeholders and the average fee had also remained low, despite an increase to fees in 2018 and the expiry of early discounts that were available at the start of the scheme.

Three options had been identified as areas to be considered for future selective licensing designation; a further lower super output area, a complete ward designation or a designation covering specified streets.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That the ongoing designation of the selective licensing pilot scheme for the remaining 3 years until 11 September 2022 be noted and the annual review be undertaken in 2020 in accordance with the Selective Licensing Policy;
- 2) That the amendment to the selective licensing policy be approved for the incorporation of a mandatory licence condition for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms;
- 3) That option 3 (to designate the specific streets of Shobnall Street; Waterloo Street; Goodman Street; Branston Road and Uxbridge Street, indicated at section 6.12 of the report) for the future expansion of selective licensing be approved.

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 B G Peters		

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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