



Committee and Date

Cabinet

29 March 2021

CABINET

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 8 March 2021

1.00 - 2.19 pm

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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Chairman)

Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Gwilym Butler, Dean Carroll, Lee Chapman, Steve Davenport, Robert Macey, David Minnery, Lezley Picton and Ed Potter

222 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

223 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

224 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

225 Public Question Time

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed that all preamble, statements of fact and opinions submitted with questions had been circulated and read by Cabinet Members but that she would only be reading out the questions submitted.

Questions were submitted by the following members of the public:

Nick Saxby – in relation to Whitchurch Swimming Centre

Helen Morgan – in relation to enforcement of speed limits

The full questions and answers provided are available from the webpage for the meeting:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=4149&Ver=4>

226 Member Question Time

Member questions were received from the following Councillors:

Brian Williams – in relation to the Montgomery Canal Restoration Trust
Dan Morris – in relation to businesses helped by Shropshire Council during the pandemic
Les Winwood – in relation to car parking charges and parking in Bridgnorth
David Turner – in relation to the Maintenance Challenge Fund Bid
Ed Bird – in relation to the condition of rural roads and litter
David Vasmer – in relation to litter

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227 Scrutiny Items

Councillor Cecilia Motley, Chair of the Communities Overview Committee, presented the report of the Committee and outlined the work undertaken. She outlined the suggested areas of review of the current Shropshire Affordable Housing Policy and Scheme. The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning and the Leader thanked the Committee for the excellent and helpful report.

RESOLVED:

To note the report of the Communities Overview Committee on the Shropshire Affordable Housing Allocation Policy and Scheme.

228 The Cliffe Designation as Local Nature Reserve

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Waste and Communications introduced the report and explained the benefits of Local Nature Reserve designation.

RESOLVED:

That the Council delegates power to Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council to enable the designation of The Cliffe as a Local Nature Reserve.

229 Strategic Development Framework

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Assets, Economic Growth and Regeneration, introduced the report which set out a bold and ambitious vision for one of Shrewsbury's prime development which would be subject to public consultation for a period of six weeks. In addressing concerns raised in relation to the need for a bus station, the Leader stated that further work would be done on movement within the town and that comments on the consultation were encouraged from all visitors to Shrewsbury.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree that the draft Smithfield Riverside Strategic Development Framework be subject to public consultation for a period of six weeks, commencing on a date to be agreed by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Regeneration.

2. To agree that the officers will report back to Cabinet on the outcome of consultation and present the final Riverside Smithfield Strategic Development Framework for approval.
3. That Cabinet authorises the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Regeneration, to develop a procurement and delivery strategy (to be informed by the finalised SDF) for the site's redevelopment.

230 Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2020/2021

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Support introduced the report and Members noted that at the end of quarter 3, the full year revenue forecast was a potential spend of £0.838m. In answer to a question about removal of SALIX funding in relation to Street Lighting LED conversion, the Executive Director of Place explained that this would now commence in the next financial year and that he would send members an update.

RESOLVED:

- A. To note that at the end of Quarter 3 (31st December 2020), the full year revenue forecast is a potential overspend of £0.838m;
- B. To consider the impact of this on the Council's General Fund balance.
- C. To approve that Shropshire Council acts as accountable body for the Leisure Recovery Fund.

231 Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services explained the purpose of report.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet approves, with any necessary modifications, the proposed Table of Fares for the whole administrative area of Shropshire Council, as set out in Appendix A, and agrees that it will come into effect from 1 April 2021.

232 Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report

The Portfolio Holder for Organisational Transformation and Digital Infrastructure introduced the report and highlighted areas of particular interest in each of the key outcome areas.

RESOLVED:

To consider the emerging issues in the report and review the performance portal and identify any

performance areas to consider in greater detail or refer to the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee

233 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:

that in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council’s Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item.

234 Shrewsbury Pitch and Putt

The report was introduced by the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Assets, Economic Growth and Regeneration.

RESOLVED

That the recommendation set out in the report be approved.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: