

DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Meeting - 19 June 2019

Present: Philip Atkins, OBE (Chairman), Mark Deaville, Helen Fisher, Gill Heath, Mike Sutherland, Mark Sutton, Alan White, Philip White and Mark Winnington.

Cabinet Support Members in attendance: Gill Burnett, Bryan Jones, Jonathan Price and Conor Wileman.

Also in attendance - Susan Woodward.

PART ONE

1. Decision notice of the meeting held on 15 May 2019

Decision – That the notes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 be approved.

2. Leader's Update

Decision – That the oral report of the Leader of the Council giving an update on a range of issues including the Queen's Birthday Honours this month recognising the contribution of people in Staffordshire; the launch of the Council's #DoingOurBit campaign and the new People Helping People Fund; the success of the Ironman 70.3 Staffordshire event earlier this month; and the launch of Staffordshire Warmer Homes which will see the Council working in partnership with E.ON and our district and borough councils to install central heating systems in homes across the county; be noted.

3. Minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 5 June 2019

Decision – That the minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 5 June 2019 be received.

4. Adult Learning Disability Community Offer 2022 Programme



"In January 2019, we undertook extensive consultation with people with a learning disability and autism, asking them their opinions about the options for building based day services as part of our Adult Learning Disability Community Offer. We wanted their opinions on what currently works, and how services could potentially work in the future.

More than 300 people responded and, from the feedback we gained, it became clear that our community offer needs to change so they are fit for the future.

We want to redesign the day services the council provides for people with complex needs and work better with the independent marketplace, so we can ensure people's

	<p>eligible care and support needs are being met. This means looking at the number of options available to us to design services that really make a difference to people’s lives, helps them achieve the independence they have told us they want, and prevents the need for long-term reliance on social care services.”</p> <p>Alan White, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health Care and Wellbeing</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider the outcome of the consultation with people with a learning disability and autism on the options for building based day services, as part of our Adult Learning Disability Community Offer.

Decision – (a) That in respect of Building Based Day Opportunities:

- (i) The proposed options and outcome of further engagement for building based day opportunities for adults with a learning disability and / or autism be noted.
- (ii) The redesign of day services for people with complex needs directly provided by the Council, ensuring they are consistent with peoples assessed eligible care and support needs, be agreed.
- (iii) The development of a contracting arrangement under the Light Touch Regime (in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015) for building based day services commissioned from the independent market be approved, and that the decision to proceed with these contracting mechanisms be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing in conjunction with the Director of Health and Care and the Director of Corporate Services.
- (iv) The development of a pricing strategy for the purchase of building based day services commissioned from the independent market (including a period of engagement with key stakeholders as appropriate) be approved, and that the decision to introduce a pricing strategy be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing in conjunction with the Director of Health and Care and the Director of Corporate Services.

(b) That, in respect of all Learning Disability Services directly provided by the Council:

- (i) The development of an evidence based options appraisal to consider the future operating model of all Learning Disability services currently directly provided by the Council be approved.
- (ii) The evidence based options appraisal be presented to Cabinet in September 2019.

5. Contract for the Supply of Electricity and Associated Services

	<p>“With careful forward planning and by joining forces with other local authorities to increase our purchasing power, the county council is committed to obtaining best value for money for our taxpayers and those organisations which rely upon us.</p> <p>Entering this contract will give us both the certainty of fixed costs that can be chosen at the optimum time, and the flexibility to take advantage of decreasing costs.”</p> <p>Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Commercial</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To seek approval for procurement direction and contract award for the period 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2023 for the supply of electricity.

Decision – That the Council enters into an agreement with Npower for the supply of electricity through the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation framework for the period of 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2023.

6. Development of Council Owned Older People's Nursing Homes

	<p>“Supporting an increasing ageing population care is an issue for the whole country, but particularly impacts on larger counties like Staffordshire. We estimate that by 2039 there will be an extra 50,000 people aged 75 or over, and the cost of care for these people is soaring.</p> <p>Putting ourselves in the care market and increasing nursing home capacity will mean we can offer good quality, cost-effective placements to meet the assessed eligible social care needs of people in Staffordshire. An initial investment of £1.2 million to refurbish the former Hillfield site, as well as a proposal to build two new nursing homes in the areas of highest demand, will see the county council developing high-care environments which maximises the use of advances in technology to support the needs of residents.</p> <p>With the number of nursing homes decreasing in the county, and prices rising for existing placements, we have to ensure there are enough good-quality places available that meet demand and represent the best use of taxpayer’s money.</p> <p>However, we have also been clear that there needs to be a national debate on how we manage and fund care as a country, to ensure we can keep giving care to those that</p>
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	<p>need it.”</p> <p>Alan White, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider proposals to seek to increase nursing home capacity through Council owned nursing homes for older people to be operated either by a Local Authority Trading Company or an external care provider.

