

**REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**CABINET DECISIONS – 7 JULY 2015**

**1. FIT FOR THE FUTURE (F4F) PROGRAMME**

The Cabinet agreed:

- 1.1 That the progress of the F4F Programme to date, including the contribution it has made to identifying and implementing significant financial savings be noted.
- 1.2 That the continuation of the F4F Programme, including the schedule of reviews (paragraph 3.7 of the report) be endorsed, and the proposed changes to the programme governance arrangements set out in paragraphs 3.8 to 3.11 of the report be approved.

**2. END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT – ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN 2014/2015**

- 2.1 The Cabinet noted the end of year performance report for 2014/15.

**3. STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2020**

- 3.1 The Cabinet endorsed the proposed approach to the Council's next Strategic Plan.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF EXTERNAL FUNDS - BETTER CARE FUND**

The Cabinet agreed:

- 4.1 To formally accept the offer of £421,000 by the Better Care Fund Partnership Board to support expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grants in 2015/16.
- 4.2 To note the Capital Programme expenditure budget for Disabled Facilities Grants in 2015/16 of £800,000 is funded by £379,000 of council resources and £421,000 of Better Care Fund (BCF).

**5. SUPPORTING THE LICHFIELD CITY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Cabinet agreed:

- 5.1 To note the work the Lichfield City Business Improvement District (BID) Steering Group has undertaken to develop a BID within Lichfield City Centre and to note the content of the Lichfield Business Improvement District Business Plan.

- 5.2 To give delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Economy in consultation with the Strategic Director of Democratic, Development and Legal Services to vote in favour of a Business Improvement District as part of the BID ballot which concludes on 30 July 2015.
- 5.3 To note and approve the role the Council will play in delivering the BID ballot.
- 5.4 To note that, following a successful BID Ballot, a Memorandum of Understanding, Service Level Agreements, and BID Operating Agreement will be developed and these will be brought back to Overview & Scrutiny and Cabinet for approval in autumn 2015.
- 5.5 To note and approve the role the Council will play in collecting the BID levy over a five-year period and that this activity will be recharged to the BID.
- 5.6 To note that the Council, in support of economic development across the District, will purchase the necessary BID levy collection software. £5,000 will be contributed from the Economic Development budget as part of the Council's investment in business growth and support and the balance will be met from general reserves. It will then charge any BID, including the Lichfield BID, a set annual fee to use the software, in addition to charging for collection activity costs (as above). This will be set out in the Operating Agreement.
- 5.7 In the event of a successful ballot, to approve in principle an upfront payment of 80% of the annual BID levy income to the Lichfield BID Steering Group/successor organisation in October 2015.

(COUNCILLORS EADIE, GREATOREX, SMITH AND SPRUCE DECLARED PERSONAL INTERESTS IN THIS ITEM AS MEMBERS OF LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL)

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF PROPER OFFICERS**

The Cabinet agreed:

- 6.1 That the individuals listed in Appendix 1 of the report be appointed as Proper Officers for Lichfield District Council to exercise the powers stated in the authorisation in respect of diseases and contamination which present a risk of significant harm to human health.
- 6.2 To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Health in consultation with the Strategic Director - Community Housing and Health to make any future appointments to the role of Proper Officer and amend the Constitution accordingly.

## **7. FIT FOR THE FUTURE – PARKS, GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND COUNTRYSIDE REVIEW**

The Cabinet:

- 7.1 Noted the outcome of the Parks, Grounds Maintenance and Countryside Review.

- 7.2 Approved the necessary amendments to the Council's budgets to reflect the savings identified.
- 7.3 Approved the payment of £38,642 to Lichfield City Council in full and final settlement as its share of the grant for maintenance uplift.

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**8. CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLANS: CONSULTATION**

The Cabinet:

- 8.1 Noted the results of the consultation as per Appendix A of the report and approved the final appraisal and management plans to be submitted to Full Council for formal ratification.
- 8.2 Noted the properties proposed for addition to the Register of Buildings of Special Local Interest as listed in Appendix B of the report and approved these additions to the Register, to be submitted to Full Council for formal ratification.

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