

CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 30th January, 2014 at 5.00 p.m. at the AFC Telford Learning Centre, Haybridge Road, Wellington, Telford

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(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2014)

PRESENT: Councillors K.S. Sahota (Leader and Chair), S. Davies, A.R.H. England, W.A.M. McClements, R.A. Overton, C.F. Smith and P.R. Watling

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor W.L Tomlinson (Liberal Democrat/Independent Group Leader)

CB-79 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CB-80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors E.A. Clare and H. Rhodes, and Councillor A.J. Eade (Conservative Group Leader)

CB-81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A.R.H. England declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 – Designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area for Stirchley and Brookside – as a member of Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council.

CB-82 BETTER CARE FUND – HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

Key Decision identified as **Better Care Fund Health & Social Care Integration** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 2 January 2014.

Councillor A.R.H. England, Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care, presented the report of the Interim Director of Health, Wellbeing & Care, which set out the requirements placed upon the Council and the Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to move towards the integration of health and social care services, with particular reference to having a Better Care Fund (BCF) agreed and in place by April 2015.

Further guidance on implementing the Better Care Fund was received in December 2013, and was appended to the report. In 2015/16 the minimum allocation by Government to the Telford & Wrekin BCF would be £11.690m, of

which £10.410m was revenue. This was not new money, but there was an expectation that the Council and CCG would agree to use the money to take forward a new shared approach to health and social care. An initial planning template had to be submitted by 14 February 2014, signed off by the Council, CCG and Health & Wellbeing Board.

The report set out the proposed local vision and objectives for the Telford & Wrekin BCF. The Fund would be focussed on two key themes – building community capacity (prevention), and enhanced community services as an alternative to hospital provision (integration). A task and finish group had been established with nominated officers from both the Council and the CCG to complete the planning template before the deadline. Detailed discussions were still taking place with the CCG on the integration of health and social care locally, as well as on related issues around Continuing Health Care where extra costs were falling on the Council. Subject to the required assurances being received from the CCG, it was proposed to delegate authority to the Interim Director of Health, Wellbeing & Care to submit the BCF plan on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the requirements to put in place a Better Care Fund be noted;
- (b) that authority be delegated to the Interim Director of Health, Wellbeing & Care, in consultation with the Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care, to submit the Better Care Fund plan on behalf of the Council, subject to the required assurances being received from the Clinical Commissioning Group;
- (c) that, following assurances from the Interim Director of Health, Wellbeing & Care, in consultation with the Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care, the Health & Wellbeing Board consider a further detailed report on the Better Care Fund plan at their Extraordinary meeting on 12 February in order to endorse the plan prior to its submission to NHS England.

CB-83 DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA FOR STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE

Key Decision identified as **Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area – Stirchley & Brookside** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 6 December 2013.

Councillor C.F. Smith, Cabinet Member: Housing, Development & Borough Towns, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Planning Specialist, which detailed an application from Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council for the designation of their area as a Neighbourhood area for planning purposes.

The development of a Neighbourhood Plan required the Council to agree and formally designate the area that would be the subject of the Plan. The proposed Neighbourhood Plan area for Stirchley & Brookside, which reflected

the current Parish Council boundaries, was appended to the report. The request was subject to a statutory consultation period, which ended on 6 December 2013. No representations were submitted to the Council. It was suggested that the correlation with the Parish Council area would assist in any future referendum and provided a good model for future Neighbourhood Plan proposals. Given that no concerns to the proposed boundary had been raised, it was therefore recommended that the designation request be supported.

RESOLVED – that the Neighbourhood Area application by Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council be supported, and that the area shown at Appendix A of the report be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.

CB-84 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CB-85 VOICE, DATA and WIDE AREA NETWORK PROCUREMENT

Key Decision identified as **Voice, Data and Wide Area Network Procurement** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 15 January 2014.

Councillor W.A.M. McClements, Cabinet Member: Finance & Enterprise (on behalf of the Cabinet Member: Customer Services, Libraries & Transport), presented the report of the Assistant Director: Customer Services, which sought to vary the contract with the current supplier of the Council's Voice, Data and Wide Area Network and to undertake a full OJEU procurement process for a new future proofed voice and data network solution. It was reported that the recommendations in the report had been amended, and a revised version of the report was circulated to Members.

Telford & Wrekin's Wide Area Network provided data and voice services for 186 sites, including schools, and was an essential part of the Council's infrastructure fabric. The report detailed the current contractual arrangements for the supplier of the network, and the intention to extend the contract up to the maximum five years allowed for under the framework agreement. This would enable a full OJEU procurement process to be carried out for a new contract to provide a future-proofed voice and data network solution.

RESOLVED -

- (a) that the current temporary contractual extension to 31 January 2014, as detailed in the report, be approved, and that the contract with the Council's existing supplier for the provision of Voice, Data and Wide Area Network services be varied to allow for the maximum term of the framework to be realised – thereby enabling a full OJEU procurement to commence in February 2014 to secure**

a supplier for the provision of future Voice, Data and Wide Area Network for a maximum contract period of 10 years;

- (b) that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & People Services to execute all necessary contractual documentation in accordance with the Constitution, including the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council.**

The meeting ended at 5.07 pm.

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

**Jonathan Eatough
Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & People Services
Date: 5 February 2014**

Signed:

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