

# **Cabinet minutes**

**Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 6.00 p.m.**

**in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor Andrew	Deputy Leader, Economy, infrastructure and development
Councillor Harris	Community, leisure and culture
Councillor Harrison	Clean and green
Councillor Towe	Learning skills and apprenticeships
Councillor Bennett	Personnel and business support
Councillor Martin	Public health and wellbeing
Councillor Arif	Shared services and procurement

**Councillor Andrew (Deputy Leader) in the chair**

## **3364 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bird and Hughes.

## **3365 Minutes**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 22 July and 12 August 2015 copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as correct records.

## **3366 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3367 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

Note: At this point in the meeting, the Deputy Leader offered congratulations to HM Queen Elizabeth II as, that day, she had become Britain's longest servicing Monarch.

### 3368 **Petitions**

The following petition was submitted from Mr. B. Allen:

- Designation of former Royal British Legion site on Broad Lane for traditional housing.

The Cabinet and Mr. Allen were advised that the Executive Director and relevant portfolio holder would discuss the content of the petition and, as this issue related to Walsall's draft Site Allocation Document, would subsequently be fed into that consultation process.

### 3369 **Questions**

There were no questions submitted.

### 3370 **Forward plan**

The forward plan as at 10 August 2015 was submitted:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

That the forward plan be noted.

### 3371 **Council purpose and priorities**

The Executive Director for Resources, Rory Borealis presented the report:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved to recommend to Council**

That the high level purpose and priorities set out in the report be adopted, pending completion and approval of the full Corporate Plan alongside the budget setting process.

### **3372 Help for households in fuel poverty**

Councillor Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Executive Director for Resources be authorised to enter into agreement with:
  - (a) Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) for the funding of a cross-tenure support project to help provide gas central heating for dwellings in the borough, including for the Council to be Accountable Body for funds provided;
  - (b) Walsall Housing Group (Whg) and Accord Housing Association Limited for funds from DECC to be used on their dwellings in line with Table 1 of this report.
- (2) That progress of the Council on other related initiatives be noted.

### **3373 Disabled facility tenders – lifts, hoists and associated work**

Councillor Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That approval be given to obtain tenders for contractors to undertake installation, repair maintenance and building works and services for domestic stair, step and vertical lifts and hoists for the period up to 1 June 2020.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources in consultation with the portfolio holder to accept tenders obtained under (1) above and to subsequently authorise contracts and any ancillary related documentation to be entered into.

### **3374 Ryecroft Community hub**

Councillor Harris presented the report:

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That Cabinet approve the allocation of further grant funding of £50,734 to Ryecroft Community Hub.

### **3375 Open access integrated sexual health services 2015/16**

Councillor Martin presented the report:

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) That Cabinet note the consultation feedback received in relation to the redesign of open access integrated sexual health services in Walsall, as summarised in Section 12.
- (2) That Cabinet approve the new service design (described in Appendix 1 and paragraphs 3.9 and 3.11 of this report) and allow the commencement of a tendering process for a new service to be in place by 1 June 2016.
- (3) That Cabinet note that a further report will be brought to Cabinet in due course to approve the award of contract.

The meeting terminated at 6.15 p.m.

Chair:

Date: