

Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Bird	Leader of the Council
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

3963 Apology

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

3964 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019 copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as a correct record.

3965 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3966 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.

3967 Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

3968 **Forward plan**

The forward plan as at 8 April 2019 was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the forward plan be noted.

3969 **Call-in: Grant of lease – Darlaston Centre on Hall Street, Darlaston**

At this point in the meeting Councillor Bird brought forward items 14 (b) 'Report of Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee' and 14 (c) 'Response of Portfolio Holder' (see annexed) from the private session.

Councillor Bird presented the report. Having considered the report 14(a) 'Report to Cabinet – 20 March 2019' (see annexed) in the private session of the agenda the Cabinet:-

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet note and accept the recommendations of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) That Cabinet approve the use of a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) as a means of disposing a potential leasehold for the Recreation Centre, Hall Street, Darlaston; subject to the outcomes of the CAT Policy evaluation process.
- (3) That Cabinet note that a further report will be brought back to Cabinet on the outcome of the CAT evaluation process.

3970 **Review of achievements 2018/19**

Councillor Bird presented the report highlighting a number of achievements to the meeting. All Portfolio Holders present highlighted achievements in their areas of responsibility. The Cabinet thanked staff for their assistance in delivering these achievements.

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet note the achievements as detailed in the Review of Achievements 2018-19 document attached as Appendix 1 and agree the publication of the document on the Council's website.

3971 Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership – Single Accountable Body

Councillor Bird presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approve the appointment of Walsall Council as the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership's single Accountable Body, responsible for all funds secured by the LEP. To be in place no later than the 28 February 2020, in accordance with the requirements of the government's National Local Growth Assurance Framework.
- (2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to take part in any negotiations that form part of the evolution and development of the single Accountable Body and subsequent joint working arrangements with; the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, the three Black Country Councils of Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton and the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA).
- (3) That Cabinet approve the continuation of the current internal scrutiny arrangements with the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, by extending an open offer for the BCLEP to attend Walsall Council Scrutiny Committees.
- (4) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council to negotiate, agree and implement the appropriate scrutiny and audit arrangements to meet the requirements of the National Local Growth Assurance Framework.
- (5) That Cabinet approve the use of funding held or administered by Walsall Council on behalf BCLEP, including any interest earned, to cover all costs approved by the BCLEP Board that are associated with the discharge of the single Accountable Body roles and responsibilities.

3972 New Safeguarding Partnership arrangements

Councillor Wilson presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet note the proposal that the Council and its key statutory partners (the police and the Clinical Commissioning Group) should replace Walsall Safeguarding Children Board with a new partnership by 29 September 2019 in line with legislation and statutory guidance.

- (2) That Cabinet note the implications of the changes in statutory guidance for Local Safeguarding Children's Boards and the operation of Walsall Safeguarding Adult Board.

3973 Community Safety Plan

Councillor Perry presented the report:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet note the progress of the Safer Walsall Partnership and delivery mechanism for the Community Safety Plan.

3974 SEND, pupil exclusion and children not in education working group

The report of the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee was submitted.

(see annexed)

Councillor Towe thanked the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the report and recommendations.

Resolved

That the report of the Working Group on SEND, pupil exclusions and children not accessing education be noted.

3974 Private rented sector and selective housing

The following reports were submitted 13(a) 'Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee' and 13(b) 'Report of Portfolio Holder'.

(see annexed)

Having reviewed the recommendations in the report 13(b) 'Report of Portfolio Holder' Councillor Bird considered that the Council could use existing legislation and internal policies to manage this area and subsequently moved the following:-

That Cabinet notes the recommendations of the Private Sector and Selective Licensing Working Group and will rely on the current legislation it is using to pursue rogue landlords and request that the next Cabinet consider providing increased resources to enable this.

Which was duly seconded and it was:-

Resolved

That Cabinet notes the recommendations of the Private Sector and Selective Licensing Working Group and will rely on the current legislation it is using to pursue rogue landlords and request that the next Cabinet consider providing increased resources to enable this.

Private session

3975 Call-in: Grant of lease – Darlaston Centre on Hall Street, Darlaston

This decision was made in the public session see minute number 3969.

The meeting terminated at 6.37 p.m.

Chair:

Date: