

# **Cabinet minutes**

**Wednesday 19 June 2013 at 6.00 p.m.**

**in Conference Room 2 at the Council House, Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor A. Andrew	Deputy Leader and Regeneration and Transport
Councillor R. Andrew	Children's services
Councillor I. Shires	Community engagement and voluntary sector
Councillor Arif	Environment
Councillor Ali	Public protection
Councillor Towe	Resources
Councillor McCracken	Social care

## **2970 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillors Bird and Harris.

## **2971 Councillor Ansell**

At this point, Councillor A. Andrew referred to the death of Councillor Ansell and paid tribute to his services to the Council over the last 30 years.

The Cabinet stood in silence as a mark of respect.

## **2972 Minutes**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2013 copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as a correct record.

## **2973 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2974 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

### **Resolved**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items set out in the private part of the agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

**2975 Petitions**

There were no petitions

**2976 Questions**

There were no questions

**2977 Forward plan**

The forward plan as at 10 June 2013 was submitted:

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

That the forward plan be noted.

**2978 Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2013/14**

Councillor Ali presented the report:

(see annexed)

**Resolved]**

That the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for the year 2013/14 be approved.

**2979 Corporate financial performance – Draft outturn and treasury management performance**

Councillor Towe presented the report:

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- (1) That the recommendations of the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the portfolio holder for resources, for revenue carry forwards as set out in table 1 of the report, be endorsed.
- (2) That the recommendations of the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the portfolio holder for resources, for capital re-profiling and carry forward as set out in the main body of the report and appendices A-C, be endorsed.

- (3) That subject to (1) and (2) above, Cabinet note the pre-audit revenue outturn underspend of £1.49m and the pre-audit capital outturn underspend of £1.38m, to be used to support the 2013/14 capital programme as approved by Council.
- (4) That the 2012/13 prudential indicators in Appendix D of this report and Walsall's compliance with these indicators, be noted.
- (5) That the updated accountable body arrangements referred to in Appendix E of the report be approved.
- (6) That Cabinet note that the Council's insurance arrangements have been renewed from 1 April 2013.

**2980 Medium term financial strategy 2013/14-2018/19**

Councillor Towe presented the report:

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- (1) That the updated medium term financial strategy as set out at Annex 1 be approved.
- (2) That the process for setting the annual budget 2014/.15 be approved.

**2981 Assisted transport policy**

Councillor McCracken presented the report and supplementary paper:

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- (1) That approval be given for the consultation process to commence.
- (2) That a further report be received on the outcome of the consultation and recommendations on the finalisation of this policy.

**2982 Commissioning mental health services**

Councillor McCracken presented the report:

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the Interim Executive Director of Social Care and Inclusion be authorised to undertake formal consultation with staff and the trade unions and with key stakeholders to consider the closure of the residential services at Broadway North and that a further report be brought back to Cabinet on the results of these consultations in September 2013.
- (2) That Broadway North continues to evolve as a place where day based activities will be offered for people recovering from mental ill health, alongside community based activities run by local community organisations.

### **2983 Accommodation based services tender**

Councillor McCracken presented the report:

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) That a procurement process be undertaken in respect of accommodation based services to meet identified needs within the residential and nursing and housing related support sector.
- (2) That authority be delegated to award the contracts for residential and nursing care home placements and accommodation for young people at risk of homelessness and people at risk and/or suffering from domestic abuse to the Executive Director of Social Care and Inclusion.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Social Care and Inclusion to sign or authorise the sealing of contracts, deeds or other documents in relation to the provision of residential accommodation and nursing care home placements and accommodation for young people at risk of homelessness and people at risk and/or suffering from domestic abuse.

### **2984 Operating model for adult social care and inclusion**

Councillor McCracken presented the report:

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the proposed amendments to the operating model, as described in this report, for Adult Social Care and Inclusion, be approved.

- (2) That the Interim Executive Director of Social Care and Inclusion be authorised to carry out the required changes and to ensure that they are implemented following due process.

**2985 Exclusion of public**

**Resolved**

That during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda, the Cabinet considers that the item for consideration is exempt information by virtue of the appropriate paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and accordingly resolves to consider the item in private.

**Summary of item considered in private session**

**2986 Darlaston Strategic Development Area access project**

Cabinet approved the Darlaston Strategic Development Area highways project budget of £25,980m and granted permission for Council officers to make the full approval application to the Department for Transport (DfT) and gain access to their contribution to allow works to formally start on site this summer. Approval has been given for the acquisition of the final pieces of land that need to be assembled in order to obtain all of the legal powers necessary to allow the project to move forward. The final submission to the DfT is expected to be made in August 2013.

The meeting terminated at 6.45 p.m.