

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in a virtual environment on Monday 15th February 2021.

Present:

Councillors D Goodfellow (Chairman), G Allen, Mrs B Ashcroft, 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 140/21 only), the Corporate and Commercial Manager (min nos 145/21-147/21 inclusive), the Environment Manager (min nos 148/21 – 149/21 inclusive), the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader (Min no 146/21 only) and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Cabinet Support Members Councillors S McGarry and M Metcalfe.

Councillor P Hudson (min no 145/21 only); Councillor A Clarke and Councillor G Lamb (Min No 146/21 only)

PART 1

140/21 **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2021/22-2023/24**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period covering 2021/22 to 2023/24 was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A: Detailed Budget Summary 2021/22 – 2022/23;
- Appendix B: Reserves Forecast;
- Appendix C: Asset Management and Capital Strategy 2021/22.

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

Recommended to Council:

That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24 be approved, which includes the revenue budget, capital programme, rolling forward of the council tax support scheme for 2021/22 and the asset management and capital strategy; and that the level and appropriateness of reserves be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
D Goodfellow		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
B G Peters		

PART II

141/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

142/21 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2020 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
D Goodfellow		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
B G Peters		

143/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

144/21 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1st February 2021 to 31st May 2021 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

145/21 **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF DIGITAL SERVICES**

The report of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee on the review of Digital Services was considered. Appendix 1: Benchmarking had been circulated with the report.

Councillor P Hudson (Chairman of the Scrutiny Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee presented the report.

Cabinet noted that Councillor M Metcalfe had been involved in this review prior to his appointment as Cabinet Support member.

Resolved:

That the report and recommendations be accepted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
D Goodfellow		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
B G Peters		

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SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE SERVICES PROVISION

The report of the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee on their review of Sports Development and Leisure Services Provision was considered.

Councillor G Lamb (Lead Councillor for this review) presented the report.

Cabinet noted that Councillor M Metcalfe had been involved in this review prior to his appointment as Cabinet Support member.

Resolved:

That the report and recommendations be accepted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
D Goodfellow		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
B G Peters		

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE (FEBRUARY 2021)

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the latest situation and associated response in East Staffordshire by the Council and its partners to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic was considered.

Cabinet noted that the report included a backwards looking review of recent response activities considering all relevant aspects of the response including considerations regarding: People & Processes; Service Changes & Communications; Community & Partners and Finances and that throughout the response to the COVID-19 situation, critical services had continued.

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

Resolved:

That the update detailed within the report be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
D Goodfellow		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
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.

