

DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Meeting - 18 September 2019

Present: Philip Atkins, OBE (Chairman), Mark Deaville, Helen Fisher, 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: Charlotte Atkins and Bernard Williams (Local Member).

Apologies for absence: Gill Heath and Mike Sutherland.

PART ONE

31. Declarations of Interest in accordance with Standing Order 16

The following Members declared an interest in accordance with Standing Order 16.5:-

Member	Minute No.	Interest	Reason
Mark Deaville	37	Personal	Director of NEXUS
Mark Winnington	37	Personal	Director of NEXUS
Jonathan Price	37 and 43	Personal	Board Member of Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust

32. Decision notice of the meeting held on 21 August 2019

Decision – That the notes of the meeting held on 21 August 2019 be approved.

33. Leader's Update

Decision – That the oral report of the Leader of the Council giving an update on a range of issues including the Chancellor' announcement, earlier this month, that councils would receive more money for adult social care and additional funding for children with special educational needs next year; the financial challenges facing the County Council which requires it to make £62million of cost reductions over the next five years; economic success in recent weeks with new tenants at our Redhill Business Park outside Stafford; further progress at Keele University Science and Innovation Park where Innovation Centre Number 5, part-funded by the county council, is now fully occupied; and the contribution made by David Frost CBE who was to stand-down from his role as Chairman of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership; be noted.

34. Minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 4 September 2019

Decision – That the minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 4 September 2019 be received.

35. Adult Learning Disability 2022 Community Offer: The Future of Learning Disability Services directly provided by Staffordshire County Council

	<p>“After consultation with users, staff and carers, it is clear our services for adults with a learning disability need to change to ensure that they are sustainable.</p> <p>We have developed a series of recommendations to modernise these services so that they can continue to meet people’s needs now and in the future.</p> <p>The way we support people in the future needs to be about ability, not disability, about focussing on what people can do and building on these strengths so that they can live full and independent lives for as long as possible.”</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 for the delivery of services directly provided by the Council for adults with a learning disability and/or autism.

Decision – (a) That the commissioning of a Supported Living service (care and accommodation), from the independent market, to replace the residential service currently provided by the Council at Greenfields House in Staffordshire Moorlands be approved.

(b) That the commissioning of a Supported Living service (care only), from the independent market, to replace the care currently directly provided by the Council at Horninglow Bungalows in East Staffordshire be approved.

(c) That consultation with staff (and recognised Trade Unions) on the proposed changes for Greenfields House and Horninglow Bungalow be approved.

(d) That the revised Service Charter for the Complex Needs Day Services, including rebranding to “Staffordshire County Council Specialist Day Opportunities, be approved.

(e) That authority to implement any future changes to staffing and accommodation for Staffordshire County Council Specialist Day Opportunities be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing in consultation with Director for Health and Care; noting appropriate governance and approval for any changes deemed ‘substantive’ be considered and adhered to.

(f) That an extension to the contracts for two block-booked residential replacement care services at Woodland View and Silverbirch with the current provider until July 2020, be approved.

(g) That proposals for the remaining directly provided learning disability services and the long-term future of block-booked residential replacement care services be presented to Cabinet in October 2019.

36. Shared Lives Contract Recommission

	<p>“The Staffordshire Shared Lives Service can make a huge difference to people with assessed eligible social care needs, in some cases offering an alternative to residential care.</p> <p>By offering long and short-term placements in carers’ homes it provides the opportunity for people to live safe, healthy and independent lives in their own communities.</p> <p>The service was rated ‘Good’ across the board by the Care Quality Commission earlier this year and it is our intention to grow it in future years through better promotion, recruitment of more carers and by taking less time to match carer and individual.”</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 recommissioning of the Shared Lives service.

Decision – (a) That approval be given to the recommissioning of the Staffordshire Shared Lives service.

(b) That an appropriate tender process be carried out in order to identify a suitable provider who can offer a good quality service as well as value for money.

(c) That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Health and Care the authority to award a contract to a suitable provider.

(d) That if a suitable provider cannot be found through the tender process as per (b) above, the current Shared Lives service agreement be extended for a period of up to 6 months to enable the Council to consider its options for service provision.

(e) That if a suitable provider cannot be found through the tender process, then consideration be given for the service to be provided directly by the Council or through a Local Authority Trading Company following a due diligence process.

37. Arrangements for the Provision of Reablement Services for Adults in Staffordshire

Note by Clerk: Mark Deaville and Mark Winnington declared a personal interest in this matter as Directors of NEXUS and left the room during the consideration of the report and the decisions thereon. Jonathan Price also declared a personal interest in this matter as a Board Member of the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust and left the room during the consideration of the report and the decisions thereon.

	<p>“The provision of reablement services plays a crucial role in keeping people out of hospital in the first place, speeds up their discharge to prevent bed-blocking and reduces the need for long term care.</p> <p>Working with our partners we provide thousands of hours of care every week across the whole of Staffordshire and I am delighted that this vital service will continue to make such a difference to people’s lives.</p> <p>Improvements in how we commission services and work together will allow staff to spend more time helping people and less time on travel and administration.”</p> <p>Alan White, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – The Section 75 Agreement between the Council and Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (‘MPFT’) for reablement services expires in March 2020. Therefore, there is a requirement to enter into a new Section 75 Agreement.

Decision – (a) That the recommissioning of reablement services (with capacity and funding as set out in Table 2 to the report considered by Cabinet), be approved.

(b) That the County Council enters into a new Section 75 agreement with MPFT for reablement services (as detailed in the report) from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2023, subject to “d” below.

(c) That the County Council enters into a Deed of Variation to vary the reablement contract with Nexxus Trading Services Limited (‘Nexxus’) for reablement services from 31 October 2019, subject to “e” below.

(d) That the Director of Health and Care and Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing, be authorised to finalise the terms of the Section 75 Agreement for reablement services.

(e) That the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to finalise the terms of the Deed of Variation reablement contract with Nexxus.

38. Business Case for Council Owned New Build Care Homes with Nursing

	<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>Both Stafford and South Staffordshire are areas where we have the most difficulties in sourcing placements, and where the rising cost of new admissions is the greatest. By building these homes, we can increase capacity and offer good quality, cost-effective placements to meet people’s needs.”</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 for the development of two new Council owned nursing care homes, one in Stafford and one in South Staffordshire, providing 120-200 additional care home placements.

Decision – (a) That the development of two new Council owned nursing care homes, one in Stafford and one in South Staffordshire providing 120-200 additional care home placements, be approved.

(b) That these builds be contracted through the Council’s existing Frameworks managed by Entrust.

(c) That authority be delegated to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing, in consultation with Director for Health and Care, to select the preferred sites and secure a care provider for the homes, subject to final sign-off of the business case by the County Treasurer.

(d) That authority be delegated to the Director for Corporate Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Commercial, to enter into development contracts, subject to final sign-off of the business case by the County Treasurer.

39. South Staffordshire Growth Agreement

	<p>“Our strong and successful relationship with South Staffordshire Council has delivered results with national and regional significance in recent years. The near fully occupied i54 South Staffordshire site, and recent progress on a major extension to the business park, are bringing investment, income and higher skilled, better paid jobs to the area in just eight years.</p> <p>This new agreement sets out our combined strategy to grow and further develop South Staffordshire’s economy</p>
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	<p>and its communities in a way that benefits everyone. Working together to plan for the future and combine our resources, our two councils will lay the foundations for long term prosperity and a great quality of life for people in South Staffordshire.”</p> <p>Philip Atkins OBE, Leader of the Council</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To consider the growth agreement which has been developed between Staffordshire County Council and South Staffordshire District Council building on the success of the previous two district deals, and which outlines a joint vision for the district and supports the delivery of SCC’s Connected Staffordshire Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

Decision – (a) That the South Staffordshire Growth agreement developed between Staffordshire County Council (SCC) and South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC) be approved.

(b) That the implementation of the agreement be supported.

40. 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 an amendment of the alignment of the proposed Yoxall Bypass highway scheme, which is now compromised by a housing development. (The approval will enable the County Council to sell a small area of land which forms part of a housing plot which the owners wish to sell.

41. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 16 October 2019 to 19 February 2020, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

Subject Matter	Contact
Integrated Performance Report 2019/20 - Quarter 2	Name: Andrew Donaldson/ Robert Flinter/ Rob Salmon Tel: (01785) 278399/ 277090 / 276354
ALD 2022 Community Offer - The Future of Services Directly Provided by the Council	Name: Dr Richard Harling Tel: (01785) 278700
Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - Public Report on Findings of fault by the County Council	Name: John Tradewell Tel: (01785) 276102
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
Infrastructure Plus Contract Performance	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
Children's and Families System Transformation Part 2 (Including SEND)	Name: Janene Cox Tel: (01785) 278368
Opportunities Surrounding the County Farms Estate	Name: Anthony Hodge Tel: (01785) 277204
Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Name: James Bailey Tel: (01785) 276591
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
South Staffordshire Growth Agreement - Project Update	Name: Anthony Hodge Tel: (01785) 277204
Waste Disposal Arrangements in the North of Staffordshire from 2025	Name: Clive Thomson Tel: (01785) 276522
Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020 - 2025	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785)854455
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
Integrated Performance Report 2019/20 - Quarter 3	Name: Andrew Donaldson/ Robert Flinter/ Rob Salmon Tel: (01785) 278399/ 277090 / 276354

42. 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

43. New Agreement for Provision of Adult Social Care Assessment and Case Management and Occupational Therapy in Staffordshire

(Exemption paragraph 3)

Note by Clerk: Jonathan Price declared a personal interest in this matter as a Board Member of the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust and left the room during the consideration of the report and the decisions thereon.

Reasons for the Decision – To consider entering into a new Section 75 Agreement for the provision of a care assessment and case management and occupational therapy service for older people and people with physical disabilities in Staffordshire.

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

**Philip Atkins OBE
Leader of the Council**