

## DECISION NOTICE

### Cabinet Meeting - 16 December 2015

Present: Philip Atkins (Chairman), Ben Adams, Mike Lawrence, Ian Parry, Mark Winnington and Alan White.

Cabinet Support Members in attendance - Mark Deaville, Gill Heath and Mark Sutton.

Also in attendance - Chris Cooke and John Taylor.

#### PART ONE

##### 49. Decision notice of the meeting held on 18 November 2015

**Decision** – That the notes of the meeting held on 18 November 2015 be approved.

##### 50. Leader's Update

**Decision** – That the oral report of the Leader of the County Council looking back over 2015 and reflecting on the significant achievements for Staffordshire and its people be noted.

##### 51. Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-2021



“Over the past five years we have shaped a more affordable, efficient and effective county council, not afraid of challenge or change.

Against a back drop of reduced public spending, Staffordshire continues to attract more investment into the county and as a council we are determined to work even closer with partners to ensure we deliver the maximum value from the public purse for the benefit of Staffordshire residents.”

Philip Atkins, Leader of the County Council.



“We want to strike the right balance between what we need to spend on key areas such as caring for the elderly and the children in our care against delivering an affordable, fair budget.

Undoubtedly we face more tough decisions before we finalise our budget, but as a county council we are committed to both managing and meeting the challenge that lies ahead.”

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

**Reasons for the Decision** – To update Cabinet on the work to date in reviewing the Strategic Plan, the Business Plan and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) which provides details of how the Council’s operations will be funded over the period 2016-2021.

**Decision** – (a) That the progress made in developing the Strategic Plan be noted.

(b) That the financial outlook facing the County Council be noted.

(c) That the work that has been done to develop savings options be noted.

(d) That work continue to identify additional proposals needed to address the funding gap in 2016/17.

(e) That the Corporate Review Committee be requested to scrutinise the proposed pressures and savings against the principles of a good and balanced budget.

## 52. Support Services – Service and System Replacement



“As a well-run council, we continuously challenge ourselves over how we do business to ensure that we are effective and efficient. The end of current arrangements to provide back office services to Entrust and schools, coupled with the changing shape of the council as a commissioning authority, have provided an opportunity to review the services and systems we currently use to manage the council’s HR and finance functions.

These decisions will ensure that the county council can continue to manage its business effectively at less cost to the county council and the Staffordshire taxpayer.”

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

**Reasons for the Decision** – To consider the options available to the council regarding the provision of a finance system and a managed service for HR and payroll.


**Decision** – (a) That the county council agree in principle to purchase a finance system through Entrust that will be used by the county council to manage its business, which will also be marketed to schools via Entrust, subject to a further detailed due diligence exercise being completed.

(b) That the final decision regarding the purchase of the finance system, including any necessary amendments to the Entrust contract, be delegated to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Finance and Corporate Issues in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.

(c) That the county council go to tender to confirm the availability and cost of HR and Payroll Managed services in the market and at the same time invite quotes for a HR and Payroll system only.

(d) That a data archiving project is started immediately so that the transition to the new system/s can be undertaken without incurring unnecessary delay and costs in decommissioning the current system.

**53. A50 Growth Corridor - Progress Report**

	<p>“This major investment in the A50 Growth Corridor will support new jobs, ease congestion, cut journey times and improve road safety along one of the key trunk routes between the East and West Midlands.</p> <p>Improving roads to keep goods and people on the move is vital as we strive to improve Staffordshire’s economy, creating a connected county where businesses are attracted to invest and grow. Ultimately that means more jobs and prosperity for local people.</p> <p>I am delighted work on this major scheme is set to get under way in the New Year.”</p> <p>Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport</p>
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**Reasons for the Decision** – To ensure due diligence of the A50 Growth Corridor projects, Cabinet should continue to review the progress of the projects on a regular basis.

**Decision** – (a) That progress that has been made to date be noted.

(b) That Cabinet reviews progress on the two A50 Growth Corridor projects at its meeting in May 2016.

**54. Decisions taken by Cabinet Members under Delegated Powers**

**Decision** – That the following decision taken by a Cabinet Member under delegated powers be noted:

<p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport</p>	<p>In approving the construction of a new Household Waste Recycling Centre in Uttoxeter and that the Acting Director of Place enter into a Site Implementation Agreement (SIA) as part of contract/call-off contract with strategic partner – Amey</p>
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**55. Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 20 January to 18 May 2016, which detailed the following issues, was approved:

<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-2021	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785) 854455
Treasury Management, Annual Investment and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategies 2016/17	Name: Tim Byford Tel: (01785) 278196
Sportshire: Progress and future aspirations	Name: Janene Cox Tel: (01785) 278368
Dove First School: Outcome of Consultation on a Change from Community School to Church of England Voluntary Controlled (VC) School	Name: Anna Halliday Tel: (01785) 278774
Quarter 3, 2015/16 Performance Report	Name: Lauren Jackson Tel: (01785) 854561
Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785) 854455
Tourism Strategy, 2016- 2018	Name: Janene Cox Tel: (01785) 278368
Fourth Quarter Budget Monitoring Report	Name: Rachel Spain Tel: (01785) 854455
Quarter 4, 2015/16 Performance Report	Name: Lauren Jackson Tel: (01785) 854561

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