

CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 28th January, 2016 at 5.00 p.m. at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford

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(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: MONDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2016)

PRESENT: Councillors K.S. Sahota (Leader and Chair), L.D. Carter, E.A. Clare, S. Davies, A.R.H. England, A.D. McClements, R.A. Overton, G.C.W. Reynolds and P.R. Watling

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor N.A. Dugmore (Conservative Deputy Group Leader)

CB-68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors A.J. Eade (Conservative Group Leader) and W.L. Tomlinson (Liberal Democrat/Independent Group Leader)

CB-69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CB-70 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CB-71 PRIDE IN YOUR HIGH STREETS AND LOCAL CENTRES

Key Decision identified as **Pride in Your High Street** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 23 December 2015. (Decision delegated to Assistant Director: Development, Business & Employment).

Councillor S. Davies, Cabinet Member: Business, Neighbourhood & Customer Services, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Development, Business & Employment, which detailed the projects that had been recommended for funding from the Pride in Your High Streets and Local Centres Fund.

The Fund comprised of two parts – a Revitalise Fund of £800k for projects to help High Streets and Local Centres increase footfall and support local traders, and an Innovation Fund of £200k to support promotions and activities for attracting people to visit and use High Streets and Local Centres. The Fund was launched in April 2015 as part of the Council's business winning,

business supporting agenda, and further supported the Council's wider strategy of community enablement. The report set out the application process that bidders had followed, and by the close of applications in September 2015 25 applications had been received for the Revitalise Fund and 22 applications for the Innovation Fund. Each application was assessed by Council Officers and reviewed by panels of independent assessors in line with the Council's priorities and the key criteria that had been agreed for each Fund.

Appended to the report were the projects that, following evaluation, were being recommended for approval. All nine High Streets and Local Centres had submitted successful projects with proposals from Parish and Town Councils, public, private and voluntary sector partners. To avoid conflict of interest on behalf of Members with indirect links to specific bids, it was proposed that the formal approval of the projects for funding be delegated to the Assistant Director. Due to a lack of suitable applications, there was some unallocated funding. It was proposed to ring fence these sums to those High Streets that would not receive their full allocation, and to roll forward into future years to fund further High Street initiatives.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the projects identified in Appendices 1 and 2 to receive support through the Pride in Your High Street & Local Centres Fund be noted, subject to the signing of Grant Funding Agreements between Telford & Wrekin Council and the successful bidders;**
- (b) that the ring fencing of any unallocated grant funding to those High Streets which would not receive their full allocation, and the roll forward of any unallocated funding into future years to fund High Street initiatives, be approved;**
- (c) that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Development, Business & Employment, in consultation with the Assistant Director: Health & Wellbeing, to determine and distribute funds from the Fund to successful project applications.**

CB-72 DELEGATION OF POWERS TO APPOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Non-Key Decision

Councillor R.A. Overton, Cabinet Member: Housing, Public Health & Protection, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Health, Wellbeing & Public Protection, which sought approval to delegate the Council's powers in respect of the appointment of stands for hackney carriages.

Existing Byelaws for hackney carriage stands made in 1975 related to 7 stands, of which only one was still in existence. To reflect the current provision of hackney stands and to ensure effective enforcement, the Byelaws needed to be revoked and replaced. It was then proposed that the local authority's

powers in respect of the appointment of hackney carriage stands be delegated to the Licensing Committee and named Officers.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the Council’s powers under Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to approve the appointment of hackney carriage stands be delegated to the Licensing Committee, Public Protection Service Delivery Manager and Principal Licensing Officers, subject to:**
 - (i) the Public Protection Service Delivery Manager and the Principal Licensing Officers be delegated to appoint any stand for hackney carriages or vary the number of hackney carriages to be at each stand, in accordance with Section 63, where the Authority has not received any objections;**
 - (ii) the Licensing Committee be delegated to appoint any stand for hackney carriages or vary the number of hackney carriages to be at each stand, in accordance with Section 63, where the Authority has received any objections.**

- (b) that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director with responsibility for Public Protection, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to take the necessary steps to revoke the Byelaws dated 17th February 1975 made under the provisions of Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and under Section 171 of the Public Health Act 1875 for Hackney carriage stands.**

The meeting ended at 5.25 pm.

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

**Jonathan Eatough
Assistant Director: Legal, Procurement & Commissioning
Date: 3 February 2016**

Signed:

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