

CABINET

Wednesday, 7th December, 2016

Time of Commencement: 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Elizabeth Shenton – in the Chair

Councillors Beech, Kearon, Turner, J Williams, Rout and Robinson

Officers Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) - Kelvin Turner,
Executive Director (Operational Services) - David Adams,
Executive Director (Regeneration and Development) - Neale Clifton,
Geoff Durham,
Chief Executive - John Sellgren
Janet Baddeley

1. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October, 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

A report was submitted to Cabinet seeking approval to make a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) within specified boundaries of the town centre. A map was on display at the meeting outlining the proposed area – which showed a revision to include the Queen Elizabeth Park within the Order.

Concerns were raised about homeless persons being affected by this. Members were advised that the Order would not be used against them unless violent or abusive behaviour was being displayed.

Resolved: That officers be authorised to make a Public Space Protection Order 'live' within the designated areas of the Town Centre for the indicative issues detailed in the agenda report.

4. TENDER FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AN OFF-SITE DOCUMENT STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SERVICE

A report was submitted to Cabinet seeking approval to award a contract to Dataspace (UK) Limited to provide an offsite document storage and retrieval service when the Civic Hub opens in 2017.

Resolved: That Dataspace (UK) Limited be awarded a contract of 3 years duration, with the option to extend for 2 further years (subject to satisfactory performance), for the provision of offsite document storage and retrieval services as detailed in the tender specification.

5. MINERS ESTATE

A report was submitted to Cabinet providing further information on the progress towards delivering multi-agency working on the Miners' Estate in Kidsgrove and potentially across the Borough in the longer term.

Members' attention was drawn to paragraph 2.3 on page 35 of the agenda which outlined the work undertaken by the Council's Housing Team.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, Councillor Kyle Robinson and the officers involved were thanked for their work on this and Members were pleased that it was moving forward.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the immediate and short-term practical actions undertaken by officers since the last report to Cabinet in this matter be noted.
 - (ii) That the steps taken to date to re-align and re-prioritise existing resources and to approve the proposed approach to multi-agency working as described in the report to deliver a more efficient and co-ordinated multi-agency approach to tackling the issues on the Miners' Estate with the potential scope to roll out this approach to other locations across the Borough in future be noted.
 - (iii) That officers work with the Portfolio Holder to clarify the form and nature of the emerging multi-agency partnership working, including the resourcing implications for the Council once it has been agreed in principle with the partners.

6. PENALTIES POLICY

A report was submitted to Cabinet regarding the imposing of penalties for the non-payment of Council Tax and seeking Cabinet's approval of a Penalties Policy.

The only other option would be to not have a policy but this could leave the Council open to challenge on the basis of how a decision was made and also, open to criticism from the Local Government Ombudsman.

Resolved: That the Penalties Policy be approved.

7. RYECROFT DEVELOPMENT - LAND SALE CONTRACT

A report was submitted to Cabinet updating members on the progress with the exchange of contracts regarding the Ryecroft Development.

Resolved: That the information contained within the agenda report be noted and that officers report back at appropriate future milestones.

8. THE BRAMPTON CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

A report was submitted to Cabinet asking Members to adopt, as a Supplementary Planning Document, the Brampton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

A plan was available to view at the meeting.

Resolved: That the Supplementary Planning Document relating to the Brampton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted.

9. WATLANDS PARK CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

A report was submitted to Cabinet asking Members to adopt, as a Supplementary Planning Document, the Watlands Park Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

A plan was available to view at the meeting.

Resolved: That the Supplementary Planning Document relating to Watlands Park Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted.

10. NORTHERN GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT ZONE AND HS2 UPDATE

A report was submitted to Cabinet updating Members on the work of the Northern Gateway (Development Zone) Partnership and the latest Government announcement regarding HS2.

Members' attention was drawn to paragraph 2.2 of the report which outlined key points following the Government's publication of the HS2 Phase 2b – Government Command Paper.

Resolved:

- (i) That the latest position regarding High Speed 2 be noted.
- (ii) That the progress with the work of the Northern Gateway (Development Zone) Partnership be noted, including the appointment of an independent Chair.
- (iii) That the progress with regard to the preparation of the NGDZ Growth Strategy be noted and that officers report back to members for a decision prior to the Partnership's formal approval of the document.
- (iv) That officers report to the NGDZ's Growth Strategy to the Council's Economic Development and Enterprise Committee for its comments prior to it being reported to Cabinet.
- (v) That officers continue to report back to the Cabinet at appropriate times in the future where there are significant policy and/or resource implications for this Council.
- (vi) That further to recommendation (e) the Leader of the Council continues to have a mandate to represent the Council's interests in the work of the NGDZ Partnership including the making of any necessary operational decisions as a member of the Partnership Board.

11. SITE OF THE FORMER CRACKLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

12. PROCUREMENT OF WIDE AREA NETWORK LINKS

A report was submitted to Cabinet seeking approval to award contracts following the procurement of wide area network links in support of the Public Sector Hub.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the procurement of new, high capacity wide area network links from a single supplier, in support of the Public Sector Hub, and the modification of existing links to support other sites as detailed in the report be approved.
 - (ii) That the authority to award the required contracts be delegated to the Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, ICT and Customer.

13. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH SHENTON
Chair

Meeting concluded at 6.50 pm