

Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 17 December 2008 at 6.00 p.m.

in Conference Room 2 at the Council House Walsall

Present

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| Councillor O'Hare | Leader of the Council |
| Councillor Andrew | Deputy Leader and Regeneration |
| Councillor Walker | Environment |
| Councillor Griffiths | Finance and personnel |
| Councillor Harrison | Leisure and culture |
| Councillor Arif | Procurement, transformation and performance management |
| Councillor McCracken | Social care, health and housing |
| Councillor Harris | Transport |

2099 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Zahid Ali and Perry.

2100 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2008 copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as a correct record.

2101 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2102 Forward plan

The forward plan as at 8 December 2008 was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the forward plan be noted.

2103 Air quality action plan

Councillor Walker presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Draft Air Quality Action Plan set out in Appendix A to the report be approved for formal consultation purposes.
- (2) That following consultation, and subject to there being no substantive adverse comments, the Draft Action Plan be finalised, submitted to the Secretary of State and implemented.
- (3) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet if there are substantive comments arising from the consultation process.

2104 Revenue Support Grant settlement

Councillor Griffiths presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the details of the draft settlement be noted.
- (2) That the development and dispatch of a formal response to the draft settlement be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (CFO), in consultation with the portfolio holder.

2105 Recommendations of Scrutiny and Performance Panels

The report was submitted, together with an addendum to the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Scrutiny and Performance Panel:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the recommendations of the Scrutiny and Performance Panels be noted in considering the 2009/10 to 2011/12 budget.

2106 Budget consultation 2009/10 – 2011/12

Councillor Griffiths presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of this report and appendices be noted.
- (2) That the outcomes from the budget consultation, set out in this report, be noted as Council's 2009/10 corporate revenue and capital budget is developed.

2107 Data protection and information security

Councillor Arif presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the information security and data protection protocols attached to this report be approved.
- (2) That it be noted that steps are being taken within the Council, and in the community, to ensure awareness and understanding of local arrangements relating to data protection and information security generally, and to ensure compliance with those arrangements.

2108 Beacon index

Councillor Arif presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the quarter one position of the Beacon Index as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.
- (2) That the target change request for performance indicator 2.2.2 (We will take firm action against nuisance drinking in public places) be approved as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

2109 Adult Social Care Star Rating CSCI Judgement

Councillor McCracken presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Cabinet acknowledges the report.
- (2) That the key strengths identified in 2007-08 be welcomed.
- (3) That the specific areas of improvement be noted.

2110 Sustainable travel to school strategy

Councillor Harris presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Walsall Council's Sustainable School Travel Strategy be approved.
- (2) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Directors for Neighbourhoods and Children's Services in conjunction with the portfolio holders for Transport and Children's Services, to approve any amendments to the strategy.

2111 Highways repair and maintenance contract

Councillor Harris presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the contractual arrangements and award the contract to Tarmac Ltd be approved, subject to satisfactory completion of conditions as detailed in Section 3 of the report.
- (2) That the Executive Director, Neighbourhood Services, be authorised in consultation with the portfolio holder for transport, to satisfy themselves as to the satisfactory conclusion of all outstanding matters as detailed within Section 3 of this report and then to take all necessary steps to enter into a formal sealed contract for the delivery of highway repair and maintenance services.

- (3) That approval be given to the grant of an 8-year maximum lease to Tarmac Ltd for the occupation of a part of the existing Suffolk Place depot now to be known as Cable Drive Depot. Such lease to be outside of the Security of Tenure provisions of Sections 24-28 Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 (as amended), allowing the Council to break the lease by giving Tarmac 6 months notice at any point should the situation change.

2112 Private Session

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.

2113 West Midlands Enterprise Limited

Councillor O'Hare presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Coventry Council be appointed as trustee
- (2) That the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to nominate a representative to attend the necessary company meetings in order to give effect to (1) above and
- (3) That the Assistant Director for Legal and Constitutional Services be given delegated authority to execute all necessary legal documents to give effect to the above decisions.

The meeting terminated at 6.35 p.m.

Leader:

Date: