

DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet meeting - 21 August 2019

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

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

Also in attendance: Ian Lawson (Local Member)

Apologies for absence: Gill Burnett, Helen Fisher and Alan White.

PART ONE

22. Decision notice of the meeting held on 17 July 2019

Decision – That the notes of the meeting held on 17 July 2019 be approved.

23. Leader's Update

Decision – That the oral report of the Leader of the Council giving an update on a range of issues including the opportunities for studying at colleges and universities in Staffordshire, or exploring vocational opportunities such as apprenticeships; last month's apprentice graduation where over 150 apprentices represented sectors varying from accounting to mechanical engineering; the commencement of work on the Stafford Western Access Road; and the Government's announcement that First Trenitalia will take on the running of the West Coast Mainline; be noted.

24. Minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 7 August 2019

Decision – That the minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 7 August 2019 be received.

25. Adoption of Revised Statement of Community Involvement



“The county council is committed to giving everyone the best opportunity to comment on planning decisions that might affect them. The Revised Statement of Community Involvement which we are adopting today updates the standards that we work to when we consult on planning matters.


It explains how people can have their say about our Minerals and Waste Local Plans, as well as planning applications for quarries, waste sites, roads and schools.”

Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth

Reasons for the Decision – To consider the County Council’s revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how the Council will consult with the public and other interested parties when developing the Minerals and Waste Local Plans and determining planning applications.

Decision – That the revised Statement of Community Involvement be adopted

26. Treasury Management Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	<p>“The UK economy faced an increasingly uncertain environment, as the risk of a no deal Brexit grew against a backdrop of slowing global economic growth. Consequently, the County Council retained its Treasury Management Policy of using internal cash balances instead of borrowing money. This has delivered significant savings for taxpayers, as the infrastructure to deliver more skilled, better-paid jobs is being funded at a lower cost.”</p>
<p>Mike Sutherland, Cabinet Member for Finance</p>	

Reasons for the Decision – To inform the Cabinet of the Council’s investment and borrowing activity during 2018/19 including both borrowing and investment decisions taken throughout the year in the light of the interest rates and economic conditions prevailing at the time.

Decision – (a) That the treasury management activities for the year ended 31 March 2019, including the Prudential Indicators outturn detailed in Appendix 4 to the report, be noted.

(b) That the use of the Minimum Revenue Provision at 31 March 2019, as set out in paragraphs 30 and 31 of the report, be approved.

(c) That it be noted that the current Annual Investment Strategy is considered prudent and sufficiently robust to meet any market challenges created by the UK’s decision to leave the European Union and that Officers will continue to monitor the position.

27. 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 Health, Care and Wellbeing	In approving that the Staffordshire County Council Adult Social Care and Safeguarding Lead post be merged with the Midland Partnership Foundation Trust Director of Adult Social Care post to create a single joint post.
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and	In approving the redesign of the Appointeeships service to include the implementation of Eligibility Criteria; Charging for Appointeeships; and Pre-paid cards.

Cabinet Member	Decision
Wellbeing	

28. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 18 September 2019 to 15 January 2020, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

Subject Matter	Contact
South Staffordshire Growth Agreement	Name: Andrew Donaldson Tel: (01785) 278399
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
Section 75 for Adult Social Care	Name: Amanda Stringer Tel: (01785) 895170
Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Infrastructure Plus Contract Performance	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Integrated Performance Report 2019/20 - Quarter 2	Name: Andrew Donaldson/ Robert Flinter/ Rob Salmon Tel: (01785) 278399/ 277090 / 276354
Property Strategy	Name: Ian Turner Tel: (01785) 277228
Schools Capital Programme 2019-20	Name: Ian Turner Tel: (01785) 277228
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
North Staffordshire Ministerial Direction for Nitrogen Dioxide - Project Update	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522
Treasury Management Report for the Half-Year Ended 30 September 2019	Name: Melanie Stokes Tel: (01785) 276330
Waste Disposal Arrangements in the North of Staffordshire from 2025	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522
Arrangement for the Provision of Day Care Services for Adults in Staffordshire	Name: Helen Trousdale Tel: (01785) 277008
Improving the Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People within Staffordshire	Name: Michael Harrison Tel: (01785) 278163

(Non-Treasury) Commercial Investment Strategy 2020/2021	Name: Melanie Stokes Tel: (01785) 276330
Treasury Management Strategy 2020/2021	Name: Melanie Stokes Tel: (01785) 276330

29. 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

30. Sale of Land at Former Meadows Special School Biddulph
(Exemption paragraph 3)

Reasons for the Decision – To consider the sale of surplus land at the former Meadows Special School site in Biddulph.

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

Philip Atkins OBE
Leader of the Council