

CABINET

**Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on
Thursday, 21 April, 2016 at 5.00 p.m. at Addenbrooke House,
Ironmasters Way, Telford**

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(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: TUESDAY, 3 MAY 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 Dugmore (Conservative Deputy Group Leader) and W L Tomlinson (Liberal Democrat/Independent Group Leader)

COUNCILLOR K S SAHOTA

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Leader reported that this would be his last Cabinet meeting in the role of Leader as he was resigning from the position to spend more time with his family and was about to welcome his first grandchild. The Council would elect a new Leader at the Annual General Meeting on 23 May 2016, after which Councillor Sahota would continue to represent the Council's Malinslee and Dawley Bank Ward. He thanked past and present Cabinet Members for their support.

Members of the Cabinet paid tribute to Councillor Sahota's leadership, noting the Council's many achievements under his tenure, particularly securing the MoD Fulfilment Centre at Donnington for the Borough, together with his support for individual Cabinet Members and friendship. Councillors Tomlinson and Dugmore also shared words of tribute and wished Councillor Sahota well.

CB-93 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor A J Eade (Conservative Group Leader).

CB-94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CB-95 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

Non Key Decision

Councillor S Davies, Cabinet Member: Business, Neighbourhood & Customer Services, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Business, Development & Employment which focussed on the successes of the Destination Telford Programme, including collaborations with the private sector and the new Telford Festival programme. The report also summarised the budget and the short and long term opportunities to generate income to sustain and grow the programme impact. The report detailed the main challenges of engaging the private sector in collaborative engagement and the potential to exploit opportunities and synergies with the business Growth Hub, Pride in Your High Street Campaign, the delivery of the new festival and events programme and the Telford Loyalty Card. The report went on to highlight activities around the newly launched Visitor Economy Forum and associated collaborations, destination promotion and packaging, the Telford Festival and harnessing the power of new creative media.

The Council had committed to support the promotion of Destination Telford with a budget approval of £250,000. The Destination Telford Programme would be overseen by the Enterprise Telford Board, established to own and direct delivery of the Enterprise Telford strategy and to monitor and manage strategic issues relating to growth and investment, in addition to monitoring and approving expenditure from the Destination Telford budget and monitoring the impact of Programme activity.

Members welcomed the report and the range of activities available across the borough to accommodate a wide range of ages and backgrounds. In response to a comment regarding the limited detail about costings for events, the Cabinet Member stated that many of the events were being run by the private sector who would take the budget risk whilst paying the Council a guaranteed income.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the progress and success of the Destination Telford programme to date be noted;**
- (b) the Telford Festival programme content and delivery proposals be noted and approved;**
- (c) the monitoring and steering arrangements for the Destination Telford programme and Telford Festival through the Enterprise Telford Board be noted; and**
- (d) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Business, Development & Employment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Neighbourhoods & Customer Services, to approve the administration and distribution of destination funds**

and approve public/private ventures to support the programme's objectives and create a legacy fund for future Programme activity.

CB-97 INTEGRATION OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Non-Key Decision

Cllr Richard Overton, Cabinet Member for Housing, Public Health & Protection, presented the report of the Director of Children's & Adults Services and the Assistant Director: Health & Wellbeing which set out progress in establishing a shared narrative to underpin plans for a deeper integration of health and social care to deliver improved outcomes within available resources. This followed the report to the last Cabinet meeting which set out the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Greater synergies between the Council and Clinical Commissioning Group were sought through the development of a new vision - "Together we will work to enable people in Telford to enjoy healthier, happier and longer lives" – and shared narrative (set out at Annex A to the report) under a governance structure which was linked to the Health & Wellbeing Board. This also complemented the Chancellor's plans for greater integration of health and social care by 2020 as set out in the Spending Review 2015.

The new approach would be underpinned by the Council's Co-operative Council ethos and values and was in line with the 'Being the Change' strategy in terms of prevention and managing demand and challenging the way the Council carried out its functions.

Members welcomed the developing relationship with key partners which was vital to meet the demands and challenges of the approach set out in the narrative.

RESOLVED – that the shared narrative set out in Annex A to the report be approved as a basis for developing plans for the integration of health and social care.

CB-98 TREE AND WOODLAND POLICY FRAMEWORK

Key Decision identified as **Tree and Woodland Framework** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 23 March 2016.

