

DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Meeting - 20 November 2013

Present: Philip Atkins (Chairman), Ben Adams, Mike Lawrence, Robert Marshall, Mark Winnington and Alan White

Apologies for absence: Ian Parry

Also in attendance - Gill Heath, Mark Sutton, Simon Tagg, Chris Cooke and John Taylor

PART ONE

42. Declarations of Interest in accordance with Standing Order 16

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

Member	Minute Nos.	Interest	Reason
Alan White	49	Personal	Member of the Board of Lichfield Cathedral Council

43. Decision notice of the meeting held on 16 October 2013

Decision – That the notes of the meeting held on 16 October 2013 be approved.

44. Leaders' Update



“All Staffordshire people should have every opportunity to benefit from our endeavours through healthy and happy lives, and that ambition is central to the themes dominating today's agenda.


We have reports on how we will work with partners to create the right conditions so that people take control of their lives, and make the right choices about their own health and wellbeing. We will also be looking at the support we provide people with disabilities throughout their lifetime, to help them lead as full a life as possible.

We also have a report on efforts to protect residents from the impact of HS2, which will affect communities across the whole county. We are standing shoulder to shoulder with those communities, asking government to rethink the project, but also ensuring that if it goes ahead and our residents are affected, they receive the appropriate compensation.”

Philip Atkins, Leader of the County Council.

Decision – That the oral report of the Leader of the County Council giving an update on a range of issues including recent changes to Cabinet Member Portfolios whereby a new role of Cabinet Member for Care will be created to enable Robbie Marshall to concentrate on the Health and Wellbeing agenda, and the Cabinet Member for Communities and Localism’s portfolio being extended to encompass Children’s Service, be noted.

45. Recommendation for Member Seat on Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust

	<p>“As part of the discussions for the future arrangements of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust (SSOTP), we will now explore the option for an Elected Member to join the Board. We are about to start fresh discussions regarding the future arrangements of the partnership for 2015 and beyond and will be making the request.”</p>
<p>Alan White, Cabinet Member for Care.</p>	


Reasons for the Decision – In April 2012, Staffordshire County Council entered into an agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 with Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust (SSOTP) for the delivery of the council’s health related functions, specifically adult social care assessment and case management for older people and adults with physical/sensory impairments. The Council are about to commence fresh discussions with SSOTP regarding the future arrangements of the partnership for 2015 and beyond. During these discussions, it may be possible to request an opportunity for an Elected Member to join the SSOTP Board.

Alternative Options Considered – None

Decision – (a) That, as part of the discussions for the future arrangements of the provider Partnership, Council officers leading the negotiations should explore the opportunity for an Elected Member to join the Board of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust.

(b) That it be noted that there are specific regulations on the appointment and election of board members of NHS Foundation Trusts.

46. High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) Phase One: Hybrid Bill

	<p>“If left unchallenged, the proposed route for HS2 will cause unacceptable damage to both our countryside and our communities in Staffordshire.</p> <p>While opposed to the scheme, we have concentrated our efforts on helping mitigate the impact of this national transport project and win meaningful compensation for families, rather than incur hefty legal costs to try and stop the scheme.</p> <p>We are determined to continue to champion the Staffordshire voice and the potential petitioning against the Hybrid Bill is an opportunity to work with county partners to influence the proposed route.”</p> <p>Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – While the County Council has continued to highlight the cause of communities directly affected by the HS2 proposals, it also needs to assess the impact of this national transport scheme on the local environment and economy. Petitioning against the Bill will provide an opportunity for the County Council to secure effective mitigation measures for local communities in Staffordshire who are affected by Governments proposals.

Alternative Options Considered – If the County Council chooses not to petition the bill in any form then it risks having the current plans, which the County Council considers are unacceptable, imposed on the county.

Decision – (a) That the decision, in principle, to petition the HS2 Phase One Hybrid Bill be endorsed and it be noted that this is likely to require additional funding which will need to be considered as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

(b) That the case for petitioning of the HS2 Phase One Hybrid Bill be presented to Full Council at its meeting on 12 December 2013

(c) That delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Director for Place and Deputy Chief Executive, to develop a response to the formal Environmental Statement and submit it by the close of the consultation period.

47. Improving the Lives of Staffordshire Residents through our Health & Wellbeing Strategy

	<p>“Our priority is to improve the lives of Staffordshire residents so they feel healthier and happier and, together with county partners, we have been quick to recognise that we face a series of national challenges to funding for the delivery of health and care services.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board’s strategy sets out the principle that a high quality, sustainable health economy in Staffordshire is only achievable if there is a significant emphasis and investment to integrated health and social care in the community.</p> <p>The County Council is fully committed to the Health and Wellbeing Board and delivery of our shared strategy. We look forward to continue working with our partners to deliver the highest quality of care for everyone in Staffordshire.”</p> <p>Robert Marshall, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.</p>
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Reasons for the Decision – To seek Cabinet’s endorsement of the Health and Wellbeing Board’s strategic direction of travel which aligns very closely to Staffordshire County Council’s approach to improve the lives of Staffordshire residents.

Alternative Options Considered – None

Decision – (a) That the direction of travel of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Staffordshire’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy be endorsed.

(b) That, in order to fulfil both our statutory duties and strategic intentions, it be agreed that our commissioning priorities and business planning across the county council be fully aligned with this strategic direction.

48. 'Living My Life, My Way' A Strategy for Disabled People

	<p>“Over the next five years we want to make changes so that, regardless of age, all disabled people receive smooth and uninterrupted support to ensure that they live fulfilling and independent lives. We feel passionate about this agenda.</p> <p>We want to make sure that we support disabled people with ‘simple solutions’ – not the complicated and confusing way that different agencies have delivered services to disabled people in the past.”</p> <p>Robert Marshall, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.</p>
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“These are bold and ambitious plans, which will require the cooperation and commitment of partners and, of course, disabled people and their families too as we seek to deliver improved, personalised care to people.”

Alan White, Cabinet Member for Care.

Reasons for the Decision – To seek the approval of Cabinet to “Living My Life, My Way”, the Council’s strategy for disabled people in Staffordshire, which sets out a vision of a connected County where all disabled children and adults have the opportunity to prosper, be healthy and happy. The Strategy sets out the following seven key priorities which have been developed in partnership with Disabled People and their Family Carers:-

- Best start in life.
- Lifelong learning.
- Choice and control.
- Community opportunities.
- Good health.
- A strong voice for disabled people and their families.
- Staying safe

Alternative Options Considered – None

Decision – (a) That the ambitious programme of change set out in the draft strategy be noted.

(b) That the significant consultation and engagement with disabled people and their families, which had helped to shape the final Strategy, be noted.

(c) That the finalisation of the Strategy and its taking forward for implementation across Staffordshire be supported.

49. Decisions taken by Cabinet Members under Delegated Powers

Decision – That the following decisions taken by Cabinet Members under delegated powers be noted:

Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills	In approving the acceptance of the contract award of £2,285,952 from the Skills Funding Agency for ESF NEET provision for delivery in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	In approving that: 1) following a process of social work review and care planning, people currently attending Leek Day Centre are

	<p>supported to move into alternative day care options;</p> <p>2) when all people attending the day care scheme at Leek Day Centre have made suitable alternative choices, the Centre is closed; and</p> <p>3) if the building is no longer needed it is returned to property services for disposal.</p>
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	<p>In approving that:</p> <p>1) following a process of social work review and care planning, people currently attending Cheadle Day Centre are supported to move into alternative day care options;</p> <p>2) when all people attending the day care scheme at Cheadle Day Centre have made suitable alternative choices, the Centre is closed; and</p> <p>3) if the building is no longer needed it is returned to property services for disposal.</p>
Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure	In approving the transitional arrangements for the Infrastructure+ project.
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	In approving the payment of compensation of £4,750.00 to the parent of a service user for providing support to her son which should have been funded/provided by Staffordshire County Council.
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation	In approving that the County Council disposes of 2.1 acres of land comprising part of the site of the former County Council offices at Riverway, Stafford, to Panacea Property Group Limited.
Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills	In approving the commencement of a Statutory Consultation on a proposal to enlarge Rykneld Primary School, Burton upon Trent from 469 to 630 places.
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation	In approving the sale of 0.91 acres of land at Stafford Road, Gnosall to The Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance Incorporated to enable them to extend their burial ground at St Lawrence Church, Gnosall.
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Transformation	In approving that the County Council purchases from Staffordshire University the property known as Nelson Library comprising a site of 3.0 acres situated on the Stafford Campus for the provision of a new two form of entry primary school.

50. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 18 December 2013 to 16 April 2014, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

Subject Matter	Contact
Inward Investment in Staffordshire	Name: Darryl Eyers Tel: (01785) 854265
Draft Staffordshire Care Quality Compact and Draft Staffordshire County Council Care Quality Strategy 2013-2016	Name: Martin Samuels Tel: (01785) 895760
Strategic Plan 2014/15 to 2018/19 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy	Name: Andy Burns Tel: (01785) 276300
High Speed Rail 2 (HS2): Response to the Phase Two Route Consultation	Name: Clive Thomson/ Dean Sargeant Tel: (01785) 276522/ Tel: (01785) 895703
Support Services Review	Name: Andy Burns Tel: (01785) 276300
Approval of Revised Minerals and Waste Development Scheme	Name: Ian Benson Tel: (01785) 276550
Achieving Excellence Quarterly Performance Report	Name: Lauren Jackson Tel: (01785) 854561
Achieving Excellence in Mental Health and Wellbeing	Name: Dawn Jennens Tel: (01785) 277079
Achieving Excellence for Young People	Name: Michael Harrison Tel: (01785) 278163
Outcome of Statutory Consultation on Proposal to Enlarge Rykneld Primary School	Name: Andrew Marsden Tel: (01785) 278787
Determination of Statutory Proposal to alter the Upper Age Range of Coppice Special School	Name: Andrew Marsden Tel: (01785) 278787
Modernisation of In-House Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities	Name: Anu Singh Tel: (01785) 277110
Treasury Management, Annual Investment and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategies 2014/15	Name: Chris Gibbs Tel: (01785) 276331
Achieving Excellence: Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire	Name: Janene Cox Tel: (01785) 278368
2013 refresh of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (2007 - 2020)	Name: Ian Benson Tel: (01785) 276550
Decision on School Funding Formula for 2014-15	Name: Anna Halliday Tel: (01785) 278774
Achieving Excellence for Older People	Name: Martin Samuels Tel: (01785) 895760
Approval of Revised Statement of Community Involvement	Name: Ian Benson Tel: (01785) 276550
Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report	Name: Andy Burns Tel: (01785) 276300

Infrastructure+	Name: Ian Turner Tel: (01785) 277228

51. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED - 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

52. Exempt decision notice of the meeting held on 16 October 2013
(Exemption paragraph 3)

Decision – That the exempt decision notice of the meeting held on 16 October 2013 be approved.

Philip Atkins
Leader of the County Council