

DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet meeting - 21 June 2017

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

Cabinet Support Members in attendance: Helen Fisher, Mike Sutherland and Philip White.

Also in attendance - Susan Woodward.

Apologies for absence: Ian Parry

PART ONE

1. Decision notice of the meeting held on 19 April 2017

Decision – That the notes of the meeting held on 19 April 2017 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 tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in London and the commencement this week of formal Brexit negotiations be noted.

3. Final Financial Outturn Report 2016/17



“This year we have seen both rewarding and challenging times go hand in hand, with the county council working hard to both grow the economy and improve the lives of Staffordshire families further against a backdrop of reducing budgets and increasing pressures in Adult Social Care.”

Philip Atkins, Leader of the County Council.



“By identifying the challenges early and taking positive steps to address them, including introducing spending controls across the county council, we have managed to reduce the projected final overspend by almost a half in the final quarter to £4.68 million.

This represents less than one per cent of the council’s overall budget and is a testament to the huge efforts made to manage the budget so effectively in such challenging circumstances.”

Ian Parry, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Finance and Corporate Issues

Reasons for the Decision – To inform the Cabinet of the final financial outturn position of the county council, including delivery of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, at the end of 2016/17.

Decision – (a) That the final outturn position, which is an overspend of £4.688m, be noted.

(b) That the capital financing arrangements, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, including the capitalisation of transformational revenue expenditure, be approved.

4. **Staffordshire Youth Offending Service Review**

	<p>“We are incredibly proud of our Youth Offending Service and in June 2016, HM Chief Inspector of Probation recognised ours as one of the most effective Youth Just Services in England and Wales, by awarding it 22 stars out of a potential 24 following an inspection.</p> <p>As a reflection of the success the figures have fallen by over a third over the past three years. So we now need to look at how we can best shape the service to best meet Staffordshire’s changing needs.”</p> <p>Mark Sutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To seek the approval of Cabinet in respect of proposals to review the Staffordshire Youth Offending Service (SYOS), which includes a full review of the current SYOS delivery model.

Decision – (a) That the exceptional performance of SYOS, as highlighted in a recent report published by HM Chief Inspector of Probation, be noted.

(b) That it be noted that the number of children and young people supervised by SYOS has decreased over the last three years.

(c) That the need to review SYOS, in respect of the decreasing caseloads, be acknowledged and permission be granted to move forward to commence consultation with recognised Trade Unions.

(d) That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to take key decisions in relation to the review of SYOS.

5. Children's and Families System Transformation



“We want Staffordshire children to have the best possible start in life, to grow up in safe, loving homes. Through innovation and closer working with other organisations, the county council has helped deliver real results for families and children in Staffordshire in recent years. More children are starting school ready to learn and thrive, the number of children in care is reducing and our Children’s Services – rated good by Ofsted – are among the best anywhere in the country.

But we want to do more, to help more families manage the problems that come their way, to keep children safe, and to reduce the numbers of children in care. Our vision is to transform the way we work with families and children, providing the most effective help when it is needed and increasing support available from and in the community.

We will always take immediate action if a child is at risk. This new approach will create more stable, supportive homes for our children, reducing the need for our help, and allowing us to target specialist support where it really makes a difference.”

Mark Sutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Reasons for the Decision – To consider a process of change to reorganise children’s services in Staffordshire.

Decision – (a) That the principles that underpin the Children’s and Families’ Transformation Programme be agreed.

(b) That the proposed changes to the operating model and associated working practices be agreed.

(c) That the implementation of system change be agreed.

6. Primary Alternative Education Provision

	<p>“A good education is essential to a child’s chances of doing well later in later years: getting a good job, being financially independent and living a healthy, happy life.</p> <p>We work with schools a great deal on prevention and keeping pupils in the classroom, but if a pupil is at the verge of exclusion or when a school excludes a child, for whatever reason, the earlier we can help that child with high quality support, the greater the chance they have of going on to fulfil their potential.</p> <p>This initiative has been supported by schools in Lichfield and Cannock Chase as it improves education provision in these areas and is the first of several similar initiatives across the county.”</p> <p>Mark Sutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To seek the Cabinet’s approval to change the age range of the Lichfield 11-16 Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), known as The Bridge, to a 5-16 alternative provision.

Decision – That the Bridge Short Stay School (DfE no: 860/1105) age range be changed from 11- 16 to 5-16 from September 2017.

7. Better Care Fund and Adult Social Care Grant

	<p>“Funding the care of a growing ageing population continues to be extremely challenging and we are pleased that the Government has recognised this by providing additional funding to allow us to protect adult social care support.</p> <p>It is important to remember too that this extra funding is time limited and that it is more important than ever that people keep themselves healthy and independent and plan for their later years.”</p> <p>Alan White, Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – The Council is working with the Clinical Commissioning Groups to develop and agree Staffordshire’s Better Care Fund Plan which is to be submitted to NHS England and will describe how it will contribute to meeting key outcomes, in the context of their Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs), and how the money will be spent.

Decision – (a) That the Policy Framework and guidance for the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2017- 19 be noted.

(b) That it be noted that the Council is working with our Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to develop and agree Staffordshire’s BCF Plan and that the Health and Well-being Board has delegated authority to the co-chairs, including the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Well-being, to sign off and submit the Plan.

(c) That the expenditure of the Improved Better Care Fund additional grant to support adult social care be approved, subject to minor amendments and agreement with the CCGs.

8. 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
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Matters	In approving the transfer of the County Council owned car park near to the Assembly Rooms in Tamworth into the ownership of Tamworth Borough Council.
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Matters	In approving proposals relating to the purchase of land in Lichfield for a new Dementia Centre.
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Matters	In approving the sale and ground treatment grant investment in respect of Kingswood Lakeside Zone 'A' (Eastern).

9. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 19 July to 15 November 2017, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

Subject Matter	Contact
Quarter 1, 2017/18 Performance Report	Name: Lauren Jackson Tel: (01785) 854561
First Quarter Budget Monitoring Report	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785) 854455
Treasury Management Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2017	Name: Johirul Alam Tel: (01785) 276011
Public Analyst and Scientific Services	Name: Sophie Wainwright Tel: (01785) 278407
Economic Growth Programme – Capital Projects Next Steps	Name: Steve Burrows Tel: (01785) 277204

Staffordshire Transforming Care Partnership Financial Update	Name: Nicola Glover-Edge Tel: (01785) 895186
Countryside Estate Review	Name: Janene Cox Tel: (01785) 278368
Second Quarter Budget Monitoring Report	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785) 854455
Quarter 2, 2017/18 Performance Report	Name: Lauren Jackson Tel: (01785) 854561
Treasury Management Report for the half-year ended 30 September 2017	Name: Johirul Alam Tel: (01785) 276011

10. Exclusion of the Public

Decision – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of Local Government Act 1972 indicated below.

PART TWO

11. Nexus Business Case (Exemption paragraph 3)

The recommendations contained in the report were agreed.

Philip Atkins
Leader of the County Council