



**Committee and Date**

Cabinet

19 April 2023

**CABINET**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2023**

**In the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND  
10.30 - 11.15 am**

**Responsible Officer:** Amanda Holyoak

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**Present**

Councillor Lezley Picton (Chairman)

Councillors Gwilym Butler, Rob Gittins, Kirstie Hurst-Knight, Cecilia Motley, Ian Nellins and Richard Marshall

**166 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Dean Carroll.

**167 Disclosable Interests**

Councillor Cecilia Motley withdrew from the meeting for item 10 Windmill Hill Local Nature Reserve Designation due to a family connection with Windmill Hill.

**168 Minutes**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record

**169 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

**170 Member Question Time**

There were no member questions.

**171 Scrutiny Items**

There were no scrutiny items.

**172 All Age Carers Strategy Review 2022 - 2027**

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Communities was pleased to introduce the report setting out the All-Age Carer Strategy. The Strategy would provide a clear framework for the commissioning and provision of services that will support unpaid and family carers of all ages to identify as a carer, maintain their own health and

wellbeing, plan for their future and participate in family and community life. She congratulated the team involved for their hard work developing the Strategy.

It was confirmed during discussion that an action plan had been developed and this was to be split into manageable sections. It was also acknowledged that the true number of carers was unknown. The Leader said it was an important role for members to highlight the offer available from the council if they came across carers in their communities. A communications plan had been developed alongside the strategy with the aim of increasing numbers on the register and engagement with parish councillors would be part of this.

**RESOLVED:**

That Cabinet agree the adoption of the All-Age Carers Strategy review 2022 – 2027 and endorse the core objectives of the strategy.

**173 Introducing a Charge for Events on the Highway Involving Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders**

The Portfolio Holder for Highways and Regulatory Services presented the report confirming that it was only intended to redeem costs incurred for profit making organisations. Responding to questions he confirmed that it was proposed that there be officer discretion to levy an appropriate charge depending on the complexities involved and that there would not be charges for parish councils.

**RESOLVED:**

3.1 To approve a consultation exercise on the proposed charges set out in the Appendix

3.2 To note that, following the consultation, the final policy will be presented to Cabinet for final approval

**174 Implementation of the Allocations Policy & Scheme: Transitional Arrangements**

The Leader presented the report on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Growth, Regeneration and Housing. It had been hoped to implement the revised housing allocations policy and scheme (agreed by Cabinet in October 2022) during the first quarter of 2023-24 but this was not possible due to circumstances outside of the Council's control. Transitional arrangements were therefore being proposed relating to how and where existing applicants would be placed on the revised housing register in relation to local connection qualifying criteria, registration date and applicants sharing facilities with another household. During discussion, the Leader said she would ask the Head of Housing to confirm that anyone fleeing domestic violence would not be disadvantaged if they had no local connection.

**RESOLVED:**

3.1 To approve the proposed transitional arrangements as set out in section 7 of the report.

3.2. To give delegated authority to the Head of Service – Housing, Resettlement and Independent Living, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Growth, Regeneration and Housing, for all actions to facilitate the implementation of the revised allocations policy and scheme by the end of quarter 1 2023-24.

### **175 Windmill Hill Local Nature Reserve Designation**

*(Councillor Cecilia Motley withdrew from the meeting for this item)*

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Digital introduced the report proposing that Shropshire Council delegate the ability to designate the land as a Local Nature Reserve to Much Wenlock Town Council. The designation would provide both environmental and recreational benefits and was strongly supported by the local member who spoke in favour of the recommendation and other members who said there was a wide radius of people who enjoyed visiting the site.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council delegates power to Much Wenlock Town Council to enable the designation of Windmill Hill as a Local Nature Reserve.

### **176 Regulation of Social Housing: New Regulatory Regime**

The Leader introduced the report on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Growth, Regeneration and Housing setting out progress of the Social Housing Regulation Bill and the Council's key responsibilities under the new social housing regulatory regime. Cabinet noted and welcomed the council's responsibilities in particular the requirements to maintain an oversight of the housing stock, understand the performance of STAR Housing and understand the compliance and legislative requirements.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1.1. to consider the report and receive a further update on the implementation of changes required to comply with the new requirements as they emerge
- 1.2. to note the responsibilities of the Council with regard to the Consumer Standards, in particular the requirements to:
  - Maintain an oversight of the housing stock
  - Understand the performance of its ALMO, STAR Housing
  - Understand the compliance and legislative requirements

### **177 Monkmoor Lodge/SYA**

The Leader introduced the report on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Growth, Regeneration and Housing, which set out the reasons for the request to vary the original community asset transfer Shropshire Youth Association had secured significant grant funding to replace the current building with a purpose built one and had requested the

lease include demolition and replacement of the current building and be extended to 99 years to reflect the increased investment in the site.

Cabinet noted that the Local Member supported the proposal and that subject to planning, it was anticipated that construction will take place between September 2023 and March 2024 and it was confirmed that a temporary solution was being sought and would be implemented during this time.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.1. To approve the principle of a 99-year lease that includes provision to demolish the existing demountable building and rebuild with a permanent community structure.
- 1.2. To grant delegated authority to the Head of Property and Development - in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Growth, Regeneration and Housing - to finalise terms of the lease and complete the transaction.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....