Councillor S Davies, Cabinet Member: Business, Neighbourhood & Customer presented the Tree and Woodland Framework, the governing document to support the Council's strategy to deal with a wide range of tree and woodland related customer enquiries and other related issues. The Neighbourhood & Customer Services area received the majority of tree related public enquiries due to the resource being primarily located in public open spaces and woodlands. However, there were other Council owned trees and woodlands outside the remit of Neighbourhood & Customer Services, for example trees in school grounds and the approach to dealing with risk within these other areas

would be incorporated within the emerging Corporate Tree Risk Strategy, to address managing risk on all Council owned trees.

The Framework was underpinned by twelve clear policies which set out the principles and triggers for action within those service areas involved in managing the tree and woodland resource. These policies created ground rules to enable greater consistency in tree works and an effective mechanism to manage public expectation.

The Cabinet Member thanked the Parks and Open Spaces Group Manager for her extensive work in developing the framework. Members welcomed the framework which provided direction and gave assurances to the public.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Tree and Woodland Framework for Telford & Wrekin – Connecting Communities with Trees and Woodlands 2016-2021 be approved as a document setting out a clear policy for the Borough that will enable a better communication process with customers and provide a working document to manage trees and woodlands within the Borough; and**
- (b) the policies, findings and recommendations of the Tree and Woodland Framework for Telford & Wrekin – Connecting Communities with Trees and Woodlands 2016-2021 document be adopted.**

CB-99 ARTICLE 4 - DIRECTION TO REMOVE PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS IN THE BOROUGH'S PRIMARY EMPLOYMENT AREAS

Key Decision identified as **Article 4 Permitted Development Rights – Employment Areas** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 23 March 2016.

Cllr Richard Overton, Cabinet Member for Housing, Public Health & Protection, introduced the report of the Assistant Director: Business, Development and Employment which addressed the Government's intention to make permanent measures introduced as temporary changes (to 30 May 2016) to the General Permitted Development Order which had allowed changes of use of various buildings, without the need to apply for planning permission for a period of three years. In order to address the adverse impact on the integrity of the borough's large employment areas and the Borough's economic growth strategy, it was proposed to remove permitted development rights for the conversion of offices and storage or distribution centres into residential use for the areas of Hortonwood, Stafford Park, Halesfield, Tweedale and Central Park/ Town Centre under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 2015. This would not mean that such conversions could not happen but that they would require

planning approval, which would involve consideration of appropriate conditions, restrictions and S106 contributions.

Following questions, the Assistant Director: Business, Development and Employment confirmed that the change was part of the government's approach to streamlining the planning process and may in future be extended to land as well as existing buildings.

Members welcomed the proposals which would offer protection for the borough's industrial sites as it was anticipated that conversion of some of these sites could eventually lead to nuisance complaints.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) **authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Business, Development & Employment to make a Non Immediate Direction under Article 4 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 2015 to remove permitted development rights under Schedule 2 Part 3 Class (O) changes of use from offices to dwelling houses and Schedule 2 Part 3 Class (P) changes of use from storage or distribution centre to dwelling houses from the employment areas of Central Park/ Town Centre, Halesfield Hortonwood, Stafford Park, and Tweedale as identified on the attached location plans.**
- (b) **authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Business, Development & Employment in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member to exercise all the powers conferred on the Council regarding the making, processing and confirmation of the Direction referred to in paragraph 2.1 above.**

CB-100 AMENDMENT AND ADDITION TO DELEGATED POWERS TO COUNCIL OFFICERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100 G (2) LIST

Non-Key Decision

Cllr Richard Overton, Cabinet Member for Housing, Public Health & Protection, introduced the report of the Assistant Director: Neighbourhood & Customer Services which sought approval to delegate powers to appropriate officers in order to allow the post-holders to carry out their duties on behalf of the council following recent changes in legislation.

Customer and Neighbourhood Service Staff and other council enforcement staff had powers delegated to them in order to allow officers to deliver the Council's statutory duties at the most appropriate level. This report proposed delegations to specific posts in respect of Executive functions for the delegation of powers as outlined in the appendix attached to the report due to changes in legislation.

RESOLVED – that the delegation of functions as set out at Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

The meeting ended at 5.49pm

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

Jonathan Eatough
Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning
Date: 29 April 2016

Signed:

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