

Cabinet

Wednesday 19 April 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 Flint	Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Pedley	Adult Social Care
Councillor Perry	Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities
Councillor Murphy	Clean and Green
Councillor M. Statham	Education and Skills

In attendance – in person

D. Hindson, Interim Chief Executive
J. Greenhalgh, Interim Executive Director - Resources
S. Darcy, Director – Finance Corporate Performance and Corporate Landlord
S. Portman, Head of Law
C. Goodall, Principal Democratic Services Officer
E. Cook, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

In attendance – remote

K. Allward, Executive Director - Adult Social Care and Hub
D. Brown, Director – Place and Environment
S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
S. Rowe, Executive Director – Children's Services

Part 1 – Public Session

4073 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.

4074 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ferguson.

4075 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 22 March 2023 were submitted.

Resolved

That the minutes of 22 March 2023, a copy having been sent to each member of the Cabinet, be approved and signed as a correct record.

4076 **Declarations of interest**

None declared.

4077 **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.

4078 **Petitions**

No petitions were submitted.

4079 **Questions**

No questions were received.

4080 **Forward plan**

The forward plan as of April 2023 was submitted:

(annexed)

Resolved (by assent)

That the forward plan be noted.

4081 **Council Plan Markers of Success 2022-23 Quarter 3**

Councillor Bird introduced a report which provided an overview of performance during Quarter 3 of 2022-23 regarding the objectives set out in the Council Plan.

(annexed)

Members each provided updates on highlights from the year with regards to their portfolios and thanked officers for their work.

It was **Moved** by Councillor Bird and **Seconded** by Councillor Andrew and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

1. That Cabinet note the baseline measures set for 2022/23 and the performance in Q3 relating to the period October-December 2022
2. That Cabinet note any key achievements, identified interdependencies and support required to achieve the Outcomes, set out in the report

4082 **Recommendations from Scrutiny Overview Committee regarding School Gate Parking**

Councillor Andrew introduced a report which received recommendations from the Scrutiny Overview Committee regarding the School Gates Parking Working Group.

(annexed)

It was **Moved** by Councillor Andrew and **Seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

That Cabinet

1. Received the recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee in relation to School Gate Parking, and;
2. Agreed to take a report to a future meeting to respond to the working group report.

4083 **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 following is a public summary of the decisions taken.

4084 **Temporary Workers (Agency) Provision**

It was **Moved** by Councillor Bird and **Seconded** by Councillor Andrew and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

That the item be deferred to a future meeting of Cabinet.

4085 **Adult Social Care Market Sustainability**

Councillor Pedley introduced a report which sought to ensure stability in the adult social care market.

(annexed)

It was **Moved** by Councillor Pedley and **Seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

That Cabinet:

1. **Noted the proposed principles that underpin mitigation plans to stabilise the adult social care market.**
2. **Approved that additional funding be made available from existing and one-off funding to mitigate the risk of Walsall residents being without care provision.**

4086 **Special Educational Needs Sufficiency Contract Award – Education Development Centre - Oakwood School**

Councillor Statham introduced a report which provided an update to the 'Special Needs Sufficiency' report presented to Cabinet on 14 December 2022 and sought approval for contract awards.

(annexed)

It was **Moved** by Councillor Statham and **Seconded** by Councillor Bird and it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

- 1. That Cabinet approve the increase in budgetary provision to provide 80 permanent additional pupil places for Special Educational Needs for September 2023.**
- 2. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Internal Services, to enter into a contract for the works and to subsequently authorise the sealing or signing of any associated contracts, deeds or other related documents award the contract following the completion of the procurement process.**
- 3. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Leader, to make minor amendments to the budgetary provision in the event of the successful tender exceeding the estimated.**
- 4. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements or other related documents for such works, should this be required throughout the duration of the term of any contracts and provided they are in line with the Council's Contract Rules and any relevant legislation, including Public Contract Regulations 2015.**
- 5. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources to enter into contracts for the works required.**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6:25 p.m.

Chair:

Date: