

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 9th May 2022.

Present:

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

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan, Mark Rizk and Tom Deery), the Monitoring Officer, the Environmental Health Manager and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Cabinet Support Member Councillor M Metcalfe.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S. Sankey.

PART II

263/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

264/22 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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

265/22 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

266/22 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period 1st May 2022 to 31st August 2022 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

SELECTIVE LICENSING SCHEME DESIGNATION

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the feedback following the selective licensing consultation on the proposed extension and expansion of selective licensing and recommendations for a selective licensing designation within East Staffordshire was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Selective Licensing Consultation Response;
- Appendix 2: Selective Licensing Policy;
- Appendix 3: Equality and Health Impact Assessment.

- 1.1. Cabinet noted that since the start of the Selective Licensing Scheme 359 licences had been granted and 64% of inspections had identified hazards, with 35 properties found to be unsatisfactory and 227 properties requiring improvement. In January 2020 a consultation commenced on the future expansion of the scheme, to address high concentrations of poor property conditions in specified streets within Anglesey, Burton, Eton Park and Shobnall wards. It was noted that the current selective licensing scheme was due to end on 11th September 2022 and a consultation was launched in January 2022 (concluding on 20th March 2022) to consider whether the scheme should be extended for a further 5 years. The feedback provided useful information detailing the issues that residents and tenants experienced including poor property conditions, poor management, ASB and fly tipping.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That the extensive efforts and findings of consultation work undertaken during January – March 2020 and 2022 be considered and noted;
- 2) That the designation of a selective licensing scheme for the following streets; Blackpool Street, Branston Road, Broadway Street, Goodman Street, King Street, Queen Street, Shobnall Street, Uxbridge Street and Waterloo Street be approved;
- 3) That the revised Selective Licensing Policy and recruitment of 2 FTE Selective Licensing Officers, temporary for 2 years in line with income be approved.

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Chairman