

Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 13 April 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

in Conference Room 2 at the Council House Walsall

Present

Councillor Tom Ansell	Leader of the Council
Councillor John O'Hare	Deputy Leader and Resources and Performance Management
Councillor Eddie Hughes	Children's Services
Councillor Garry Perry	Culture and Leisure
Councillor Marco Longhi	Environment
Councillor Alan Paul	Health and Social Care
Councillor Melvin Pitt	Housing and Community Safety
Councillor Adrian Andrew	Regeneration

1286 **Apology**

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Zahid.

1287 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2005, copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as a correct record.

1288 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1289 **Forward Plan**

The forward plan as at 18 March 2005 was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Cabinet noted the inclusion in the forward plan for 11 May 2005 officer advice on financial and non-financial assessment of scrutiny panel recommendations to Cabinet re: Neighbourhood Resource Centres.

Resolved

That the forward plan be noted.

1290 Corporate Assessment Report

Councillor Ansell presented the report. In presenting the report he congratulated everyone in the Council who had been involved in the inspection for their work. He also recognised the involvement and work of the Council's partners.

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Audit Commission's corporate assessment report attached at Appendix 1 be formally received;
- (2) That the contents of the corporate assessment report published on 4 April 2005 and the resulting re-categorisation of the Council to "fair" for CPA purposes be acknowledged and celebrated;
- (3) That a draft improvement plan be brought to Cabinet at its first meeting of the new municipal year.

1291 Crime, Disorder and Drugs Strategy 2005 – 2008

Councillor Pitt explained the report and introduced the following persons who presented the strategy on behalf of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership:-

Chief Superintendent, Andy Jewkes
Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Jon Brown
Sam Ramiah, teaching Primary Care Trust
Brian Holland, Interim Director, Safer Walsall Borough Partnership

(see annexed)

Councillor Ansell thanked all those involved in the production of the strategy.

Resolved

That the presentation be received.

Resolved to recommend to Council

That the new Crime, Disorder and Drugs Strategy of the Safer Walsall Borough Partnership be approved as the strategic framework for the Council and its partners to prioritise actions and programmes for tackling crime, drugs misuse and anti-social behaviour over the period 2005 – 2008.

1292 Housing Strategy 2005 – 2008

Councillor Pitt presented the report:-

(see annexed)

Resolved to recommend to Council

That the final version of the Council's updated Housing Strategy 2005-2008 be approved.

1293 Statutory proposal to discontinue Three Crowns School

Councillor Hughes presented the report:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the statutory proposal to discontinue Three Crowns School from 31 August 2006 be approved.

1294 Targeted capital fund 2006 – 2008

Councillor Hughes presented the report:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the submission of bids for targeted capital to the DfES be approved and that these be submitted in line with the criteria specified to maximise the funding for Walsall.

1295 **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.

Summary of item considered in private session

Business and Learning Campus, Little Street West: land disposal

The Cabinet received a report which described the current position in respect of negotiations over the valuation and disposal of the Council's land involved in the Business and Learning Campus project. The recommendations were agreed.

(Exempt information under paragraphs 7 & 8 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972)

The meeting terminated at 7.05 p.m.

Leader:

Date: