

Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor S. Coughlan	Leader of the Council
Councillor Jeavons	Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor Burley	Children's services and education
Councillor J. Fitzpatrick	Community, leisure and culture
Councillor Jones	Clean and green
Councillor Robertson	Health
Councillor S. Coughlan	Social care
Councillor Nawaz	Personnel and business support
Councillor Shires	Agenda for change

3488 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 27 April and 2 June 2016 copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as correct records.

3489 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3490 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.

3491 Petitions

Councillor Jeavons submitted a petition from the Public and Commercial Services Union "Defending Walsall jobs".

The Leader asked that the petition be referred to the Corporate and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 June for consideration.

3492 **Corporate Plan**

Councillor S. Coughlan presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That any proposed minor changes which emerge following Cabinet be agreed and finalised with the Leader prior to Council in July.

Resolved to recommend to Council

That the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 "Reducing Inequalities, Maximising potential" be approved.

3493 **Pre-audit outturn 2015/16 and resource allocation 2017/18 to 2020/21**

Councillor S. Coughlan presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approve the revenue carry forwards recommended by the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) in consultation with the portfolio holder for finance, as set out in table 1 of the report.
- (2) That Cabinet Approve the capital re-profiling and carry forwards recommended by the CFO in consultation with the portfolio holder for finance, as set out in the main body of the report and in Appendix 2.
- (3) That Cabinet note the pre-audit revenue outturn underspend of £701k and the pre-audit capital outturn underspend of £1.73m. The capital underspend will be used to support the 2016/17 capital programme as approved by Council in February.
- (4) That the financial health indicators for 2015/16 as summarised in Appendix 1 be noted.
- (5) That the 2015/16 prudential indicators in Appendix 3 of this report and Walsall's compliance with these indicators be noted.
- (6) That the write off of debts as detailed in section 5 be approved.
- (7) That Cabinet approve the use of £600k of the investment allocated to Adult Social Care in the 2016/17 budget (to cover the expected costs of care contract uplifts, this element of which is not needed) to offset other pressures within the Directorate as highlighted in Section 6.

- (8) That the changes to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Strategy be approved.
- (9) That the process and timetable for setting the budget – the Resource Allocation Framework be approved.
- (10) That Cabinet note that opening balances will be £13.532m as at 1 April 2016.
- (11) That the following decisions of Cabinet be rescinded:
 - (a) Reduce the street cleansing service (saving 66 in Council report).
 - (b) Close six libraries (Beechdale, Blakenall, New Invention, Rushall, South Walsall, Walsall Wood) (saving 77).
 - (c) Pilot an access control system in Pleck library (saving 77).
 - (d) Close one mobile library and retain the other with a revised route and timetable (saving 77) and thereby retaining both mobile libraries.
 - (e) Increase the market charge for district markets by £5 a stall (saving 119).
 - (f) Reduce Lifestyle Services by £260k (saving 175).
 - (g) Withdraw £50k of funding to Walsall CAB for welfare advice (saving 184).
 - (h) Invest £101k to support the voluntary and community sector via WVA.
- (12) That Cabinet approve investment of £101,000 to support the voluntary and community sector via a procedure external service.
- (13) That Cabinet approve one-off investment of £60,000 to develop local community based social clubs and activities for people with disabilities.
- (14) That the Head of Leisure, Culture and Operations be delegated authority to progress access control systems and associated works in Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills and Willenhall libraries, subject to site surveys confirming that this can be achieved within the approved capital budget.

3494 **Sub Regional Supported Accommodation framework**

Councillor Burley presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approve Walsall Council to continue to be a member of the sub regional supported accommodation framework approach, where applicable, for 16 and 17 year old looked after young people in the process of leaving care and vulnerable and homeless 16 and 17 year olds supported by Children's Social Care.
- (2) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children Services, in consultation with the portfolio holder of Children's Services and Education, to enter into call-off contracts with supported accommodation providers that successfully tender to Staffordshire County Council for the Framework.
- (3) That Cabinet approve that any contracts which are called off by Walsall Council under the Framework mirror the contractual term of the Framework which will be for 2 years + 1 year + 1 year from and including 23 November 2016 (or are otherwise for the residue of this period depending on exactly when each call-off contract is put in place).

3495 Procurement of a combined enforcement and debt agenda contract

Councillor D. Coughlan presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet delegate authority to the Head of Business Change, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Social Care, to award the Enforcement Agency Services Contract from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2019, with the option for the Council to extend the term of the contract for a further one year.

3496 Review of bereavement services rules and regulations

Councillor J. Fitzpatrick presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the revised Rules and Regulations for Cemeteries and Crematorium (Appendix A) be approved.
- (2) That, in the interests of operational efficiency, Cabinet delegate authority to make any minor future operational amendments to the Rules and Regulations in respect of cemeteries and crematorium, as required, to the Head of Leisure, Culture and Operations in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community, Leisure and Culture

- (3) That Cabinet, in conjunction with approving the Rules and Regulations, continue to endorse the proposals for dealing with proactive and reactive enforcement of the Rules and Regulations.

3497 Human resources management system

Councillor Nawaz presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet approve the award of a 12 month contract extension, from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, to Midland Software Limited, for the provision of a human resources management system.

3498 Public health service for 0 to 5 year olds

Councillor Robertson presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet notes the feedback from the consultation process on the review of Public Health Services for 0-5 year olds proposals included in paragraph 12 and in Appendix B to this report.
- (2) That Cabinet approves the proposals set out under section 3.4 of this report to re-design the delivery of Public Health Services for 0-5 year olds.
- (3) That Cabinet approves the commencement of a procurement process for a new service model for Public Health Services for 0-5 year olds, the outcome of which will be reported back to a future Cabinet for approval of the contract award.

3499 Healthy eating services in schools

Councillor Robertson presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approve the procurement of a healthy eating programme in primary schools, early years settings and special schools.

- (2) That Cabinet note the intention of the commissioner to return to Cabinet to seek approval to award a new contract once the procurement process has been undertaken.

3500 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.

3501 Variations to W2R inter authority agreement and project agreement

Councillor Jones presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet note the Deed of Variation to the Project Agreement and agree the Contractor Change Notice and the Deed of Variation to the Inter Authority Agreement.
- (2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director for Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Clean and Green Services, to:
 - (a) Sign or authorise the signing and sealing of the Deed of Variation to the Inter Authority Agreement, on behalf of the Council; and
 - (b) Sign the letter to Staffordshire County Council on behalf of the Council.

[Exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]

The meeting terminated at 6.25 p.m.

Chair:

Date: