

Special Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 5.30 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 Towe	Education and skills
Councillor Perry	Community, leisure and culture

3914 Welcome

The Leader welcomed members of the public to the meeting and explained that arrangements had been made for a meeting for residents at 7.30 p.m. that evening in the Town Hall in order to answer questions in more detail.

3915 Apology

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

3916 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3917 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

3918 Former Willenhall Gas Works (Stonegate & Trent Park Estates)

Councillor Harrison presented the report:

(see annexed)

Councillor Harrison introduced Mr P. Nathaniel from LQM Consultants who had been engaged by the Council to provide specialist environmental advice.

Mr Nathaniel gave a presentation which provided the background, legislation and timeline relating to the original classification of the site as contaminated. He explained the findings of the inspection carried out by LQM consultants on areas of the site which had concluded that the land was not contaminated.

The Leader read out the recommendation in the report.

It was **moved** by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Wilson and:

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet authorise the revocation of the Identification of Contaminated Land at the former Willenhall Town Gas Works as shown on the plan in Appendix A for the reasons contained in Schedule 2 of the draft Record of Revocation of Determination (Appendix C).
- (2) That Cabinet, in noting the content of this report and its appendices, delegate authority to the Executive Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Clean and Green, to take all necessary steps including to finalise and issue the notice of Revocation of Identification of Contaminated Land for the land shown in Appendix A in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act.

At this point, the Council's Head of Law, Mr S. Portman, explained that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the decision could not be implemented for a period of five working days to provide an opportunity for the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee to call the decision in for review and that should this be the case then the associated process would take around three to four weeks. He advised that should the decision not be called in then it would be implemented after the initial five working days had lapsed. The Leader confirmed that in any event, residents would be advised in writing.

The meeting terminated at 5.50 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: