

Cabinet – Special Meeting

Wednesday 2 November 2022

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall at 6pm.

Present – in person

Councillor Bird	Leader of the Council
Councillor Ali	Customer
Councillor Andrew	Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor Ferguson	Internal 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
Councillor Wilson	Children's

In attendance – in person

S. Neilson, Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Communities
S. Portman, Head of Law
C. Goodall, Principal Democratic Services Officer

In attendance – remote

D. Hindson, Interim Executive Director, Resources and Transformation
S. Rowe, Executive Director, Children's and Customer
S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
David Hamilton, Interim Director, Adult Social Care

Part 1 – Public Session

3990 Welcome

Councillor Bird opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining that the Cabinet was meeting that evening in person and would be conducted using the hybrid meeting system to enable it to be streamed and to enable officers to contribute remotely if required. He said that voting would be by way of a show of hands which would be witnessed and recorded by the Democratic Services officer in attendance; and that the agenda and reports for this meeting were available on the Council's website. Introductions took place and a quorum was established.

3991 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

3992 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

3993 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items in private session.

3994 Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

3995 West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme Variation

Councillor Andrew introduced the report and explained the benefits of the partnership that would bring additional investment to the borough.

(Annexed)

It was moved by Councillor Andrew and Seconded by Councillor Bird and on being put to the vote, it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

That:

1. Cabinet agree to vary the Enhanced Partnership Scheme in conjunction with Transport for West Midlands, West Midlands Combined Authority and the other local authorities in the West Midlands, subject to compliance with the relevant statutory objection and consultation processes for varying the Enhanced Partnership Scheme as annexed at Appendix A.
2. Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director – Economy, Environment & Communities to approve any subsequent variation to the West Midlands Enhanced Partnership Scheme that does not have any direct implications for Walsall Council.

3996 Black Country Plan – Walsall Local Plan

Councillor Bird introduced a report which set out creating a Walsall Local Plan to replace the proposed Black Country Plan following the announced withdrawal from the Plan by Dudley Council. He explained the housing and land requirements were set by the Government to 2041.

Councillor Andrew noted the opportunity a Walsall Local Plan gave the area and provided assurance that consultation would take place. Other Portfolio Holders spoke in support of the proposed Walsall Local Plan.

(Annexed)

It was moved by Councillor Andrew and Seconded by Councillor Bird and on being put to the vote, it was;

Resolved (unanimously)

That:

1. the revised local development scheme attached at **Appendix 1** be approved;
2. delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities to make factual changes to the local development scheme; apart from those relating to the list of future development plan documents to be prepared;
3. it be noted that a report will be taken to a future meeting of Cabinet to approve consultation on the issues and options to be addressed through the Walsall Local Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.20 p.m.

Chair:

Date: