

Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Bird	Leader of the Council
Councillor Andrew	Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor Martin	Adult social care
Councillor Wilson	Children's and health and wellbeing
Councillor Harrison	Clean and green
Councillor Perry	Community, leisure and culture
Councillor Towe	Education and skills
Councillor Harris	Personnel and business support

3834 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2018 copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as a correct record.

3835 Declarations of interest

The undermentioned members declared an interest in the items indicated:

- Councillor Towe– Items 8, 13, 14 and 15 (Corporate financial performance, voluntary and community sector, One Walsall and Community Asset transfer) and withdrew from the room during consideration of the items
- Councillors Bird and Martin – Item 17 (Land at Hatherton Street)

3836 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.

3837 **Petitions**

The following petitions were submitted by Councillor Statham:

- Road safety for Ingram Road and Green Rock Lane
- Parking improvement in Grenfell Road

3839 **Questions**

There were no questions.

3840 **Forward plan**

The forward plan as at 6 August 2018 was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the forward plan be noted.

3841 **Corporate financial performance 2018/19**

Councillor Bird presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet:

- (1) Note the forecast revenue overspend of £2.24m, after use of reserves and successful delivery of corrective action plans identified to date.
- (2) Approve amendments to the capital programme as set out in section 3.5.
- (3) Note the forecast council funded capital programme variance of £5.37m, of which £4.97m will be carried forward to 2019/20, leaving an underspend of £399k.
- (4) Approve virement of £261k of the capital underspend to the pothole budget to meet the administration's commitment to match funding the DfT grant.
- (5) Approve virement of £110k to fund improvements to facilities within the

Arboretum, including improvement works to the Orchard Pavilion and Grange Playhouse.

- (6) Note the net underspend on capital, after virements, will be £28k.
- (7) Note financial health indicator performance as set out in Appendix 1.
- (8) Note prudential indicators as set out in Appendix 2.

3842 Impact Youth Employment Programme extension

Councillor Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approve the acceptance of the Impact programme extension, to be administered by the Department for Work & Pensions appointed Accountable Body, Dudley Council.
- (2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director for the Economy and Environment in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, to sign or amend the appropriate agreements with Dudley Council, and any subsequent negotiations as required to secure the funding and ensure delivery of the Walsall Impact contract and programme delivery.

3843 Corporate Safeguarding policy

Councillor Wilson presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet endorse the adoption of a Corporate Safeguarding Policy.

3844 Re-introduction of fortnightly garden waste collections

Councillor Harrison presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet acknowledge the contents of this report and approve the re-introduction of fortnightly garden waste collections.

3845 Addressing fly tipping in Walsall

Councillor Harrison presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approve a trial free skip service for the deposit of household bulky items, as detailed in section 3.7 of this report.
- (2) That Cabinet notes the intent to offer a trial period of extending the opening hours of the Household Waste Recycling Centres as detailed in section 3.8 of this report, subject to a Cabinet decision in October 2018.
- (3) That Cabinet approve a trial period of providing a free collection of bulky household items, as detailed in section 3.9 of this report.
- (4) That Cabinet approve an increase to the level of reward leading to successful prosecutions for fly-tipping from £100 to £500, as detailed in section of 3.10 this report.
- (5) That Cabinet approves an ongoing communications campaign, to inform and educate residents and businesses, as set out in section 3.11.

3846 Voluntary and community sector – a new way of working

Councillor Perry presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet recognises the contribution and value of the work done by the voluntary and community sector.
- (2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation in consultation with the portfolio-holder to finalise and agree a voluntary sector partnership agreement between public sector organisations and the voluntary and community sector.

3847 One Walsall – future funding

Councillor Perry presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet welcomes the progress made by One Walsall over the last two and a half years in creating a stronger voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisation, which is part of our success.
- (2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation, in consultation with the portfolio holder, to finalise and agree the outcomes-based framework, tripartite grant funding arrangement with Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the VIEW (Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall Limited) Board and grant agreement with One Walsall. The basis of these negotiations will be to develop a three-year outcomes-based grant arrangement with One Walsall from 1 April 2019, with a Council contribution of £170,000.

3848 Community Asset Transfer policy

Councillor Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet note the consultation responses to the proposed Community Asset Transfer Policy
- (2) That Cabinet approve the draft Community Asset Transfer Policy (Appendix A) and delegate authority to the Executive Director Economy and Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Regeneration and Portfolio Holder, Community Leisure and Culture to make minor amendments to the CAT Policy following completion of the consultation process as set out in paragraph 13.

3849 Increasing secondary school provision

Councillor Towe presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet note the current position in relation to the Windsor Trust plan

for a new secondary school in the Blakenall.

- (2) That Cabinet affirm its commitment to ensuring high quality secondary education in the borough.

3850 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

3851 Land at Hatherton Street

- (1) Cabinet approved the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the land provided:
 - (i) the sale price satisfies the requirement to achieve best consideration;
 - (ii) the transaction does not reach legal completion until the purchaser has obtained detailed planning permission from the Local Planning Authority for the proposed development;
 - (iii) the Council undertakes the preparation and remediation of the site, including all necessary consents.
- (2) Cabinet delegated authority to the Executive Director for Economy and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to approve the final terms for the disposal.
- (3) Cabinet approved the pre-disposal works (set out in section 3.13) and associated estimated costs (set out in section 6.2) to be undertaken to support the disposal and to be funded from the land receipt and the existing Regenerating Walsall capital programme.
- (4) Cabinet approved feasibility/ business case work to be undertaken as set out in section 3.14 and to be funded from existing revenue reserves within the Economy and Environment Directorate.

- (5) Cabinet recommended Council to approve an amendment to the Capital Programme (approved 28 February 2018) to include a budget for pre-disposal works to support the sale.

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

The meeting terminated at 6.39 p.m.