

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS – 7 OCTOBER 2014

1. ACCEPTANCE OF EXTERNAL FUNDS - DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT AND S106 MONIES

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Formally accepted the offer of £342,824 by the Government to support expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grants in 2014/15.
- 1.2 Noted that the Capital Programme expenditure budget for Disabled Facilities Grants in 2014/15 of £612,000 is funded by £269,000 of Council resources and £343,000 of Disabled Facilities Grant.
- 1.3 Accepted the Section 106 funding of £400,000 from the Laurel House development.

2. COUNCIL TAX EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM

The Cabinet agreed:

- 2.1 To uphold the existing long term empty property levy at 150%.
- 2.2 That where the long term empty property levy has been applied, any request from the owner of the property to reduce the Council Tax liability is in accordance with Section 13A (1) (c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Lichfield District Council's Council Tax Discretionary Reductions Policy.

3. LONG TERM BUILDING CONTROL SHARED SERVICE

The Cabinet:

- 3.1 Gave approval for the Council to enter into a long term agreement with South Staffordshire Council and Tamworth Borough Council to provide a shared building control service.
- 3.2 Agreed that the shared service will continue to be hosted by Lichfield District Council.
- 3.3 Agreed that the Portfolio Holder for Development Services, together with up to two senior officers, will continue to represent Lichfield District Council on the Building Control Partnership Board.

4. ENDORSEMENT OF THE TAMWORTH AND LICHFIELD BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN

The Cabinet:

- 4.1 Fully endorsed the Strategic Plan in terms of its overall vision, key themes, issues and priorities.
- 4.2 Noted the next steps in developing the Action Plans based on each of the key themes of the Strategic Plan, which would be formulated by the 'Theme Champions' and their support partners, who all sit on the Business and Economic Partnership Board. This process would be facilitated by officers from the shared service and involve further Member consultation.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATIONS

The Cabinet agreed:

- 5.1 That the Parish of Hammerwich, Fradley Ward and the part of Whittington Ward which falls within Fradley and Streethay Parish 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).
- 5.2 That the decision above is referred to Full Council for confirmation.

CABINET DECISIONS – 4 NOVEMBER 2014

6. MID YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT – ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN 2014/15

- 6.1 The Cabinet noted the mid-year performance report.

7. CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLANS: CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Cabinet approved the draft conservation area appraisals and management plans for Elford, Mavesyn Ridware and Hamstall Ridware Conservation Areas for consultation.

DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET MEMBERS

8. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1925 – STREET NAMING

- 8.1 The Cabinet Member for IT and Waste Management agreed to:
 - Formalise the name 'Triangle View' for the road serving the development adjacent to 13 Hospital Road, Chasetown.
 - Formalise the name 'John Wilks Court' for the road serving the development at Davidson Road, Lichfield.

- Formalise the name 'Needwood Mews' for the road serving the development to the rear of 115 – 117 Dimbles Lane, Lichfield.
- Formalise the name 'Royal Oak Close' for the road serving the development at the former Sandyway Farm, Walsall Road, Lichfield.

9. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CORE PRICES OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- 9.1 The Cabinet Member for Leisure and Parks agreed the maximum prices for core leisure activities for 2015.

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