

**REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**CABINET DECISIONS – 15 JULY 2014**

**1. END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT – ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN  
2013/14**

1.1 The Cabinet noted the end of year performance report for 2013/14.

**2. FAZELEY AND BONEHILL TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE APPLICATION**

2.1 The Cabinet agreed:

2.2 That officers submit a Round 1 Townscape Heritage Funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for part of Fazeley and Bonehill Conservation Area for submission in August 2014.

2.3 That officers submit match funding applications to support the Townscape Heritage application.

**CABINET DECISIONS – 9 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**3. MONEY MATTERS – 2013/14 REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE  
FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

3.1 The Cabinet:

3.2 Noted the 2013/14 review of performance against the Financial Strategy.

3.3 Noted that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members will continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014-17.

3.4 Noted that £482,500 of Capital Programme slippage related to 2013/14 will be added to the Approved Budget in 2014/15 as shown at Appendix F of the report.

3.5 Recommend that Council approve the actual 2013/14 Prudential Indicators contained within the report.

**4. MONEY MATTERS: 2014/15 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
AGAINST THE FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

4.1 The Cabinet:

4.2 Noted the 2014/15 review of financial performance against the Financial Strategy.

4.3 Noted that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members will continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Capital Financial Strategy 2014-17.

4.4 Recommended to Council that Close Brothers Limited be included within the Council's list of specified investments with an individual counterparty limit of £2,000,000.

## **5. FUNDING THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND LOCALITY COMMISSIONING**

5.1 The Cabinet:

5.2 Endorsed the investment priorities/outcomes which the Council would wish to be included in a locality commissioning process for Lichfield District - as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

5.3 Agreed the annual budget of £177,000 for District Council investment in the community and voluntary Sector for 2015-18 and approved the funding band for each priority/outcome as detailed at Appendix 3 of the report.

5.4 Agreed in principle that the District Council will take part in a single/aligned commissioning process during autumn 2014 alongside public sector partners (e.g. the County Council and Clinical Commissioning Group).

5.5 Endorsed the establishment of a Locality Commissioning Board which will account to the District Board for decisions regarding the investment of funding in the locality.

5.6 Delegated authority to the Leader and Community, Housing and Health Cabinet Member to endorse the terms of reference of the Locality Commissioning Board on behalf of the District Council.

5.7 Agreed that the Locality Commissioning Board will have delegated authority to take decisions on the investment of the District Council's budget for community and voluntary sector funding.

5.8 Noted that the Locality Commissioning Board will take decisions on the investment of the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget for community safety (the Locality Deal Fund).

5.9 Noted that the District Council will be the accountable body for the single/aligned commissioning process and therefore income received from partners will be dealt with in accordance with the District Council's financial regulations.

5.10 Noted the work and views of the Community, Housing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Funding the Community and Voluntary Sector Member Task Group.

## **DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET MEMBERS**

### **6. BUSINESS RATES RETAIL DISCRETIONARY RELIEF**

- 6.1 The Cabinet Member for Finance, Democratic and Legal Services agreed to grant Business Rates Retail Relief in respect of all qualifying retail properties with rateable values of £50,000 or less, as identified in accordance with the guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government, with the decision on the eligibility of a business for Business Rates Retail Relief being delegated to the Director of Finance, Revenues and Benefits.

**MICHAEL J WILCOX  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**