

## **EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in a virtual environment on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **Present:**

Councillors D Goodfellow (Chairman), G Allen, E W R Barker, R A Faulkner and B G Peters.

### **Officers Present:**

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan and Mark Rizk), the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Accountant (min no 81/20 only), the Corporate and Commercial Manager (min no 82/20 only), the Environment Manager (min no 84/20 only) and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Cabinet Support Members Councillors Mrs B Ashcroft and S McGarry.

## **PART II**

### 77/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

### 78/20 **MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor B G Peters		

### 79/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

80/20 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 was submitted for information.

**NOTED.**

81/20 **REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT – FINAL OUTTURN 2019/20**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the final outturn position in relation to the Council's revenue budget, capital programme of expenditure and treasury management activities was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A – Variances against budget at outturn 2019/20;
- Appendix B – Summary of Capital Expenditure against programme 2019/20;
- Appendix C – Investments at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020;
- Appendix D – Corporate and Strategic Risks.

Councillors noted that there was an under-spend against the Council's revenue budget of £23k for the full financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and that an overall under-spend has been achieved due to savings across a whole range of the Council's Services, with many of these savings already incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2020/21 onwards.

The reasons for making the decision below were set out in the report.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That, in relation to the revenue outturn, the revenue outturn position for 2019/20 be noted;
- 2) That, in relation to the revenue outturn, the carry forward request (£6k) outlined in paragraph 4.5 of the report be approved;
- 3) That, in relation to the revenue outturn, the remaining sum (£17k) be transferred to reserves.
- 4) That, in relation to the Capital Outturn, the capital outturn position for 2019/20 be noted;
- 5) That, in relation to the Capital Outturn, the budgets for outstanding projects from 2019/20 totaling £2.547m to be carried forward to 2020/21 (Para. 6.2 of the report refers) be approved;
- 6) That the position in relation to the council's investments and borrowings as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 (Section 5 of the report refers) be noted;

- 7) That the position in respect of the Council's general balances and earmarked reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 (Para.2.7 of the report refers) be noted;
- 8) That the draft outturn position in relation to the Business Rates Retention Scheme for 2019/20, and the subsequent set aside to reserves (Section 7 of the report refers) be noted;
- 9) The significant risks facing the authority and associated mitigations or control measures in place, as outlined within Appendix D of the report be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor B G Peters		

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## **CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20 END OF YEAR**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the progress at the end of the 2019/20 financial year towards achieving the priorities set out in East Staffordshire Borough Council's Corporate Plan was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Contains comprehensive data on all Corporate Indicators;
- Appendix 2: List of targets in the 2020/21 Corporate Plan which may require reconsidering as a result of the Coronavirus situation.

Councillors noted that out of the 109 targets 97 were green status 3 were amber status; 6 were red status; 2 had been deferred and 1 had previously been deleted and of the 106 live targets, 91.51% were green status; 2.83% were amber status and 5.66% were red status.

The reasons for making the decision below were set out in the report.

It was proposed and duly seconded that:

- 1) Performance at the end of the 2019/20 financial year towards achieving the Council's Corporate Priorities be considered;
- 2) That target setting for CR04, CR05, VFM19, VFM21 and VFM22 be deferred until after the Quarter 1 outturn, given the exceptional circumstances;

- 3) That the potential impact of the coronavirus situation on the Corporate Plan targets for 2020/21 listed in Appendix 2 be considered;
- 4) That Corporate Plan Targets VFM14, VFM16 and VFM 37a be amended from Amber to Red to reflect the end of year position.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor B G Peters		

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### **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### **Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.