

## **CABINET**

Thursday, 4th January, 2018  
Time of Commencement: 6.00 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Simon Tagg – in the Chair

Councillors Holland, Johnson, Northcott, Sweeney and J Waring

Officers Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) - Kelvin Turner, Executive Director Operational Services- David Adams, Executive Director (Regeneration and Development) - Neale Clifton, John Tradewell - Acting Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service and Jayne Briscoe - Democratic Services Officer

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

4. **JOINT LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS**

A report was submitted to advise Cabinet on the completion and outcome of the public consultation on the 'Strategic Options' stage of the Local Joint Plan. The report also provided an update on the plan-making process for the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke on Trent Joint Local Plan and approval was sought to go out to public consultation on the Preferred Options Consultation Document.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration pointed out that the document, which set out a vision for the next 15 years, was based on a preferred scenario but was open for possible change prior to the end of the consultation.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That Cabinet notes the actions of the Previous Administration in preparing the Strategic Options Consultation Document and the Preferred Options Consultation Document.
  - (ii) That Cabinet notes the responses to the consultation exercise carried out on the Strategic Options Consultation Document, as detailed in

the Strategic Options Consultation and Responses Document (Supporting Document 1), and summarised in the draft Preferred Options Consultation document and that the said document be included on the Joint Local Plan page of the Council's website.

- (iii) That subject to any issues arising from the Planning Committee, Cabinet agrees to the publication of the draft Preferred Options Consultation document (Appendix 1) for public Consultation purposes, in line with the methods of consultation set out in the adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SC1).
- (iv) That a report be submitted to a subsequent meeting of the Cabinet on the results of the Preferred Options public consultation exercise (target of September 2018), to inform the next stage of the plan preparation in partnership with Stoke on Trent City Council.
- (v) That Cabinet delegate to the Executive Director Regeneration and Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration, the authority to finalise the public consultation arrangements and associated documentation for the Preferred Options stage.

## **5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The first draft of the new Economic Development Strategy for the Borough 2018 - 2023 was submitted for consideration.

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Service Improvement People and Partnerships explained that the strategy would help to support other economic strategies within the County and responded to the challenges and opportunities of the wider business environment such as HS2 and Brexit.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the Draft Economic Development Strategy, taking into account the views of the Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee and subject to modifications suggested by Cabinet be used as a basis for consulting with partner organisations, local businesses and wider community.
  - (ii) That comments received are reported back for Cabinets consideration.

## **6. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT - POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing referred to the updated Safeguarding Policy submitted for approval and indicated that the changes mainly

related to leisure settings and ensured that the document remained relevant and up to date and aligned to similar Council strategies across the Borough.

**Resolved:** That the updated Safeguarding Policy and accompanying procedure for delivery in the Borough be approved.

7. **PROCUREMENT FOR ELECTIONS PRINTING SERVICE**

**Resolved:** That authority be given to the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to accept the most economically advantageous tender within the existing budget provision.

8. **POTENTIAL DISPOSAL OF BLACKFRIARS CAR PARK**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources explained the background to the report and how the inclusion of this piece of land could provide a more attractive footprint and possible development opportunity.

**Resolved:** That the Executive Director (Regeneration and Development), following consultation with the Portfolio Holder be authorised to confirm the Blackfriars Car Park Off Street Order.

9. **URGENT BUSINESS**

**General Fund and Capital Programme Budget Monitoring 2017/18**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources circulated a monitoring report on the General Fund and Capital Programme Budget as at 30 November 2017, which showed an adverse variance of £102, 00. A positive variance of £11,000 was reported in respect of the Capital Programme.

The Portfolio Holder stated that monitoring reports would be circulated to all members of the Council on a regular basis.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

**Recycling and Waste**

That in response to a request from the Portfolio Holder, authority be given to the establishment of a politically balanced Cabinet Panel Task and Finish Group to examine the operations of the waste and recycling service.

**Time of Future Cabinet Panel Meetings**

It was agreed that future meetings of the Cabinet would commence at 2 pm.

**COUNCILLOR SIMON TAGG**  
**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 6.35 pm