

## **EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **Present:**

Councillors D Goodfellow (Chairman), G Allen, Mrs B Ashcroft, R A Faulkner and B G Peters.

### **Officers Present:**

The Chief Executive, the Head of Service (Mark Rizk), the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Accountant, the Communities and Open Spaces Manager, the Planning Manager and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

### **Also Present:**

Cabinet Support Member Councillor M Metcalfe.

An apology for absence was received from Cabinet Support Member Councillor S Sankey.

## **PART II**

### 189/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### 190/21 **MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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

### 191/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

### 192/21 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 was submitted for information.

**NOTED.**

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**S106 PRIORITISATION REPORT AND S106 MONITORING**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the approach to prioritising S106 in those cases where there would be limited viability and full contributions could not be achieved and the outcome of investigations into whether a S106 monitoring fee could be sought was considered. Appendix 1 – S106 Commentary and Prioritisation had been circulated with the report.

Cabinet noted that the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document adopted in 2019 did not offer support for decision makers where viability was in question and not all contributions could be delivered. The report provided guidance for decision makers in such situations, taking into account delivery of the Local Plan and associated policy, changes to national planning policy and guidance, as well as experiences in securing S106 since the Local Plan was adopted. No changes to current S106 requirements had been proposed, other than the introduction of a monitoring fee. The Council did not currently seek a fee to monitor S106 agreements, however this task could take a substantial amount of officer time. The Government had allowed for monitoring fees to be introduced in 2021 and the report proposed that a monitoring fee could be sought for S106, presenting options for how such a fee could be calculated based on planning guidance and Community Infrastructure Levy regulations.

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

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the guidance be adopted to use in planning application decision making;
- 2) That a S106 monitoring fee on future S106 be requested, subject to a separate consideration on various options for calculating the fee.

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**APP BASED PARKING PAYMENTS: YEAR 1 REVIEW**

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the first year review of the app-based payment services introduced in June 2020 was considered.

Cabinet noted that app-based parking options went live in East Staffordshire in June 2021, with the re-introduction of parking charges at the end of lockdown one and that figures for the take up of the app and visitor usage had been also heavily influenced by further lockdowns and the ongoing constraints imposed as a result of the global pandemic. Nonetheless, numbers of users were positive and the percentage of transactions against traditional ticket sales had been edging towards the estimated 20% conversion rate. Cabinet noted that, in contrast to traditional ticket machines, the app had had very few faults/outages.

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

**Resolved:**

That the contents of the report be noted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion Councillor</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
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Mrs B Ashcroft		
R A Faulkner		
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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.