

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET

HELD ON THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2017 AT 4:00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Adamson, G.	Leader of the Council
Kraujalis, J.T.	Corporate Improvement Portfolio Leader
Bennett, C.	Crime and Partnerships Portfolio Leader
Mitchell, Mrs. C.	Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader
Preece, J.P.T.L.	Environment Portfolio Leader
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader
Allen, F.W.C.	Housing Portfolio Leader
Todd, Mrs. D.M.	Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader

Also in Attendance:

- Councillor M.W.A. Hoare, Environment Shadow Portfolio Leader (Observer);
- Councillor D.J. Snape, Crime and Partnerships Shadow Portfolio Leader (Observer).

27. Apologies

An apology for absence was submitted for Councillor G. Alcott, Deputy Leader of the Council and Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader.

28. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No other Declarations of Interest were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

29. Updates from Portfolio Leaders

Crime and Partnerships

Consultation on the Future Joint Governance of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Staffordshire

The Portfolio Leader advised that he had submitted a further response via telephone to draw attention to a number of gaps he felt were evident in the

proposed business plan.

The Leader of the Council then advised he had submitted a response on behalf of the Council and in a personal capacity, and encouraged all Members to do the same if they had not already done so.

30. Minutes of Cabinet Meeting of 20 July 2017

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

31. Forward Plan

The Forward Plan of Decisions for the period August to October, 2017 (Item 5.1 – 5.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council) was considered.

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period August to October, 2017 be noted.

32. Recommendations of Scrutiny Committees

None received.

33. Local Plan Part 2 and Cannock Town Centre Area Action Plan Issues and Options Consultation Feedback and Next Steps

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Economic Development (Item 7.1 – 7.42 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That

- (A) The feedback on the Cannock Chase Local Plan Part 2 Issues and Options consultation; the Cannock Town Centre Area Action Plan Issues and Options consultation; and the summary of the different consultation methods utilised be noted.
- (B) The Officer feedback on the responses to the issues raised be endorsed.
- (C) The next steps as set out in section 5.14 of the report for taking the documents forward be noted.

Reasons for Decisions

Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) and the Cannock Town Centre Area Action Plan (the AAP) followed on from Local Plan Part 1 which was adopted by the Council in 2014. Part 1 set out the strategic context for the scale and distribution of development, balanced with environmental protection and enhancement.

The role of LPP2 and the AAP was to deliver Part 1. LPP2 needed to allocate sites to deliver the required amount of development in the right locations, and where necessary could also provide further policy elaboration provided that it had links directly back to Part 1 and could be clearly justified by robust evidence. The AAP provided a similar role but was focused specifically upon ensuring the vitality of Cannock Town Centre.

Issues and Options was the first stage in plan preparation. It set out the issues which the Plan needed to address and a range of possible options for dealing with these, inviting comment and further information. The document (along with the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal) had to be publically consulted upon for six weeks and representations made would then be used in shaping the next iteration of the Plan before it was submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. The consultation had to be undertaken in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement which was adopted in 2014.

Both Plans and the accompanying documentation were consulted on between 30 January and 27 March, 2017. The report contained a summary of the different issues which were raised by respondents, categorising them by theme and providing a response as to how the issues would be dealt with. The summary reports were contained at Appendix A (in relation to LPP2) and Appendix B (in relation to the AAP). More detailed summary reports which provided a summary of each respondent's comments were available on the Planning Policy section of the Council's website. The report also contained a summary of the different consultation methods utilised. This information would be collated into a report to be published on the Council's website in line with the requirements of the Statement of Community Involvement.

34. Housing Services Resident Involvement

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Housing & Partnerships (Item 8.1 – 8.65 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That

- (A) The contribution made by the Chase Tenants and Residents Federation (CTRF) since its founding in 1995 in shaping the Housing Service be acknowledged.
- (B) The termination of the Service Level Agreement with the CTRF, cessation of the annual funding and provision of accommodation at Highfields Centre, Hednesford, provided to the CTRF, be approved.
- (C) The draft Resident Involvement Strategy be approved for implementation.
- (D) A further report on the establishment of a Tenant Scrutiny Panel be received.

Reasons for Decisions

An independent review was commissioned into the current approach to resident involvement and to see whether the Council was regulatory compliant on the Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard, including scrutiny and diversity, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Council's current mechanism which relied on the CTRF was not regulatory compliant and needed to change. A Tenant Scrutiny Panel needed to be set up but this could not be done whilst the relationship with the CTRF continued.

As such, the resources afforded to the relationship with CTRF - £20,000 annual funding, accommodation costs and officer time – needed to be re-directed to a new mechanism for resident involvement.

The proposed new mechanism was detailed in the draft Resident Involvement Strategy which was attached at Appendix 3 to the report. This would ensure that the Council was regulatory compliant and achieved value for money in delivering resident involvement.

Following on from consultation with CTRF members, the Federation submitted a written response to the report which was attached at Appendix 6.

The meeting closed at 4:22 p.m.

LEADER