

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS – 1 APRIL 2014

1. FIT FOR THE FUTURE – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EXERCISE

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Approved the final draft questionnaire attached at Appendix A of the Cabinet report subject to the additional wording shown in italics below as requested by the District Board:
- Q5. Ideas to Save Money – Hand King Edward VI and/or Friary Grange Leisure Centres back to the schools to manage them *which could change public opening hours.*
 - Q6. Any other ideas – *Do you have any ideas about how we could do things differently, including any positive steps we could take to reduce the costs of our services or increase our income.*
- 1.2 Approved the methodological approach to the exercise as set out in section 3.4 of the report.
- 1.3 Referred the above for consideration and endorsement by Full Council in April

2. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

- 2.1 The Cabinet accepted the Locality Deal funding (£71,885) which had been allocated to Lichfield Community Safety Partnership by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire.

3. CHANGES TO THE ORGANIC WASTE SERVICE

The Cabinet:

- 3.1 Approved the removal of food waste from the Organic Waste Bin from 13 October 2014.
- 3.2 Approved the procurement of a contract for the disposal of garden waste including authority to enter into contract with the most advantageous tender.
- 3.3 Approved the commencement of negotiations with Biffa Waste, East Staffordshire Borough Council and South Derbyshire District Council with a view to securing either the early exit from the existing waste disposal contract for co-mingled organic waste or a reduction in the minimum tonnage.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATIONS

The Cabinet agreed:

- 4.1 That the Parishes of Burntwood, Wall and Whittington & Fisherwick are each designated as separate Neighbourhood Areas for the purpose of preparing Neighbourhood Plans under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- 4.2 That the decision above is referred to Full Council for confirmation.

5. HIGH SPEED 2 PHASE 1, PETITIONING THE HYBRID BILL

The Cabinet:

- 5.1 Agreed to the principle of petitioning the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Bill and recommended to Full Council that this decision be endorsed; and,
- 5.2 Acknowledged the likely costs involved in petitioning and subject to Council confirming the intention to petition, identified the need for funding to cover these costs; and,
- 5.3 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Development in consultation with the Strategic Director for Democratic, Development and Legal Services to coordinate the petitioning of the Hybrid Bill before Parliament.

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