

DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Meeting - 18 March 2020

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

Cabinet Support Members in attendance: Bryan Jones and Jonathan Price

Also in attendance: Charlotte Atkins.

Apologies for absence: Gill Burnett, Gill Heath, Mike Sutherland and Conor Wileman.

PART ONE

110. Decision notice of the meeting held on 19 February 2020

Decision – That the notes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020 be approved.

111. Leader's Update

Decision – That the oral report of the Leader of the Council giving an update on a range of issues including the Council's response to the rapid spread of the coronavirus; the first Budget of the new Government and the need for the Council to see how it can access these sources of funding; the Council's spending on the County's highways which, over the last 10 years, has seen an investment of an extra £65 million; more than 96 per cent of the county now having access to Superfast Broadband; and the launch of the 'Plastic Bottles: Recycle One and All' campaign; be noted.

112. Minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 4 March 2020

Decision – That the minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 4 March 2020 be received.

113. Award of the Construction Project Framework Agreements (REF IA1585 and IA2060)



“Our new framework agreements for the procurement of construction projects will ensure we can continue to achieve the best value for money for our residents.

This will enable us to carry out new build works, alterations, extensions, refurbishment and fit-outs to county council-owned buildings. These will mainly be schools, academies and education projects and occasionally corporate estate construction and refurbishment.”

Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Commercial

Reasons for the Decision – To approve the full procurement process to secure and manage the two Framework Agreements for Construction Projects.

Decision – (a) That the Council commences and concludes its regulated procurements in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for the IA1585 Framework Agreement for Construction Projects (modern-methods of construction ‘traditional’ build) and for IA2060 Framework Agreement for Construction Projects (modern-methods of construction ‘modular’ build), in readiness for agreement commencements of, no later than, 1 December 2020;

(b) That following the conclusion of the procurement, Cabinet delegates authority for the Director of Corporate Services to approve:

- i. both Framework Agreements to be awarded and entered with the successful tenderers to both Framework Agreements; and
- ii. all subsequent call-off contracts under both Framework Agreements to be awarded and entered into with the successful providers under these Framework Agreements;
- iii. any novation of both Framework Agreements and call-off contracts to new providers or variations to the terms of both Framework Agreements or call-off contracts, in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015; and
- iv. the 1-year extension to both Framework Agreements in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreements (if applicable).

114. Keeping Staffordshire Moving - Highway Permit Scheme

	<p>“We have bold, ambitious plans for Staffordshire, and it is hugely important to local communities, businesses and transport services that we ‘Keep Staffordshire Moving’.</p> <p>“Through the introduction of a permit scheme for activities on the highway network, we will have greater control over works, enabling: the promotion of better working practices; improved coordination and quality of works; better informed residents and highway users; and reduced impact whilst essential works to the highway or utility apparatus is taking place.”</p> <p>Helen Fisher, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider the introduction of a permit scheme which will enable the authority to grant permits to works promoters to undertake works on the highway and which will provide greater control over those works.

Decision – That the authority:

- (i) Implements a Street Works Permit Scheme for Staffordshire under the Traffic Management Act 2004 in April 2020;

Adopts the common set of scheme conditions developed for the West and Shire Permit authorities.

115. Renewal of the Contract for the Provision of Agency Workers

	<p>“The County Council is committed to reducing reliance on agency staff wherever possible, but when it is necessary to call on them we expect an efficient, cost-effective service which provides the right people at the right time.</p> <p>This contract continues that provision and gives the council the flexibility it needs, while providing small local businesses with an opportunity to supply services.”</p> <p>Philip White, Cabinet Member for Learning and Employability</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To recontract for the supply of agency workers to the County Council to provide cover for vital frontline services.

Decision – That the County Council awards and enters into a 2 +1+1 year call-off contract from Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) framework agreement 653F – Managed Services for Temporary Agency Resources (MSTAR3) with Comensura Limited (‘Comensura’).

116. Staffordshire Autism Joint Implementation Plan 2020-2023

	<p>“As part of our All-Age Disability Strategy, we want to develop a new approach to how we support people with Autism, along with our partners in the CCGs. By engaging with service users, their families and carers, we are able to design services that will really make a difference to people’s lives, help them achieve the independence they have told us they want, and prevent 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>
	<p>“We want to help as many people, including young people, as possible with Autism to maximise their opportunities and live fulfilling lives. The Joint Implementation plan will encourage all services and organisations to ‘think autism’ and increase the resilience of individuals and communities so we can focus our resources on those who are most in need of support”.</p> <p>Mark Sutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p>

Reasons for the Decision – The Autism Act (2009) places a duty on all Local Authorities to produce an Autism Strategy.

Decision – (a) That the Staffordshire Autism Joint Implementation Plan 2020-2023 be endorsed and that authority for final approval be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

(b) That implementation of the Plan be supported and that it be used to inform future planning and commissioning of services.

117. 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 that the route of the Castlefields Link Road, Stafford be abandoned and no longer shown on land searches and for the previously affected properties to be considered for disposal.
Cabinet Member for Learning and Employability	Approval to determining the admission arrangements for the community and voluntary schools for which the County Council is the admission authority and to the adoption of a coordinated admissions scheme.

118. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 18 March to 15 July 2020, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

Subject Matter	Contact
Integrated Performance Report 2019/20 - Quarter 4	Name: Andrew Donaldson/ Rob Salmon Tel: (01785) 276354/ 278399
Schools Capital Programme 2020-21	Name: Ian Turner Tel: (01785) 277228
Executive Responses to All Party Working Groups Recommendations on Isolation and Aspiration	Name: Andrew Donaldson Tel: (01785) 278399
Highways and Transport Capital Programme 2020/21	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Construction Contract Award: i54 Western Extension - Phase 2	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Children's and Families (including SEND) System Transformation	Name: Janene Cox Tel: (01785) 278368
North Staffordshire Ministerial Direction for Nitrogen Dioxide - Project Update	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522

Staffordshire County Council's Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism	Name: John Tradewell Tel: (01785) 276102
Waste Disposal Arrangements in the North of Staffordshire from 2025	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522
South Staffordshire Growth Agreement - Project Update	Name: Anthony Hodge Tel: (01785) 277204
Mitigation Plans for Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation	Name: Janene Cox Tel: (01785) 278368
Final Financial Outturn Report for 2019/20	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785) 854455
Nexus Trading Services Limited - Annual Report 2019/2020	Name: Dr Richard Harling Tel: (01785) 278700
Treasury Management report for the year ended 31 March 2020	Name: Rob Salmon Tel: (01785) 276354

**Philip Atkins OBE
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