

DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Meeting - 17 July 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

11. Decision notice of the meeting held on 19 June 2019

Decision – That the notes of the meeting held on 19 June 2019 be approved.

12. Leader's Update

Decision – That the oral report of the Leader of the Council giving an update on a range of issues including The sad loss of Carl Storer, a 21-year-old young man who sadly lost his life as he attempted to rescue a young girl at Chasewater and the need for parents to remind their children of the dangers of swimming in open water; the ongoing work of the Council's highways crews in tackling pothole repairs across the county; the launch of the Staffordshire Warm Homes Fund, which could see eligible people benefit from the installation of gas central heating in their homes for free; the major reductions made to Delays in Transfer of Care; the new People Helping People Fund which promotes health and wellbeing; the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing; the Council's "Doing Our Bit" campaign encouraging people to help themselves, their families, their friends and their neighbours; and the recent Dignity in Care awards which highlighted inspirational stories of people making a real difference to the lives of the more vulnerable people in our communities; be noted.

13. Minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 1 July 2019

Decision – That the minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 1 July 2019 be received.

14. Integrated Performance Report Outturn 2018/19 and Quarter 1, 2019/20

	<p>“We have had a difficult year over the course of 2018/19 while managing the mounting pressures of social care costs. Our 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.</p> <p>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</p>
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they need for new employment opportunities.

We also faced huge financial pressures from the cost of social care and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. 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 financial solution is found.

We face huge financial challenges this year and in the next five which we have carefully planned for as part of our medium-term financial strategy. We will need to make some difficult decisions in the future to meet these challenges and anticipate making savings which will total over £60million a year by the end of this period.

“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.

“Already in quarter one of the new financial year we have made a decision to invest in new care homes to meet rising demand, launched our Staffordshire Warmer Homes scheme to enable people to access central heating and see the start of works at Liberty Park in Lichfield – a key employment site for us.”

Philip Atkins OBE, Leader of the Council



“It is encouraging that over the course of the year we 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.

We have planned savings which will total over £60million per year which of course will come with risks.

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>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 an overview of Staffordshire County Council’s progress, performance and financial position in delivering against its Strategic Plan and Delivery Plan.

Decision – That the report be received.

15. Burton upon Trent Regeneration Strategy

	<p>“We are working closely with East Staffordshire Borough Council to regenerate Burton and enhance what is already a vibrant town. We are also soon to begin works to renovate the forecourt area of the station.</p> <p>There are many assets as outlined in the strategy and it is important we make the very best of these as we take the town forward. While retaining and protecting Burton’s historic features is important, we want to ensure it is a modern and attractive town which will bring in new residents, visitors and businesses.</p> <p>Some of the work we are already doing echoes the report recommendations and the rest of the strategy gives us some direction as to how we progress in the future with our partners.”</p> <p>Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider the Burton-upon-Trent Regeneration Strategy which sets out options for the improvement and future proofing of the town of Burton upon Trent; both as a centre for people to visit and shop, and a place for people to live and work to create a “Better, Brighter Burton in the future”.

Decision – (a) That the findings contained within the Burton upon Trent Regeneration Strategy, be noted.

(b) That support be given to the further exploration and implementation of the recommendations contained within the report through the Burton Town Regeneration Board.

16. Staffordshire Response to the Local Area Review - Written Statement of Action

	<p>“The last five years have seen the number of children with a special educational need or disability in Staffordshire increase by a third to more than 15,800. This rise reflects what is happening elsewhere in the country and while we have made progress in keeping up with the demands of this increase, without a corresponding increase in government funding, we are one of many authorities now asked to advance the rate of improvement.</p> <p>Now we must focus on working with health services, schools and parents to do more so that all children and young people with special educational needs are able to reach their full potential.</p> <p>Our detailed, practical plan on how we can achieve this has been endorsed by Ofsted and the CQC and we are determined to deliver its objectives.”</p> <p>Mark Sutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider the Written Statement of Action which sets out how Staffordshire County Council and NHS Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups will work together with partners, parents/carers and young people and with school leaders, to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

Decision – That the content of the Local Area Written Statement of Action be noted.

17. HS2 Phase 2a Qualifying Authority Process

	<p>“From the outset as a county council we have pledged to get the best deal for Staffordshire and our communities and have ensured that the county’s voice is heard by both Government and HS2 Limited at every stage.</p> <p>“While becoming a qualifying authority will still only provide us limited control on planning, we feel strongly that we need to be at the very least “at the table” to ensure we can continue to seize every opportunity to lessen the impact of construction and operation of the high speed project on Staffordshire.”</p> <p>Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider whether the County Council should become a Qualifying Authority for the construction of Phase 2a of the HS2 Hybrid Bill.

Decision – That the County Council becomes a Qualifying Authority for the construction of Phase 2a of the HS2 Hybrid Bill.

18. 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 changes to the Your Staffordshire Card Scheme which will bring the scheme to an end on 31 August 2019
Cabinet Member for Communities	In approving changes to the current contract and lease with Werrington Community Volunteer Group to enable the Group to secure Big Lottery Funding
Cabinet Member for Economic Growth	In approving the allocation of monies remaining in the Economic Development and Physical Asset Reserve towards the cost of developing an Outline Business Case which will set out the case for securing funding for a transformational upgrade of Cannock Railway Station in partnership with the West Midlands Rail Executive (WMRE), Network Rail, West Midlands Trains and Cannock Chase District Council.
Cabinet Member for Economic Growth	In approving the award of a project to Amey to construct a 0.9km length of new highway on the i54 site that will provide access to the western extension development.
Cabinet Member for Economic Growth	In approving the award of a project to McPhillips (Wellington) Limited for works on the A513 at Beaconside, Stafford.

19. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 21 August to 18 December 2019, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

Subject Matter	Contact
Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Adoption of Revised Statement of Community Involvement	Name: Anthony Hodge Tel: (01785) 277204
Treasury Management Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2019	Name: Melanie Stokes Tel: (01785) 276330
Infrastructure Plus Contract Performance	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
South Staffordshire Growth Agreement	Name: Andrew Donaldson Tel: (01785) 278399
Section 75 for Adult Social Care	Name: Amanda Stringer Tel(01785) 895170

Business Case for Council Owned New Build Care Homes with Nursing	Name: Helen Trousdale Tel: (01785) 277008
Adult Learning Disability 2022 Community Offer	Name: Andrew Jepps Tel: (01785) 278557
Shared Lives Service Recommission	Name: Andrew Jepps/ Andy Marriot Tel: (01785) 278557
Arrangements for the Provision of Reablement Services for Adults in Staffordshire	Name: Helen Trousdale Tel: (01785) 277008
Waste Disposal Arrangements in the North of Staffordshire from 2025	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522
Integrated Performance Report 2019/20 - Quarter 2	Name: Andrew Donaldson/ Robert Flinter/ Rob Salmon Tel: (01785) 278399/ 277090 / 276354
Adult Learning Disability 2022 Community Offer - Carers	Name: Andrew Jepps Tel: (01785) 278557
Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020 - 2025	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785)854455
Improving the Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People within Staffordshire	Name: Michael Harrison Tel: (01785) 278163
Arrangement for the Provision of Day Care Services for Adults in Staffordshire	Name: Helen Trousdale Tel: (01785) 277008

20. 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

21. Variation of Section 75 Agreement with Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

(Exemption paragraph 3)

Reasons for the Decision – To consider a variation to the existing Section 75 agreement with Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Decision – That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

Philip Atkins OBE
Leader of the County Council