Decision – (a) That the principle of Council owned older people’s nursing homes to be operated either by an external care provider or a Council owned Local Authority Trading Company, that will provide additional nursing home beds in Staffordshire, be agreed.

(b) That authority be delegated to the Director of Health and Care, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Well-being, to award a contract to provide the service through an appropriate procurement process to an external care provider or to a Council owned Local Authority Trading Company.

(c) That works be commenced on the Hillfield site in Burton Upon Trent to allow mobilisation of the first 38 nursing home beds by 2020/21 and a capital allocation of £1m up to a maximum of £1.2m be approved.

(d) That a Business Case be developed to build two new nursing homes with around an additional 120 beds by 2023/24, either as stand-alone homes or as part of ‘campus style’ developments with NHS facilities, and be presented to Cabinet in September 2019.

(e) That the development of a business case and exploration of sites to build further nursing home capacity, either as stand-alone care homes or as part of ‘campus style’ developments with NHS facilities, be endorsed.

7. Domestic Abuse Tri-Partite Agreements

	<p>“A joined-up approach across partners is key to both supporting victims of domestic abuse and tackling the root cause of it across Staffordshire.</p> <p>This agreement now sets out our commitment to work with partners on this important issue for up to the next five years.”</p> <p>Gill Heath, Cabinet Member for Communities</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To seek approval to the signing by the County Council of two Domestic Abuse Tri-Partite Funding Agreements, one in respect of the provision of Domestic Abuse Services for Victims and one in respect of the provision of Domestic Abuse Services for Perpetrators, across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent for a period of up to five years to 30 September 2023.

Decision – That the signing by the County Council of two Domestic Abuse Tri-Partite Funding Agreements, one in respect of the provision of Domestic Abuse Services for Victims and one in respect of the provision of Domestic Abuse Services for Perpetrators, across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent for a period of up to five years to 30 September 2023, at a total cost to the County Council of £3 million over the full five year period, be agreed.

8. Final Outturn Report for 2018/19



“The county council’s priority remains to support a thriving economy with opportunities for better paid jobs and enable people to live healthy and independent lives for as long as possible.

Over the last year we have seen continued investment in our county with new homes and businesses. Together with our partners we are ensuring people can improve skills they need for new employment opportunities.

We also face huge financial pressures from the cost of social care. In the past decade we have continued to care for our most vulnerable while seeing the spending on both vulnerable adults and children in our care soar by £100m from a growing ageing population, well aware that these pressures will continue to increase until a national solution is found.

Meanwhile we continue to invest through our capital programme in the things that matter to Staffordshire people – infrastructure, schools, roads and the foundations for job creation.”

Philip Atkins OBE, Leader of the Council



“It is encouraging that over the course of the year we have managed to improve our financial position which is essential as we progress through the current year.

Like councils up and down the country we are managing the constant increased pressures and continuous demand for both our adult services and children’s services. We therefore introduced spending controls early on across county council operations while ensuring we protected vulnerable people in Staffordshire.

As a responsible authority we must live within our means. This includes maintaining levels of our reserves to respond to any sudden changes in the economy.

	<p>Of course, we will need to make some difficult decisions in the future to meet the challenges ahead. People can be assured that we will make every pound we spend count for our residents and businesses.”</p> <p>Mike Sutherland, Cabinet Member for Finance</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider the final financial outturn position of the county council, including delivery of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Decision – (a) That the final outturn position, which is an underspend of £2.222m on portfolio budgets with the Contingency budget remaining unspent giving a total underspend of £3.562m, be noted.

- (c) That the carrying forward of £3.5m of the Health and Care underspend, in order to fund adult social care pressures in 2019/20, be approved.
- (d) ©That the capital financing arrangements, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, including the capitalisation of transformational revenue expenditure, be approved.

9. Decisions taken by Cabinet Members under Delegated Powers

Decision – That the following decisions taken by Cabinet Members under delegated powers be noted:

Cabinet Member	Decision
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	In approving the publication of the Staffordshire Freight Strategy.

10. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 17 July to 20 November 2019, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

Subject Matter	Contact
Infrastructure Plus Contract Performance	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Pyramid Project – Step Down from Residential to Fostering	Name: Deborah Ramsdale Tel: (01785) 278062
Variation of Section 75 Agreement with Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Name: Amanda Stringer Tel: (01785) 895170
HS2 Phase 2a Qualifying Authority	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522
Adoption of Revised Statement of Community Involvement	Name: Anthony Hodge Tel: (01785) 277204

Business Case for Council Owned New Build Care Homes with Nursing	Name: Helen Trousdale Tel: (01785) 277008
Waste Disposal Arrangements in the North of Staffordshire from 2025	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522

**Philip Atkins OBE
Leader of the Council**