

Cabinet

Wednesday 21 June 2023

**Minutes of the meeting held in Conference Room 2 at the Council House,
Lichfield Street, Walsall at 6pm.**

Present

Councillor Bird (Chair)	Leader of the Council
Councillor Ali	Customer
Councillor Andrew	Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor Elson	Children's Services
Councillor Ferguson	Internal Services
Councillor Flint	Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Murphy	Clean and Green
Councillor Pedley	Adult Social Care
Councillor Perry	Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Councillor M. Statham	Education and Skills

In attendance – in person

D. Hindson, Interim Chief Executive
K. Allward, Executive Director - Adult Social Care and Hub
D. Brown, Director – Place and Environment
J. Greenhalgh, Interim Executive Director - Resources
S. Darcy, Director – Finance Corporate Performance and Corporate Landlord
M. Leith, Director – HR, OD and Administration
S. Portman, Head of Law
C. Goodall, Principal Democratic Services Officer
E. Cook, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

In attendance – remote

S. Rowe, Executive Director – Children's Services
S. Gunther, Director of Public Health

Part 1 – Public Session

4087 Welcome

Councillor Bird opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining that the Cabinet was meeting that evening in person and that the agenda and reports for this meeting were available on the Council's website. He explained that voting would be by way of a show of hands which would be witnessed and recorded by the Democratic Services officer in attendance.

4088 **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

4089 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2023 were submitted.

Resolved

That the minutes of 19 April 2023, a copy having been sent to each member of the Cabinet, be approved and signed as a correct record.

4090 **Declarations of interest**

None declared.

4091 **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.

4092 **Petitions**

No petitions were submitted.

4093 **Questions**

No questions were received.

4094 **Forward plan**

The forward plan as of June 2023 was submitted:

(annexed)

Resolved (by assent)

That the forward plan be noted.

4095 **Pre-Audit Outturn 2022/23**

Councillor Bird introduced a report informing Cabinet of the pre-audit revenue and capital outturn position for 2022/23 and financial health indicators for 2022/23.

It was **moved** by Councillor Bird and **seconded** by Councillor Andrew and it was;

Resolved (Unanimously)

That Cabinet:

1. Note the pre-audit revenue outturn underspend of £352k, equivalent to 0.05% of gross revenue expenditure.
2. Note the service's position (table 1 and Appendix 1) and the carry forward of undelivered 2022/23 savings (Appendix 3) to 2023/24 and that 2023/24 savings delivery will be kept under review and progress reported to Cabinet in July.
3. Note the transfers from and to earmarked reserves as set out in table 2 and Appendix 2.
4. Note that the opening general reserves balance will be £18.70m as at 1 April 2023.
5. Note the pre-audit capital outturn is a net break-even position, net of carry forwards of £139.19m (table 7 and Appendices 4 and 5).
6. Note and agree the final amendments to the 2022/23 capital programme (since the last update to Cabinet in February 2023), as set out in table 6 in section 4.12 and approve the capital re-profiling/carry forwards from 2022/23 to 2023/24 as set out in Appendices 4 and 5.
7. Note the financial health indicators for 2022/23 as summarised in Appendix 7.

4096 **We are Walsall 2040 Strategy Consultation**

Councillor Perry introduced a report outlining the framework for the We Are Walsall 2040 strategy.

It was **moved** by Councillor Perry and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (Unanimously)

That Cabinet approved the We Are Walsall 2040 strategy.

4097 **Temporary Accommodation Building Repair and Maintenance Contract**

Councillor Ferguson introduced a report which sought to ensure continued statutory compliance and essential building repairs works would be undertaken on council owned Temporary Accommodation buildings.

It was **moved** by Councillor Ferguson and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (Unanimously)

- 1. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Internal Services, to award the contract for Temporary Accommodation Building Repairs and Maintenance, for a period expiring on 31 May 2025 with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months to 31 May 2027 (as two single year extensions).**
- 2. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Internal Services, to enter into a contract to deliver the Temporary Accommodation Building Repairs and Maintenance service and to subsequently authorise the sealing or signing of any associated contracts, deeds or other related documents for such services including the optional extension periods.**
- 3. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director for Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Internal Services, to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements or other related documents for the service identified above, should this be required at any time during the contract term, in line with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Rules.**

4098 **Treasury Management Annual Report 2022/23**

Councillor Ferguson introduced a report which provided a year end position statement reviewing treasury management activities and prudential and treasury indicator performance.

It was **moved** by Councillor Ferguson and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

That Cabinet note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2021)), the Annual Treasury Management Report 2022/23 including prudential and local indicators (Appendix A).

4099 **Exclusion of public**

Resolved

That during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, the Cabinet considers that the items for consideration are exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and accordingly resolves to consider the items in private.

The minute below is full description of the discussion and decision.

4100 Surrender and grant of new lease to the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands of offices within the Civic Centre

Councillor Andrew introduced a report which sought approval for the surrender of the existing lease and granting of a new lease to the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands (PCCWM) of offices within the Civic Centre.

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

- 1. That Cabinet approve a surrender of the current Lease dated 12 February 2016 between Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands.**
- 2. That Cabinet approve the grant of a new lease to the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands on the terms set out in the report.**
- 3. That Cabinet delegate authority for the approval of the final terms of the lease to the Executive Director for Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.**

(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)

The below is a public summary of the decision taken during the private session.

4101 Temporary Workers (Agency) Provision

Councillor Ferguson introduced a report which sought to ensure a fit for purpose temporary workers (agency) provision.

It was **moved** by Councillor Ferguson and **seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

That Cabinet approve a direct award for the WMTemps Service via the WME Framework and Opus People Solutions

(Exempt Information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6:18 p.m.

Chair:

Date: