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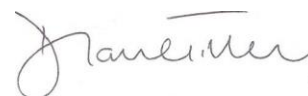
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To : Members of the Lichfield District Council

In accordance with Paragraph 4(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972, you are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Lichfield District Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, on **TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017 at 6.00 pm.**

Prayers will be said by Reverend L Collins.

Access to the Council Chamber is either via the Members' Entrance or the main door to the vestibule.



Chief Executive

AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (if any).
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
- 3 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2017 (VOLUME 45 PART 3 MINUTE BOOK).
- 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- 5 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER AND 5 DECEMBER 2017 AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (GREY ENCLOSURE).
- 6 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (BLUE ENCLOSURE TO FOLLOW).
- 7 THE CHAIRMEN INDICATED BELOW TO MOVE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (VOLUME 45 PART 3 MINUTE BOOK) BE RECEIVED AND, WHERE NECESSARY, APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

Committee	2017	Pages	Chairman
(a) Planning (non-confidential)	16 October	42-44	D. Smedley
(b) Planning	13 November	57-58	D. Smedley
(c) Employment	20 November	59-60	Mrs D. F. Baker

8 PROPOSALS FROM THE CABINET

(a) High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill - Petitioning

That the recommendations set out at APPENDIX A (BUFF ENCLOSURE) be approved.

(b) Lichfield District Council Part 1 Brownfield Land Register

That the Council approves the Lichfield District Council Brownfield Land Register (Part 1) as set out at Appendix A and B of the report submitted to Cabinet on 7 November 2017

(<https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Meetings-committees-and-papers/FullCouncil/2017/12/19/Reports/Item-4-Brownfield-Land-Register-Cabinet-Report-including-Appendix-A-B.pdf>)

(c) Local Development Scheme

That the Council approves the revised Local Development Scheme as set out at Appendix A of the report submitted to Cabinet on 5 December 2017

(<https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Meetings-committees-and-papers/FullCouncil/2017/12/19/Reports/Item-8-c-Local-Development-Scheme-Cabinet-report-appendix.pdf>) and agrees to its publication.

(d) Local Plan Allocations Publication Document (Regulation 19 Consultation)

That the Council approves the Local Plan Allocations Publication document, accompanying Policies Map and supporting documents as set out in the report submitted to Cabinet on 5 December 2017

(<https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Meetings-committees-and-papers/FullCouncil/2017/12/19/Reports/Item-8d-Local-Plan-Allocations-2017-Cabinet-Report.pdf>) for the purposes of undertaking a Regulation 19 public consultation.

(e) Governance Procedures Associated with Secured and Future Section 106 monies to Support Infrastructure Delivery

(i) That the Council approves the allocation of historic Section 106 monies secured before the adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and any future S106 monies which are available to spend in support of non-site specific infrastructure utilising the adopted CIL Governance Structure and Administrative Arrangements (as set out in appendix A of the report submitted to Cabinet on 5 December 2017- <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Meetings-committees-and-papers/FullCouncil/2017/12/19/Reports/Item-8e-Cabinet-Report-Appendix.pdf>)

(ii) That the Council approves the use of the adopted CIL governance structure and administrative arrangements for the allocation of Section 106 monies where there is discretion in a S106 planning obligation for the Council to do this.

(iii) That of the Section 106 monies received in line with (i) and (ii) authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services to agree spend below the £50,000 key decision limit.

(f) Leisure Facilities Outsource

That the Council approves the recommendation (detailed in the Leisure Facilities Outsource report and addendum submitted to Cabinet on 5 December 2017) that the Medium Term Financial Strategy be updated:

- To include **£1,395,600** of capital expenditure in the Capital Programme related to building

and energy improvement works at Burntwood Leisure Centre funded by external borrowing.

- To include **£751,700** of capital expenditure in the Capital Programme related to capital expenditure and equipment at both leisure centres funded through the contract payments to Freedom.
- To update the Prudential Indicators to reflect the capital expenditure and related financing obligations.

9 QUESTIONS

To answer any questions under Procedure Rule 10.2.

10 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

EXEMPT ITEMS NOT ISSUED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS

- 11 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER AND 5 DECEMBER 2017.
- 12 THE CHAIRMAN INDICATED BELOW TO MOVE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE (VOLUME 45 PART 3 MINUTE BOOK) BE RECEIVED AND, WHERE NECESSARY, APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

Committee	2017	Pages	Chairman
(a) Planning (confidential)	16 October		D. Smedley

COUNCIL MEETING

17 OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT:

M. A Warfield (Chairman)
R. J. Awty (Vice-Chairman)

Allsopp, Mrs J. A.	Hassall, Miss E. A	Smedley, D.
Bacon, Mrs N.	Hoult, B. E.	Smith, A. F.
Bamborough, R.A.J	Humphreys, K. P.	Spruce, C. J.
Banevicius, Mrs S. W.	Leytham, D. J.	Stanhope MBE, Mrs M.
Boyle, Mrs M. G.	Marshall, T.	Strachan, R. W.
Constable, Mrs B. L.	Matthews, T. R.	Tittley, M. C.
Cox, R. E.	Mosson, R. C.	Tranter, Mrs E. H.
Drinkwater, E. N.	O' Hagan, J. P.	White, A G
Eadie, I. M.	Pritchard, I. M. P.	Wilcox, M. J.
Eagland, Mrs J. M	Pullen, D. R.	Woodward, Mrs S. E.
Evans, Mrs C. D.	Pullen, Mrs N. I.	Yeates, A.
Fisher, Miss B.	Ray, P. W. W.	Yeates, B. W.
Fisher, Mrs H. E.	Rayner, B. L.	
Greatorex, C.	Shepherd, Miss O. J.	

(**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs Baker, Mrs Barnett, Constable, Powell and Salter).

PRAYERS

Prayers were said by Reverend L Collins.

126 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor White declared an interest as Deputy Leader of Staffordshire County Council in matters relating to the County Council.

Declarations of interest were declared by Members who represented Parish Councils, as listed in the Register of Interests, in connection with the proposal from the Cabinet regarding the Local Council Tax Support Grant (Agenda Item 11 (v)).

127 MINUTES – 18 JULY 2017:

Councillor Drinkwater drew attention to the prefixes used before names in the Minutes, noting that women were referred to as Mrs, Miss or Ms while men were addressed by their surnames only. He questioned this in terms of equality.

It was then proposed and duly seconded “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 July 2017 (Volume 45 Part 2 Minute Book) as printed and previously circulated be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.”

128 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(a) Former Councillor Barry Diggle

The Chairman said it was with great sadness that he had received news of the death of former

Councillor Barry Diggle who had served on the Council for 16 years representing Central and then Boley Park Ward. He was first elected in 1995 and during his term became the Chairman of one of the Council's first Overview & Scrutiny Committees. He was Chairman of the Council in 2010/11. The Chairman said he would be greatly missed by all that knew him.

The Council then stood in a minute's silence.

Members were given the opportunity to speak and Councillors Wilcox, Spruce and Mrs Eagland remembered former Councillor Diggle as a true gentleman and an excellent Chairman and recalled his sense of humour. Mrs Woodward gave condolences on behalf of the Labour Group and paid tribute to the way former Councillor Diggle had worked on a consensual basis as Chairman.

(b) Recent Events

The Chairman reported that he had attended the very successful Proms in the Park and Lichfield Food Festival events. He had also taken part in the Sheriff's Ride, attended events to celebrate Dr Johnson's birthday and opened the new office accommodation for ASCOM at Wall Island.

Looking ahead the Chairman advised that he would be opening the new Lichfield Fire Station on Birmingham Road and noted that full details of the Civic Diary could be found online in the Chairman's blog.

(c) Carol Service

The Chairman reminded Members that a Carol Service had been arranged for Tuesday 12 December at St John's without the Barrs.

(d) Chairman's Lunch

It was noted that the Chairman's Lunch would take place on Sunday 4 March at QMin Restaurant, Lichfield.

129 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER AND 10 OCTOBER 2017 AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS:

1 – High Speed 2 Phase 2A

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs Evans, Councillor Wilcox confirmed that no costs had been incurred on formal petitioning so far.

2 – District Council House – Asset Maintenance

Councillor Mrs Banevicius questioned the spend on building maintenance given that options for office accommodation were currently being considered. Councillor Spruce replied that the works were essential to keep the building operational.

3 – Civic Function

Councillor Wilcox advised that the Cabinet had approved one of the two recommendations made by the Civic Function Task Group in respect of the Civic Function. He noted that the matrix used for determining which events should be attended was working well and other Authorities were looking at the Council's approach.

Councillor Mrs Woodward commented that this issue seemed to have generated more emails than most. She stated that, contrary to some of the criticisms made about former Chairmen not being involved in the process, a member of the Task Group had served as Chairman of the Council, as had Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the Task Group reported to.

Councillor Mrs Woodward said Members were required to make decisions on all kinds of issues that they hadn't experienced directly, but they consider the information available and make a judgement.

She urged Members to take account of public perception and listen to electors, recalling that of all the issues raised with her no one had ever lobbied for an increase in the civic budget. Councillor Mrs Woodward also emphasised the importance of training and lamented that only 56% of member needs questionnaires had been completed. In conclusion she said it was important that the Council looked at all aspects of its budget including the Civic Function.

Councillor Humphreys said that all Chairmen carried out the role in their own individual way and it was insulting to suggest that prospective Chairmen needed training. He suggested that the issue be looked at again with former Chairmen in attendance.

Councillor Mrs Evans suggested that many people were not interested in the Civic Function and viewed it as a grandiose role. She said the money could be used more effectively and arrangements that worked in the past do not necessarily work now.

Councillor Ray supported the points made by Councillor Mrs Woodward, adding that in a time of austerity it was appropriate to examine the function.

Councillor White advised that the Constitution was clear that the decision had been made and could not be referred back to Cabinet.

Councillor Wilcox thanked Members for their observations and noted that a clear process had been followed with the Civic Function Task Group reporting to Strategic (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee which had then reported to Cabinet.

4 – Surveyor Support for Property Services

Councillor Mrs Woodward said significant levels of expenditure had been recommended by Cabinet in connection with a number of matters and she had written to the Leader about this. She expressed concern about transparency at a time when the Council was required to reduce expenditure saying Members needed to be clear about levels of expenditure and the business plans behind the decisions being made.

Councillor Pritchard advised that much of the expenditure resulted from growth, for example increased development activity where the costs could be reclaimed from developers.

Councillor Spruce advised that all spend over £50,000 was submitted to Cabinet and gave assurance that expenditure was looked at very carefully, noting that in some cases the proposals represented a saving over previous arrangements. Councillor Wilcox added that all the expenditure referred to was within existing budgets.

130 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE:

Councillor Strachan submitted his report on the items considered by the Strategic (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee held on 6 September 2017

2 – Fit for the Future: Our Approach to Creating a Commercial Council

Councillor Mrs Woodward said there were exciting opportunities for the Council but she was concerned that immediate financial pressures may conflict with longer term objectives such as culture change.

Councillor Strachan said the presentation given to the Committee had explored different themes including culture shift and procurement and it was true that investment in people and ideas would be necessary to save money and reap rewards in the longer term.

131 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND HEALTH (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE:

Councillor Leytham submitted his report on the items considered by the Community, Housing and Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee on 12 September 2017.

1 – Work Programme

Councillor Drinkwater said he was pleased to hear that the Local Member Initiative Fund scheme would not be going ahead. Councillor Wilcox advised that in making the decision comments had been invited and considered.

Councillor Mrs Evans referred to the top slicing of Disabled Facilities Grants by the County Council saying this should be monitored since the scheme needed to be properly funded. Councillor Wilcox advised that an agreement had been reached whereby all the money would be spent on enhancing lives in the District, with top sliced money used for minor adaptations and procurement. He said the new system would have additional oversight provided by a Board with Member representation. Councillor Leytham gave assurance that the Committee would monitor the situation.

(COUNCILLORS PULLEN AND MRS PULLEN DECLARED PERSONAL INTERESTS IN DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS)

3 – Lichfield District Health Provision

Councillor Drinkwater said it was time the Government admitted that it was seeking to privatise the Health Service. Councillor White strongly contested this but suggested the Council might want to take a view on the merger between the Burton and Derby NHS Trusts since it was important that the needs of residents of the District were adequately provided for.

Councillor Mrs Woodward said health provision was currently one of the biggest issues in the District and she would have liked more detail in the report. Councillor Leytham explained that changes in health services were happening quickly with little notice. He said it seemed like the Derby Trust was in effect taking over Burton Trust and he was concerned that Lichfield residents would not be prioritised.

132 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE:

Councillor Cox submitted his report on the items considered by the Economic Growth, Environment and Development (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee held on 19 September 2017.

4 – Local Plan Update

Councillor Mrs Woodward expressed surprise that there had been little questioning by Members on 'focused changes' and asked for assurance that the Committee would look closely at the focused changes document.

Councillor White spoke of his extreme disappointment about the outcome of the challenge against

the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in respect of the decision to grant planning permission at Curborough. Councillor White said the site was not in the local plan and the decision by the Secretary of State drove a coach and horses through the Plan and the Localism Act. He stressed that it was important for the local authority to shape the District since this could not be done from Whitehall.

Councillor Pritchard said he was equally dismayed and arrangements were being made for officers to go to London to speak to civil servants to try and understand the thinking behind the decision.

Councillor Drinkwater agreed that the decision had shown a total disregard for the Local Plan and Localism and said the constraints on Planning Committee were becoming increasingly disconcerting.

Councillor Wilcox advised that he would raise the issue with the Local Government Association and report back.

Councillor Cox said he echoed the comments made and wanted to make it clear that, contrary to some comments on social media, the Council had strongly contested the Curborough planning decision and HS2, but the final decision had been out of its hands.

5 – Supplementary Planning Document – Rugeley Power Station Development Brief

Councillor Cox reported that works associated with HS2 could delay development of the former Rugeley Power Station site.

133 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF LEISURE, PARKS AND WASTE MANGEMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE:

Councillor Matthews submitted his report on the items considered by the Leisure, Parks and Waste Management (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee held on 3 October 2017.

2 – Lichfield Garrick

Councillor Mrs Woodward acknowledged the financial pressures on the Garrick but said there were more than two sources of income since, in addition to District Council funding and Arts Council Grant, there was also income from ticket sales. She said that the County Community Fund was not intended for organisations as large as the Garrick and it was not appropriate for Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner funding however the City Council could be asked to contribute given the theatre's beneficial impact on the local economy.

Councillor Ray said he was pleased to see that a fund raiser had been appointed by the Garrick and the Council should continue its efforts to encourage the Garrick to become more commercial.

Councillor Greatorex said the Committee had been supportive of the work the Garrick undertook in the community including schools.

Councillor Rayner stressed that it was not the Council's role to determine pricing, but rather to consider how funding was being utilised.

Councillor Marshall advised that the Board was going through a transition period following the resignation of two Board Members, and gaining the support of benefactors was a challenge. He said in his view the role of amateur dramatics was key and as a Member of the Board he would be looking at the arts programme that would be offered over the next twelve months.

Councillor Mrs Pullen noted that the presentation given to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee had highlighted the community work carried out by the Garrick.

Councillor Eadie reminded Members that the Garrick was a trust and the Council could only have limited influence, furthermore show operators set ticket prices not the Garrick. He advised that the 2018/19 budget had not been set but a meeting was being arranged.

134 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

(a) Planning Committee – 24 July 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Smedley “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 July 2017 (Minutes Nod 58 – 63) be approved and adopted.”

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 July 2017 (Minutes Nod. 58 – 63) be approved and adopted.

(b) Employment Committee – 27 July 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boyle “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Committee held on 27 July 2017 (Minutes Nod 64 – 75) be approved and adopted.”

Councillor Mrs Evans questioned whether redundancies risked being a false economy and Councillor Greatorex advised that it was for the Committee to consider each redundancy on a case by case basis.

Councillor Ray asked about the implementation of apprenticeships and Councillor Smith advised that all Heads of Service had been asked to establish an apprenticeship and the Council was on target to reach its target of 13 apprenticeships with 10 potential opportunities being progressed. He noted that two apprenticeships already existed in Financial Services but they couldn't be counted towards the total since they didn't fully comply with scheme's criteria.

Councillor Mrs Woodward raised concern over the response rate to the Member training needs survey and asked the Vice-Chairman of Employment to raise the issue with the Chairman. Councillor Mrs Boyle advised that the Chairman would be meeting the Leader to discuss a number of issues including the training needs survey.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Committee held on 27 July 2017 (Minutes Nod. 64 – 75) be approved and adopted.

(c) Planning Committee – 21 August 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Smedley “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 August 2017 (Minutes Nod 76 – 82) be approved and adopted.”

Councillor Humphreys noted that his name was not spelt correctly under apologies for absence and called for consistency in the way Members were addressed in the Minutes.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 August 2017 (Minutes Nod. 76 - 82) be approved and adopted subject to the spelling of Councillor Humphreys' name being corrected.

(d) Employment Committee – 30 August 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boyle “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment

Committee held on 30 August 2017 (Minutes Nod 83 – 89) be approved and adopted.”

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Committee held on 30 August 2017 (Minutes Nod. 83 – 89) be approved and adopted.

(e) Planning Committee – 18 September 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Smedley “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 September 2017 (Minutes Nod 90 – 95) be approved and adopted.”

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 September 2017 (Minutes Nod. 90 - 95) be approved and adopted.

(f) Audit and Member Standards Committee – 26 September 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Tittley “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Member Standards Committee held on 26 September 2017 (Minutes Nod. 96 - 104) be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Member Standards Committee held on 26 September 2017 (Minutes Nod. 96 - 104) be approved and adopted.

(g) Regulatory and Licensing Committee – 2 October 2017

It was proposed by Councillor B Yeates “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee held on 2 October 2017 (Minutes Nod. 105 – 109) be approved and adopted subject to the inclusion of Councillor Mrs Constable in the list of Members present.”

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee held on 2 October 2017 (Minutes Nod 105 – 109) be approved and adopted subject to the inclusion of Councillor Mrs Constable in the list of Members present.

135 PROPOSAL FROM THE CABINET:

Councillor Spruce proposed that the recommendations to Council made in the ‘Money Matters 2017/18 Review of Financial Performance against the Financial Strategy’ report submitted to Cabinet on 5 September 2017 and set out on the Council Agenda be approved.

Councillor Spruce gave further background information on the Local Council Tax Support Grant to Parish Councils and advised that for Parish Council’s to raise their precepts to cover the loss would be the equivalent, on average, of £1.83 per year.

Councillor Eadie seconded the proposal and spoke in support of the recommendations and advised that the decision on the Bore Street shops had been taken in the light of the maintenance liability being less than originally forecast. He also noted that other authorities were adopting the Council’s approach to brown bin collections, highlighted savings from King Edward VI Leisure Centre and advised that invest to save initiatives could be pursued now the new management structure was in place.

Councillor Mrs Woodward said she was not clear on the full implications of the proposal to cease the Local Council Tax Support Grant but was aware that there would be an impact on

parishes. She said she could not support the recommendation and would like the issue to be looked at by Strategic (Overview & Scrutiny) otherwise she would be requesting a named vote.

Councillor Greatorex advised that the grant reduction was quite small when spread across all parishes and parishes had the opportunity to adjust their precept, however to enable them to do this for 2018 the decision could not be delayed. He noted that a decision to cap parish precepts would be a more worrying development.

Councillor Ray said the recommendation on Local Council Tax Support Grant should be revisited since it represented quite a small sum to the District Council but a large amount to the parishes and the Council should be supporting parish councils as representatives of the community.

Councillor Wilcox advised that there had been a gradual reduction in the Support Grant and parishes had been informed well in advance giving them time to discuss and decide whether they wanted to fund the reduction via their precepts.

Supporting the recommendations, Councillor Cox said parishes had been aware of the situation for a number of years but he was concerned about the possible cap on parish precepts and in the event of this being introduced consideration would need to be given to how they could respond.

Councillor Strachan explained that recommendations (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) had all been considered and debated by Overview & Scrutiny Committees, while the Parish Forum had been advised about (v) and Strategic (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee had been briefed.

A named vote was then taken on the recommendations from Cabinet as proposed and seconded:

FOR (34)

Allsopp, Mrs J. A.
Awty, R. J.
Bacon, Mrs N.
Bamborough, R. A. J.
Boyle, Mrs M. G.
Constable, Mrs. B. L.
Cox, R. E.
Eadie, I. M.
Eagland, Mrs J. M.
Fisher, Mrs H. E.
Greatorex, C.
Hassall, Miss E. A.
Hoult, B. E.
Humphreys, K. P.
Leytham, D. J.
Marshall, T.
Matthews, T. R.
Mosson, R.C.
O'Hagan, J. P.
Pritchard, I. M. P.
Pullen, D. R.
Pullen, Mrs N. I.
Rayner, B. L.
Shepherd, Miss O. J.
Smedley, D.
Smith, A. F.
Spruce, C. J.

AGAINST (5)

Banevicius Mrs S. W.
Drinkwater, E. N.
Evans, Mrs C. D.
Ray, P. W. W.
Woodward, Mrs S. E

ABSTAIN (0)

Stanhope, Mrs M.
Strachan, R. W.
Tittley, M. C.
Tranter, Mrs E. H.
White, A. G.
Wilcox, M. J.
Yeates, A.
Yeates, B. W.

It was duly:

RESOLVED: (i) That the decision of the Asset Strategy Group that Bore Street Shops be withdrawn from sale be confirmed and the property be prioritised for review by PSP (Lichfield) LLP and the Medium Term Financial Strategy be amended:

- to fund the Capital Programme shortfall of £1,274,000 in 2017/18 through £674,000 of Capital Receipts and £600,000 of General Reserves.
- to include net revenue income of £108,250 from 2017/18 onwards.

(ii) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2017/18 be updated in relation to implementation costs and to include net income of £333,380 from 2018/19 onwards related to the garden waste subscription service following the decision by Cabinet on 4 April 2017.

(iii) That a budget be allocated for works to King Edward VI Leisure Centre of £120,000 funded by General Reserves in 2017/18 prior to transfer to enable revenue savings to commence from 2018/19.

(iv) That a project management budget be established funded by General Reserves of £212,000 in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

(v) That the payment of Local Council Tax Support Grant to Parish Councils be ceased from 2018/19 enabling the notification of Parish Councils to take place in 2017/18.

136 BUSINESS RATE PILOT AND POOLING ARRANGEMENTS:

Councillor Wilcox reported that there was an opportunity for Staffordshire Councils to collectively bid to pilot the 100% retention of business rates in 2018/19 and each Council was seeking approval to submit a bid to the Government by 27 October 2017. The result of the bid process was anticipated by late November or early December.

Reference was made to supporting documents which contained research undertaken by finance officers and chief executives considering the option, its impact and potential risks.

It was noted that under the pilot districts would retain 100% of future growth in business rates above the Government set baselines. Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding this would result in a minimum payment of £200,000 to the District Council which would be treated as a windfall payment given that the pilot was only scheduled to last for one year.

The option to bid for the pilot would not impact on the existing effective working relationships with the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Business Rate Pool partners, and the District would continue to contribute to a virtual pool from the retained funds under the pilot. In the event of the bid being unsuccessful the council would revert to being a member of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Business Rates Pool.

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs Banevicius, Councillor Wilcox outlined the risks identified in the report and how they were being addressed.

It was duly proposed by Councillor Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Pritchard and

RESOLVED: (1) That approval be given to participate in the Expression of Interest to form a Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Pool, based on all eleven authorities covering the full Staffordshire geography.

(2) Subject to (1) above approval be given to:

(i) Notify the Greater Birmingham and Solihull pool of the Council's intention to be part of a pilot application and if successful to leave this pool and continue to make a voluntary payment equivalent to the level that would have been payable under the current pooling arrangement until such time as the pool no longer exists

(ii) and in the event of the pilot application not being successful, to continue to remain part of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull pool

(3) Subject to the above, authority be given to the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Democratic Services, to submit a firm Expression of Interest by entering into the Memorandum of Understanding

(4) For the reasons set out in the report relating to the timescale for responses, any decisions relating to the determination of the proposed Pool Membership be not subject to call-in.

137 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES:

It was proposed by Councillor Wilcox and duly

RESOLVED: (1) That the following appointments be made to Committees:

(i) Councillor Mrs Banevicius be appointed to Community, Housing and Health (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee.

(ii) Councillor Mrs Evans be appointed to Economic Growth, Environment and Development (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee.

(iii) Councillor Mrs Woodward be appointed to Leisure, Parks and Waste Management (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee.

(iv) Councillor Drinkwater be appointed to Strategic (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee.

(2) That Councillor Mrs Fisher would no longer be a Member of Planning Committee.

138 QUESTIONS:

Question from Councillor Mrs Banevicius to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services:

“Is Coulter Lane and Highfields Farm in or out of the Local Plan Allocations?”

Response from the Councillor Pritchard:

“At the moment nothing has changed from the report that went to Overview & Scrutiny a few weeks ago. Until the final report has been completed then approved and considered ready to be released by myself, it would be inappropriate and premature to make statements that have an impact on peoples’ lives.”

Councillor Mrs Banevicius asked the following supplementary question:

“On what basis is the Burntwood Action Group saying that the area has been taken out of the Allocation?”

Councillor Pritchard responded:

“They were present at the meeting and that is their interpretation.”

Councillor Pritchard acknowledged that a second question had been submitted by Councillor Mrs Evans in respect of access to the High Court Judgment on the challenge against the Secretary of State’s decision to grant outline planning permission for land in Curborough. Following circulation of the judgment the question had been withdrawn. Councillor Mrs Evans thanked Councillor Pritchard for his prompt response.

139 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS:

RESOLVED: That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

IN PRIVATE

140 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER AND 10 OCTOBER 2017 AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS:

1 - Leisure Review

Councillor Mrs Woodward noted the current situation in respect of the Leisure Review and the selection of a preferred bidder. She said interesting new roles had emerged from the review and she supported the increased focus on sports and business development.

2 - Procurement of a Committee Management System

Councillor Mrs Woodward said the Committee Management System was another area of significant expenditure and highlighted the need for Member training. Councillor Smith responded that in addition to enabling more efficient committee management, the system would provide a modest saving. He advised that implementation of the system would be phased, with the roll out to Members occurring at a later stage

(The Meeting closed at 8.04 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN

**REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
CABINET DECISIONS – 7 NOVEMBER 2017**

1. FUTURE DELIVERY OF DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS

The Cabinet approved:

- 1.1 Proposals for the future delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) from April 1 2017 for a period of up to 7 years.
- 1.2 Lichfield District Council's participation in the County contract for the future delivery of DFGs, subject to the outcome of the procurement process.
- 1.3 Invitation of tenders through a competitive procurement process to be administered by Staffordshire County Council (SCC).
- 1.4 Delegation of authority to the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Housing and Wellbeing and Chief Executive to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a County wide service provider following the procurement process, subject to the outcome being favourable and representing value for money to the Council.

2. BROWNFIELD LAND REGISTER

- 2.1 The Cabinet approved the Lichfield District Council Brownfield Land Register (Part 1) for adoption and publication.

CABINET DECISIONS – 5 DECEMBER 2017

3. MONEY MATTERS: 2017-18 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The Cabinet:

- 3.1 Noted the report and issues raised within.
- 3.2 Noted that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members will continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-21.
- 3.3 Approved the transfer of £167,000 of additional car parking income to the Friarsgate earmarked reserve due to car parks impacted by the Friarsgate remaining open during 2017/18.

3.4 Approved the recommended budget virements where the total virement is in excess of £50,000.

3.5 Noted the legislative change related to the removal of credit card/debit card surcharges for payment of Council Tax, Business Rates and leisure activities in early 2018.

4. MONEY MATTERS: COUNCIL TAX AND NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES (NNDR)

The Cabinet:

4.1 Approved in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations, the Council Taxbase for Lichfield District for the financial year 2018/19 of 37,359.5.

4.2 Noted the estimated Council Tax Collection fund Surplus of (£325,430) and the estimated Business Rates Collection Fund surplus of (£1,478,120) for 2017/18.

4.3 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Democratic Services and the Chief Financial Officer (Section 151) to complete and certify the NNDR1 for 2018/19 on behalf of the Council.

5. BUSINESS RATES RATEABLE VALUE REVIEW – SPEND IN EXCESS OF £50,000

The Cabinet:

5.1 Endorsed the contract with Inform CPI to bring it in compliance with the Council's contract procedure rules.

5.2 Noted that the expenditure would be reported to Audit and Member Standards Committee.

6. PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Cabinet

6.1 Accepted and adopted the Property Investment Strategy.

6.2 Approved the set-up of a Local Authority Trading Company (also known as a Local Authority Housing Company).

6.3 Acknowledged the relevance and progress of the Functional Review of Physical Assets.

7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

7.1 The Cabinet approved the revised Local Development Scheme as set out in Appendix A to the report and agreed to its publication.

8. LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATIONS PUBLICATION DOCUMENT

The Cabinet:

- 8.1 Approved the Local Plan Allocations Publication document (Appendix A of the report) and the accompanying Policies Map (Appendix B of the report) for the purposes of undertaking Regulation 19 public consultation.
- 8.2 Approved the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and Non-technical summary (Appendix C & Appendix D of the report respectively), Habitat Regulations Screening Assessment (Appendix E of the report) and Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Appendix E of the report) which accompany the Local Plan Allocations for the purposes of public consultation.
- 8.3 Noted the consultation responses received as part of the previous Regulation 19 consultation and approved the summary documents for publication (Appendix G and Appendix H of the report).
- 8.4 Noted the consultation responses received as part of the previous Regulation 19 Sustainability Appraisal consultation and approved the summary document for publication (Appendix I of the report).
- 8.5 Noted the review of the housing land supply position (Appendix J of the report).
- 8.6 Noted and approved the Schedule of Proposed Modifications document (Appendix K of the report).
- 8.7 Approved the consultation periods and methods proposed at paragraphs 3.15 – 3.17 of the report for the purposes of the Local Plan Allocations consultation.

9. HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL - PETITIONING

The Cabinet:

- 9.1 Agreed to objecting to the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill by way of petition, based on the issues of concern raised in the report and recommended to Full Council that this decision be endorsed; and,
- 9.2 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment and Development in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth to coordinate the petitioning against the Hybrid Bill before Parliament.

(COUNCILLORS PRITCHARD AND WILCOX DECLARED PERSONAL INTERESTS IN THIS ITEM AS LOCAL WARD MEMBERS)

10. GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH SECURED AND FUTURE SECTION 106 MONIES TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY

The Cabinet:

- 10.1 Approved the allocation of historic Section 106 monies secured before the adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and any future S106 monies which are available to spend in support of non-site specific infrastructure utilising the adopted CIL Governance Structure and Administrative Arrangements as set in Appendix A to the report.

- 10.2 Approved the use of the adopted CIL Governance Structure and Administrative Arrangements for the allocation of Section 106 monies where there is discretion in a S106 planning obligation for the Council to do this.
- 10.3 Agreed that of the Section 106 monies received in line with recommendation 10.1 and 10.2 authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services to agree spend below the £50,000 key decision limit.

11. DESIGNATION OF A NEW CONSERVATION AREA IN DRAYTON BASSETT

- 11.1 The Cabinet supported the principle of working towards the designation of a new conservation area in Drayton Bassett and approved the draft designation document for the proposed Drayton Bassett Conservation Area for consultation.

12. LICHFIELD CITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REFERRAL TO REFERENDUM

The Cabinet:

- 12.1 Accepted and agreed to the making of modifications as set out in the ‘Decision Statement regarding Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan proceeding to referendum’ hereby referred to as the Decision Statement (Appendix A to the report) to the Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan and allowed the Plan to be proceed to the referendum stage.
- 12.2 Approved the publication of the Decision Statement (Appendix A to the report).

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

**MICHAEL J WILCOX
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

PLANNING COMMITTEE

16 OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors Smedley (Chairman), Marshall (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Allsopp, Awty, Mrs Bacon, Bamborough, Cox, Drinkwater, Mrs Evans, Miss Hassall, Humphreys, Matthews, Pritchard, Miss Shepherd, Mrs Stanhope MBE, Strachan and A Yeates.

- 110. (APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs Baker, Mrs Barnett, Mrs H Fisher and Councillor Powell).

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Strachan declared a Prejudicial Interest in Application 17/01116/FUL as the Applicant is a friend and he left the room when the application was debated.

112. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2017 and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

113. DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications for permission for development were considered with the recommendations of the Director of Place and Community and any letters of representation and petitions together with a supplementary report of observations/representations received since the publication of the agenda in association with Planning Applications 17/01055/FUL, 17/01082/ADV, 17/01116/FUL and 17/01176/FUL.

- 114. 17/01055/FUL – ERECTION OF 2NO THREE BEDROOM DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS
1 HOOD LANE, ARMITAGE, RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE
FOR PIA HOUSING LTD**

RESOLVED: That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report of the Director of Place and Community, and a minor alteration to the timing of the submission of information to address conditions 3 and 4.

(PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY MR NEIL ALLDRIT (OBJECTOR) AND MR ROB DUNCAN (APPLICANT'S AGENT))

- 115. 17/01082/ADV – RETENTION OF 2 NO. VINYL NON ILLUMINATED WINDOW SIGNS
CARTHY'S TACKLE, 1 NEW ROAD, ARMITAGE**

RESOLVED: That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report of the Director of Place and Community.

- 116. 17/01116/FUL – TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE AND REAR TO FORM HALL AND UTILITY ROOM AND EXTENSION OF KITCHEN AT GROUND FLOOR AND 1NO BEDROOM AND BATHROOM AT FIRST FLOOR AND NEW BAY WINDOW TO FRONT
51 WALSALL ROAD, LICHFIELD**

RESOLVED: That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report of the Director of Place and Community and the submitted amended plans.

- 117. 17/01176/FUL – SINGLE AND TWO STOREY EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO FORM KITCHEN, BREAKFAST ROOM, FAMILY ROOM, STUDY, LIVING ROOM AND 3NO BEDROOMS WITH EN SUITE (RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION 17/00054/FUL)
3 MILL LANE, ALDRIDGE
FOR MS J WATERHOUSE**

RESOLVED: That planning permission be refused as it is considered that the proposal would result in a disproportionate addition to the original dwelling house. As such it is considered to be inappropriate development within the Green Belt. No very special circumstances have been put forward sufficient to outweigh the harm caused by reason of appropriateness and any other harm caused to the Green Belt. Also, by reason of its scale and massing the development would furthermore cause significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt. As such, the development would not accord with the requirements of the NPPF and the Local Plan Strategy.

(PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY MR ROB DUNCAN (APPLICANT'S AGENT))

- 118. ISSUES PAPER – PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 17/01191/OUFMEI – HYBRID PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUSTAINABLE MIXED USE URBAN EXTENSION COMPRISING OF 475 DWELLINGS, NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS POINTS ONTO CLAYPIT LANE AND BIRMINGHAM ROAD, THE REMODELLING AND FORMATION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF FOSSEWAY LANE AND CLAYPIT LANE, COMPREHENSIVE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING UP TO 16.55 HA OF COUNTRY PARK, FOOTPATHS, CYCLEWAYS, MULTIFUNCTIONAL OPEN SPACE, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, COMMUNITY ORCHARD, OPEN SPACE FOR INFORMAL SPORT AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, FOUL AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING BALANCING PONDS AND OTHER ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUND REMODELLING. WITH OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE SERVICED PROVISION OF 1.09 HA OF LAND FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND 1.9 HA FOR STRATEGIC SPORTS PROVISION, WITH ALL MATTERS EXCEPT ACCESS RESERVED
DEANSLADE FARM, LAND SOUTH OF FALKLAND ROAD, LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE**

Consideration was given to an issues paper relating to the proposed development.

RESOLVED: That the following issues also be addressed in the assessment of the above application:

- Consideration to be given to whether there is any merit in seeking to deliver one large Primary School rather than two across this and the neighbouring St. John's development;
- Is it possible to deliver the Public Open Space including Country Park prior development commencing on erecting the dwellings?;
- Consideration to be given to the delivery framework for the Southern Bypass/London Road to ensure that timing is considered in relation to the two neighbouring developments and any resultant congestion issues are addressed;
- Were the traffic surveys conducted at an appropriate time given that Birmingham Road is well trafficked from 6.30 am?;
- Consideration to be given to changing the speed limit adjacent to Travis Perkins to 30mph;
- Sandfield Lodge and Sandfield House are Grade II listed buildings. The application should address what impact will occur to these Heritage Assets of significance;
- Exploration of the need to provide for health facilities within the site to address the demand generated by future residents;
- Is the location of the SUDs system at its optimum position?;
- Exploration of pedestrian and cycle links through the site and their integration into the wider path network, including the St John's development; and
- Is there a need to deliver a Secondary School within the area?.

**119. ISSUES PAPER – PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 17/00977/OUTMEI –
OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED EXCEPT ACCESS ON
TO BIRMINGHAM ROAD FOR A FLEXIBLE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UP
TO 2,000 SQ M AREA (CLASSES A1, A2, A3, B1, D1 AND D2), WITH INDICATIVE
DETAILS OF ASSOCIATED PARKING AREAS, PROVISION OF STRATEGIC
LANDSCAPING, CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROUTES,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE SAFEGARDING
OF LAND FOR THE LICHFIELD SOUTHERN BYPASS AND LICHFIELD CANAL
LAND EAST SIDE OF BIRMINGHAM ROAD, LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE**

Consideration was given to an issues paper relating to the proposed development.

RESOLVED: That the following issues also be addressed in the assessment of the above application:

- Consideration to be given to the delivery framework for the Southern Bypass/London Road to ensure that timing is considered in relation to the two neighbouring developments and any resultant congestion issues are addressed;
- Regard to be had to the Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan, which promotes office development.

(The Meeting closed at 7.43 pm)

CHAIRMAN

PLANNING COMMITTEE

13 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors Smedley (Chairman), Marshall (Vice-Chairman), Awty, Mrs Baker, Bamborough, Mrs Barnett, Cox, Drinkwater, Mrs Evans, Miss Hassall, Humphreys, Matthews, Powell, Pritchard, Strachan and A Yeates.

- 141. (APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs Allsopp, Mrs Bacon, Drinkwater, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Stanhope MBE).

142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Awty declared a Personal Interest in Application 17/01185/FUL as a close family member lives in the area.

143. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 October 2017 together with the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 October 2017 and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

144. DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications for permission for development were considered with the recommendations of the Director of Place and Community and any letters of representation and petitions together with a supplementary report of observations/representations received since the publication of the agenda in association with Planning Applications 17/01036/COU, 17/01185/FUL and 17/01298/FUL.

- 145. 17/01036/COU – CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO FORM MAUSOLEUM
SPRINGHILL FARM, WALSALL ROAD, MUCKLEY CORNER
FOR MR AMEER WAHEED**

RESOLVED: That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report and the supplementary report of the Director of Place and Community.

- 146. 17/01185/FUL – EXTENSION TO EXISTING WORKSHOP AND ERECTION OF FREESTANDING WORKSHOP
777 MOTORS LTD, ORICA BUILDING, FISHERWICK ROAD, FISHERWICK
FOR J F & B M GRAY**

RESOLVED: That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report and the supplementary report of the Director of Place and Community and an amendment to condition 5 to also read, "There shall be no works undertaken to any vehicle at

any time whilst within the area hatched yellow on the approved plan”.

147. 17/01298/FUL – ERECTION OF A TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW AND ASSOCIATED WORKS (RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION 17/00018/FUL) 31 ST PAULS ROAD, BURNTWOOD FOR MR C REEVES

RESOLVED: That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason:-

The proposal would be detrimental to the character of the surrounding area by virtue of its intensive and cramped form, not in keeping with its surroundings. The proposal would therefore be inappropriate to the locality and would conflict with the requirements of Core Policy 3 (Delivering Sustainable Development) and Policy BE1 (High Quality Development) of the Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy (2015); guidance contained within Lichfield District Council’s Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document (December 2015); and Government Guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

(PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY MRS SALLY REEVES (APPLICANT) AND MR CEDRICK BALL (OBJECTOR))

148. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLACE & COMMUNITY – PRE-APPLICATION CHARGING REGIME – REVIEW AND UPDATE

Consideration was given to a Report of the Director of Place & Community on pre-application charging regime – review and update.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the report and approved the following:-

- (a) An amendment to the current schedule of fees for pre-application charging, to include a further separate category relating to a bespoke (to be agreed in negotiation with the applicant) fee for pre-application advice where a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) or bespoke arrangement is needed for large scale, complex or strategic proposals, as set out in Appendix 1;
- (b) That a review of the basic schedule of fees be undertaken over the next 12 months.

(The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm)

CHAIRMAN

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

20th NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs Baker (Chairman), Cox, Mrs Eagland, Greatorex, Miss Hassall, Rayner, Salter and Smedley.

149 **(APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** was received from Councillors Mrs Boyle (Vice Chairman), Mrs Banevicius and B. W. Yeates).

150 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interests

151 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th August 2017, as printed and circulated, were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

152 **PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR POLICY REVIEW 2018**

The Committee received a report on the planned programme of work to review key policies. It was noted that dates for the reviews had not been established as yet but they would be considered by the Committee when being undertaken.

The People Strategy was then discussed and it was reported that it was a key policy and would bridge the gaps between other policies and link in with the Fit for the Future programme. It was noted that the Strategy may be broken down into a number of documents for ease.

It was noted by the Committee that the Terms of Conditions review would begin after the TUPE of leisure Officers in February.

When asked, the membership of the Employee Liaison Group (ELG) was confirmed including Union representation and it was noted that ELG were also consulted with all proposed changes to policies.

RESOLVED: That the information received be noted.

153 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED: That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

IN PRIVATE

154 REDUNDANCY

The Committee received a report on a compulsory redundancy together with the financial implications.

RESOLVED: That the compulsory redundancy as reported on the schedule attached at Appendix 1 of the Report be approved.

155 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – REVENUES AND BENEFITS REDUNDANCY

In accordance with Section 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman of Employment Committee determined that this item be considered as a matter of urgency.

The Committee received a report on compulsory redundancies together with the financial implications.

RESOLVED: That the compulsory redundancies as reported on the schedule attached at Appendix 1 of the Report be approved.

(The Meeting closed at 6.32 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN

Report to Council

19th December 2017

High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe) Bill – Petitioning by Lichfield District Council

On July 17th 2017 the Government laid before Parliament a Hybrid Bill seeking consent to build and operate a High Speed rail line between the West Midlands (Fradley in Lichfield District) and Crewe. The Bill covers Phase 2a of a wider scheme intended to provide a high speed rail network linking London with the north-west of England and Yorkshire.

Ever since the announcement was made by the Secretary of State for Transport to develop a high speed rail line and wider high speed network in January 2012, the District Council has voiced its strong objections.

Appended to this report at **Annex 1** is a report considered by the Council's Cabinet on the 5th December 2017 relating to the opportunity available now to formally petition the Bill and seek via Parliament changes to the Government's proposals to provide for appropriate mitigation.

To allow it to lodge a petition in Parliament against the Bill, the District Council is required by legislation to pass a resolution to this effect supported by more than 50% of the elected Council membership.

It is therefore recommended:

- (1) That in the judgment of the Lichfield District Council it is expedient for the Council to oppose the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill introduced in the Session of Parliament 2017-19.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment and Development in consultation with the Director of Transformation and Resources and Head of Economic Growth take all necessary steps to carry the foregoing Resolution into effect, that the Common Seal be affixed to any necessary documents and that confirmation be given that Sharpe Pritchard (Parliamentary Agents) be authorised to sign the Petition of the Council against the Bill.

High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill – Petitioning

Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment and Development

Date: 5th December 2017
Agenda Item: 9
Contact Officer: Craig Jordan
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Key Decision? No
Local Ward Members Cllrs Mrs Barnett, Pritchard, Rayner, Mrs Stanhope,
Wilcox, Cox, Marshall, Tittley

ANNEX 1
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CABINET

1. Executive Summary

1.1 As part of its commitment to developing a High Speed rail network in the United Kingdom, the Government is proposing to further extend the Phase 1 line from the West Midlands to respectively the north-west and Yorkshire (Phase 2). On the 17th July 2017 a Hybrid Bill relating to High Speed 2 Phase 2a – a route from the West Midlands to Crewe - was introduced in Parliament. This report addresses the issue of petitioning against the Hybrid Bill and follows on from a report presented to Cabinet on 5th September.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- agrees to objecting to the High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe) Bill by way of petition, based on the issues of concern raised in this report and recommends to Full Council that this decision be endorsed; and,
- delegates authority to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment and Development in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth to coordinate the petitioning against the Hybrid Bill before Parliament.

3. Background

3.1 High Speed 2 is a Government backed and promoted proposal to develop a high speed rail line between London and the West Midlands (Phase 1) with later spurs to Manchester and Leeds (Phase 2).

3.2 Phase 2a relates to the proposals to develop an extension of Phase 1 from Lichfield District in the West Midlands to Crewe in Cheshire. Phase 2b is the route which will extend from Phase 1 up to Leeds via Nottingham and Sheffield. Plans for Phase 2a have been brought forward in advance of those for Phase 2b.

Hybrid_Bill

3.3 On 17th July the Government introduced in Parliament a Hybrid Bill setting out plans for Phase 2a – see **Appendix A**. The Bill has been given a formal first reading in the House of Commons, and will progress through the Commons and then the Lords. As part of the Bill deposit a consultation exercise also commenced on an associated Environmental Statement (ES) supporting the proposed route design and

planned mitigation. The Cabinet received a report on this consultation on 5th September where it agreed a response and also separately confirmed the intention to appoint a parliamentary agent to assist in any subsequent petitioning against the Bill. Following those decisions a formal response to the consultation prepared jointly with Staffordshire County Council, Stafford Borough Council and Newcastle-Under-Lyme Borough Council was submitted by the deadline of 30th September and Sharpe Pritchard were appointed as the Council's Parliamentary Agents.

- 3.4 The next stage of the parliamentary procedure will be for the second reading of the Hybrid Bill to take place at which point Members of the House of Commons (MPs) will decide whether or not the principle of the Bill is acceptable and if confirmed, the proposals can go forward for detailed scrutiny. It is understood that the Bill will receive its second reading before the end of the current calendar year. If MPs do decide to progress the Bill – which is extremely likely, a Select Committee of MPs will be set up to determine whether the Bill is appropriate as deposited or needs to be changed in any way by Parliament. Following the second reading of the Bill a period will follow during which petitions can be lodged by interested parties. Parliament is currently in the process of considering rule changes which are likely to mean that the petitioning period will be 25 calendar days from the date of second reading.

Petitioning

- 3.5 From the original announcements in January 2012 of the Government's intentions to progress with proposals for a High Speed rail network the District Council has maintained a strong and principled objection. It is not considered that the project will deliver economic benefits to residents and businesses in the District and more so will result in harm to the local environment and amenity. Whilst of this view the Council has accepted that ultimately decisions over Phase 1 and Phase 2 are not ones being made locally but by Parliament and therefore local concerns may well be overridden. In the circumstances it has been recognised that the most appropriate approach is to seek to maximise any benefits that could come for HS2 and minimise the adverse impacts. It is in this context that officers of the District Council have worked with partners to engage with HS2 Limited to ensure that the detailed aspects of Phase 1 and now Phase 2a take account fully of social, environmental and economic concerns relevant to the project and Lichfield District.
- 3.6 Although much effort and time has been expended to influence the route design and proposed mitigation measures for Phase 2a, as with Phase 1a the proposals contained in the Hybrid Bill do not fully address the concerns articulated by local residents, this Council or Staffordshire County Council.
- 3.7 The Hybrid Bill offers the main opportunity for local authorities, local communities, individuals and other interested parties to challenge the Government's proposals and seek to have changes made to the proposed scheme. This process is known as 'Petitioning' which involves a formal document being drafted and sent to Parliament by an affected party and then subject to the affected party establishing that it has sufficient standing, that party duly presenting its case to the Select Committee in the Houses of Parliament.
- 3.8 In April 2014, the District Council took the decision to formally petition against the HS2 Phase 1 Hybrid Bill. In doing so members will recall that the process delivered some positive results with the line of route now planned to go under rather than over the A38, West Coast Main Line in a cutting at Streethay, a lowering of the height of the route generally through the District and changes meaning the protection of the Trent and Mersey Canal and its surrounds.
- 3.9 In the report considered by the Cabinet on 5th September 2017 the concerns regarding the current Bill and associated proposed mitigation were identified. [Cabinet sep 2017 - hs2.doc](#). It is these matters that need to be considered having regards to petitioning.

3.10 In deciding whether or not to petition the Council will have to consider the nature of its concerns but also why it has an interest in these matters. This latter point is important as when the Select Committee comes to deciding whether or not to hear a petitioner's case it will want to establish that the petitioner is "specially and directly affected". If the Committee does not believe that a petitioner is so affected, it can prevent the petitioner being heard if its standing is challenged by the promoter. Parliamentary Agents have advised that this 'rule' applies to any prospective petitioner and is intended to ensure the process of petitioning is not abused. Regarding HS2 and the Hybrid Bill the proposals impact upon individual landowners, local communities and local services and infrastructure. Parliamentary Agents have also advised that if the Council petitioned, it would be extremely unlikely that its standing would be challenged.

How can the District Council Petition?

3.11 Petitioning against a Parliamentary Bill requires specialist knowledge and expertise in drafting the petition and if necessary presenting this to the Select Committee. Parliamentary Agents are solicitors approved by the House of Commons and Lords to undertake this work on behalf of bodies seeking to petition.

3.12 The District Council has appointed Sharpe Pritchard as its Parliamentary Agents to advise and assist on HS2 Phase 2a. The same agents were used on Phase 1.

3.13 There is a statutory requirement under Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 for local authorities to obtain the authority of Full Council to object to a local bill and deposit a petition in Parliament against it. A Hybrid Bill is considered to fall within the remit of Section 239.

3.14 There is also a requirement for the Full Council meeting to be advertised and for at least half the members of the Council to vote in favour of the resolution (note half the Council membership not half of those attending the meeting). The advert has to be placed in the local press at least 10 clear days before the meeting and notify interested parties of the intention of the Council to consider whether to object to the Bill by petitioning.

3.15 As mentioned above, following the second reading the petitioning period (which is likely to be 25 days) will start running. The latest information that the Parliamentary Agents have is that the second reading will not take place before 4 December, but that the government hopes that it will happen before the end of the year.

Petitioning issues

3.16 The Hybrid Bill provides details of a route which will in Lichfield District run from a point close to Fradley (the Fradley Spur) across open countryside to the south of Kings Bromley through the Ridwares and then onward to Colton & Stockwell Heath before crossing into Stafford Borough. As proposed the design will include for large parts a raised line on embankments and viaducts, consequently the railway will be prominent in the landscape and impact on a number of settlements and environmental features. To facilitate the construction of the railway, temporary works will also have an impact including the extraction and movement of materials and the provision of works compounds.

3.17 Attached at **Appendix B** to this report is a list of potential petitioning points prepared on the basis of the response to the earlier Environmental Statement consultation. This identifies both route wide issues which apply both within Lichfield District but also in other areas subject to Phase 2a and specific matters relevant to Lichfield District itself.

3.18 In comparison with Phase 1 the route alignment and design of Phase 2a appears to be generally less controversial and raises fewer significant concerns. This is not to say however that there are no major concerns or scope for improvements in terms of the design, appearance and impacts of the scheme. Although the Hybrid Bill has been deposited in Parliament the full details of the scheme have yet to be worked up. HS2 Limited is continuing to refine its proposals and carry out work to inform these. As a consequence, those organisations and individuals seeking to petition may wish to identify aspects of the scheme which are known already and which raise concern but also potential concerns which relate to future elements of the project.

3.19 Taking the above into account the key concerns include the following:

- The height of the line in and around Kings Bromley
- The impact on the landscape and amenity of planned viaducts close to Kings Bromley & the Ridwares
- The proposed closure of Common Lane, Kings Bromley
- The potential sterilisation of development land forming part of the former Rugeley Power Station site and impact on the timing of delivery of future housing/employment
- The potential impact of construction traffic on Colton, Hill Ridware and Pipe Ridware
- The loss of important trees and hedgerows and adverse impacts on key nature conservation habitats
- Noise impacts on specific properties

Alternative Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council could decide not to formally petition Parliament. 2. Alternatively it could give support to other bodies who do decide to petition though this would not allow the Council to make any formal representations to Parliament directly.
Consultation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation with members and other interested parties took place in respect of the response to the Hybrid Bill Environmental Statement. The Economic Growth, Environment and Development (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee has also received reports and briefing papers on HS2 Phases 1 and 2 with the most recent presented in September 2017.
Financial Implications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A general reserve to support petitioning of HS2 was established in connection with Phase 1. The current balance of the reserve is approximately £44,000 considered sufficient to meet the costs of petitioning Phase 2a.
Contribution to the Delivery of the Strategic Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development of High Speed 2 Phase 2a would not accord with the objectives of the Strategic Plan for Lichfield District unless as a consequence of its development the scheme would generate jobs and wealth creation in the District and have no adverse environmental impacts.

<p>Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications</p>	<p>1. HS2 Phase 2a will impact upon individual residents, businesses and local communities in the District. As part of the Bill an Equalities Impact Assessment has been prepared and published and within the Environmental Statement socio-economic impacts are also addressed. This report identifies particular social and economic effects alongside environmental concerns which could be the subject of petitioning if this is the decision of the Council.</p>
<p>Crime & Safety Issues</p>	<p>1. There may be crime and safety issues linked to both the construction and operation of High Speed 2 Phase 2a however the nature of these issues is not known at this stage. These will only become apparent as the Bill progresses through Parliament and more details emerge of the planned works and operation of the railway itself. Such details will be reported to members in due course as and when relevant information becomes available</p>

	Risk Description	How We Manage It	Severity of Risk (RYG)
A	Failure to petition the Bill	LDC officers and members continue to support Staffs. CC and other local interested parties in their petitioning of the Hybrid Bill and engage with HS2 Limited to seek resolution of matters prior to Select Committee stage.	Yellow

Background documents:
The High Speed (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill July 2017 and associated documentation
LDC Cabinet Report – September 2017

Relevant web links:

High Speed Rail (West Midlands- Crewe) Bill: The Bill and Procedures

The Hybrid Bill was presented to Parliament and had its first reading on the 17th July 2017. The second reading is expected to take place before the end of the calendar year.

The Bill sets out proposals for the development of a high speed rail line between Fradley in Lichfield District and Crewe in East Cheshire. The Bill provides for the necessary powers to construct and subsequently operate the proposed rail line. If approved at second reading stage Parliament will consider the principles of Phase 2a and the detailed impacts of this on affected communities, organisations and individuals and decide whether or not the Bill should be duly enacted. Parliament could decide that in its present form the Bill should not progress or after a successful second reading, if it is to be enacted what changes to the Bill need to be made.

The Bill and accompanying material:

- The Hybrid Bill includes the Bill itself setting out schedules which detail the proposals and the land that will need to be acquired and/or used to facilitate the development and operation of the rail line. Explanatory Notes are also provided to explain/amplify parts of the Bill.
- Plans and sections which show the location and profile of the proposed scheme
- A Book of Reference, which describes ownerships of all land interests affected by the proposals
- Supporting documents including a Housing Statement, Estimate of Expense, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Alternatives Report
- Environmental Statement, which explains in detail the impacts of the proposals along the whole route and the steps to be taken to mitigate those impacts. The ES is split into a number of volumes and linked appendices.

The aforementioned material has been placed on public deposit and lodged with relevant local authorities and local libraries along the route of the proposed line (in hard copy format and electronically via a memory stick). The information is also available to view on-line at www.hs2.org.uk.

Consultation on the ES took place between July 17th and September 20th 2017. The results of the consultation are due to be reported to Parliament before the second reading takes place.

High Speed 2 Phase 2a Possible Petitioning Issues

It is important to bear in mind that with any petition as far as is possible this should set out clearly not just areas of concern or interest but also what changes to the Bill/proposed scheme are required. In the absence of such HS2 and/or the Select Committee will either ignore or question why an issue has been raised.

Notwithstanding this, it is also the Council's experience from Phase 1 that by petitioning on matters of concern whatever these matters may be – for example where detailed work by HS2 Limited is still on-going and scheme design not yet complete – it does focus HS2 Limited's attention to progress the work in question and provide either information or answers to questions to help inform an opinion.

It is on this basis therefore that the following matters are identified:

General (Route-wide)

Waste considerations – the generation and re-use of waste within or as a result of the scheme is not addressed properly. It is considered that the appraisal of reuse, recovery and recycling of materials linked to the scheme is weak and that alternatives to the proposals have not been either explored or not sufficiently. *(SCC matter)*

Request: The approach to waste and resource management be revisited.

New Tree Planting – New tree planting is proposed across the scheme including adjacent to ancient woodland, historic hedgerows etc. Concern is raised at the provenance of the tree stock to be utilised for this purpose and the timescales involved. Defining what is meant by 'local' in relation to the trees to be utilised is important as if non-local trees are used the genetic integrity of sites will be lost. This would negatively impact the quality and sustainability of the resource in the future.

Socio-economic factors – construction of the railway has the potential to generate additional direct and indirect employment in the District and wider areas. It is important that these opportunities are open to local residents.

Request: A commitment is sought from the nominated undertaker that contractors will access the local workforce to serve construction of the railway and in doing so offer opportunities to skills development and apprenticeships.

Noise assessments – objection is raised at the use of a noise assessment baseline of minimum 50 dB LOAEL. This has an unfair impact in judging noise effects in rural areas where ambient noise levels are low.

Request: A reduction to 45 dB for the LOAEL is requested to take into account the impact on quiet areas

Construction compounds – the design of construction compounds must take into account the need for sufficient off-road parking provision to accommodate staff and visitors otherwise high safety could be compromised. As proposed parking appears not to have been fully taken into account.

Request: HS2 properly assess the parking requirements associated with planned construction compounds and provide to meet needs within the footprints of the same or elsewhere off the public highway.

Ecological impacts and mitigation – Following comments made at the working draft EIA stage and before the deposit of the Hybrid Bill, it appears that the design of the route as now presented does not take into account many of the issues raised in respect of ecological impact and hence mitigation.

Request: Further work to be undertaken in developing the route design to ensure that ecological impacts are fully understood and that if necessary additional mitigation measures are brought forward via the AP route.

Landscape – there is concern that the appraisal of landscape impact is not robust and takes too narrow a definition excluding wider landscape considerations. This means that the impacts and proposed mitigation measures linked to the route design are flawed.

Request: HS2 review landscape impacts having regard to the use of wider considerations eg. landscape severance, compartmentalisation of areas etc and ensure that any additional mitigation requirements as a consequence are brought forward.

Hedgerows and trees – the proposed scheme includes land areas where the loss of important trees and hedgerows and other environmental features could be a factor. However as the route design details are still a work in progress it is not known whether certain features might need to be removed or could actually be retained. This is important given the status and value of for example veteran trees or woodland or historic hedgerows.

Request: Parliament considers how in the light of the above protections can be put in place to ensure that important environmental features are preserved where it is shown that their removal or loss is not needed to facilitate the scheme.

Habitat compensation – habitat compensation is proposed in locations that would result in the destruction of existing habitat of principal importance. This is not acceptable. Also some ecological mitigation could adversely affect archaeological features.

Request: HS2 to review ecological mitigation measures where compensation on existing habitats is proposed and to also liaise with archaeological specialists where ecological mitigation may impact on such deposits.

Heritage Assets - The proposed line will cause considerable harm to the setting of a number of designated heritage assets. As well as harming their significance this will have a considerable detrimental impact on their long term viability. This harm needs to be reduced and mitigated and specific details are required.

Request: HS2 to consider lowering of the line to reduce harmful impact to the setting, and long term viability of designated heritage assets. HS2 should consider providing a minimum schedule of mitigation for designated heritage assets within their ownership to ensure properties which are underused or left vacant are not allowed to deteriorate, including as a minimum a system of quinquennial inspections and a duty to carry out basic maintenance works to such heritage assets.

Specific – Lichfield District

Rugeley Power Station – HS2 are showing land within the current footprint of the RPS site land that it will require to deliver a power supply to an off-site transformer station necessary for both the construction and operation of the railway. The areas of actual land needed are not yet firmly established and this is of concern as the former power station site is identified as a development opportunity the potential of which could be stymied.

Request: HS2 to clarify the extent of land take necessary for HS2 related matters to ensure the development of the RPS site can come forward in appropriate timescales.

Common Lane, Kings Bromley – It is proposed to close Common Lane as part of the scheme. This road serves as a route for HGV's and also is used by cyclists, runners and walkers. If closed this would mean HGV's having to pass Richard Crosse Primary School and result in the loss of a valued local amenity.

Request: Alternative options are considered which would enable Common Lane to remain open for traffic and local amenity purposes.

Height of line, Kings Bromley – The proposed height of the line in the Kings Bromley area is of concern from an aesthetic point of view. As it crosses the A515 it is approximately 12 metres above road level rising to 15.5 metres at the transition between Bourne Embankment and the Kings Bromley Viaduct.

Request: HS2 be asked to consider lowering the line at this location and in particular the viaduct. Options could include lowering the Kings Bromley and Trent Valley viaducts such that road clearances at A513 and A515 dictate the track level or lowering of the Kings Bromley and Trent Valley Viaducts and realignment of the A513 and A515 over the HS2 route.

Pipe Wood is recognised of high importance from an ecological perspective. Nature conservation interests are served by hedgerows connecting habitats particularly for bats. There are no current proposals to offset scheme impacts or prevent harm to bats.

Request: A green bridge at the Mavesyn Ridware Footpath 38 Accommodation Overbridge be provided linking to the habitat creation proposed to the south of the line would serve to reduce severance and bat mortality

Lount Farm Local Wildlife Site is of county importance and its habitats of principal importance. There is a need to safeguard nature conservation interests including conservation corridors vital to the movement of species.

Request: That HS2 explore the potential of undergrounding a high voltage power line

Veteran Tree Loss – It is stated that road widening works associated with facilitating construction traffic will result in the loss of an ancient oak tree 'Noddys Oak' on Newlands Lane, south of Stockwell Heath. Losing such a tree to what would be temporary works is unacceptable and unwarranted.

Request: Arrangement of a diversion of Hadley Gate Lane so as to avoid veteran tree loss should be seriously considered

Traffic Calming – traffic calming measures are being provided in Hill Ridware this financial year on the B5014 Uttoxeter Road. Further traffic calming measures are planned in the same locality before 2020. These could have an impact on planned construction traffic using this route.

Request: Without prejudice to on-going discussions with the Highway Authority as regards agreement over construction routes, if this route is identified and agreed and traffic calming measures need to be removed as a result, HS2 is requested to reinstate at the end of the construction phase.

Traffic routing – it is proposed to use Cappers Lane, A5127 Burton Road, Eastern Avenue and A51 Stafford Road for construction traffic associated with the scheme. All these routes pass through the built-up area of Lichfield City.

Request: That construction traffic is routed along the A38, Hilliards Cross and Wood End Lane, Fradley to better access the scheme.

Traffic routing – earlier discussions with HS2 limited indicated that construction traffic would be routed such as to avoid Kings Bromley. This should be confirmed in the Bill.

Request: that the Bill makes it clear that construction traffic will not be routed through the village of Kings Bromley.

Traffic routing – it is proposed to use traffic routes through Colton Village and Hill Ridware to accommodate construction traffic. This would have an adverse impact on the residents of both villages and cause potential conflict with other road users.

Request: That HS2 consider alternative routing arrangements in discussion with the Highway Authority. This could involve construction of the haul route at an earlier stage than currently planned and an access off the A515.

Traffic and transport – it is proposed to provide a temporary roundabout at the junction of the A515 and A513 south of Kings Bromley as part of the construction phase. If traffic flow analysis supports this it might make sense to make the roundabout permanent.

Request: HS2 to discuss with the Highway Authority an assessment of the roundabout proposal and scope for this to be made permanent if studies show this would be appropriate.

Newlands Lane Auto Transformer Feeder Station – from the Bill it is not clear the height of the transformer and hence it is not possible to assess the appropriateness of the landscape mitigation measures proposed.

Request: HS2 Limited be required to supply this information to the Staffs CC Landscape specialists.

Power lines, Kings Bromley – it is proposed to provide replacement and relocated power lines in the Kings Bromley area at a height 14 metres. This could have a negative impact on the landscape and setting to the village.

Request: Consideration be given to examining whether these power lines could be routed underground.

Noise – There are recognised adverse noise impacts from construction on 40 properties located west of Kings Bromley, Pipe Ridware, Hadley Gate and Stockwell Heath. Impacts could last from 1-3 years. Mitigation is required with consideration being given to noise insulation and/or temporary screening.

Request: HS2 Limited examine the need for suitable mitigation.

Noise – the scheme will impact on 3 properties (see para. 13.4.11 CA1 Community Area Report Fradley to Colton) identified as being eligible for noise insulation.

Request: That noise insulation to these 3 properties be provided.

Noise – Noise barriers are proposed at Rileyhill, Kings Bromley, Pipe Ridware, Blithbury, Colton and Stockwell Heath but no details are available as yet as to what such barriers will take the form of.

Request: HS2 develop its plans and consult with the local residents of these village to ensure that the barriers are appropriate and locally acceptable.

Noise - 7 Dwellings (see para 13.5.17 CA1 CAR F-C) are identified as requiring noise insulation. This provides for internal noise level mitigation but not external.

Request: HS2 Limited should give due consideration to localised screening to reduce external noise levels and improve local amenity.

Noise – Common Farm (13.5.27 CA1 CAR F-C) predicted to have a change in noise levels of over 10dB representing a significant effect. This is a Bed & Breakfast operation and therefore should be protected from excessive noise levels.

Request: HS2 Limited should provide more information on proposed mitigation.

Noise – Ridware Theatre will be impacted upon by increased noise levels as a result of the proposed scheme construction. This will impact upon performances if not suitably mitigated.

Request: HS2 Limited needs to give more consideration to the issue of mitigation.

Public Rights of Way including bridleway concerns – eg. Colton 34, 52, 76 to be picked up by Staffs CC

Flood Risk – concerns over increased risk in some locations as a consequence of the scheme – Staffs CC to pick up

our strategic plan at a glance

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To be a strong, flexible council that delivers good value, quality services and helps to support a **vibrant and prosperous economy, healthy and safe communities** and **clean, green and welcoming places to live.**

How we create a vibrant and prosperous economy

How we create healthy and safe communities

How we create clean, green & welcoming places to live

What we will do

Between 2016 and 2020 we will place particular importance on:

- Promoting Lichfield District as a good place to invest through the roll out of the Local Plan.
- Ensuring our district is 'open for business' by welcoming and nurturing new enterprises to start up and succeed in our key business centres and rural areas.
- Delivering support, signposting and networking opportunities to existing businesses to help them thrive.
- Making it easy for businesses to interact with us.
- Understanding, monitoring and adapting to business needs and issues across the district.
- Encouraging increased visitors to our district, increased spend in the local economy and more overnight visitors.
- Delivering good quality and safe car parking in our key retail areas.
- Creating policies and events that promote healthy and active lifestyles for all, including young people – from cycle and safe walking routes, through to events, community activities and more.
- Providing support to help those with disabilities and older people stay healthy and active.
- Creating opportunities to increase the number of residents who are physically active, especially in hard to reach groups.
- Supporting and encouraging the development of clubs and other organisations to increase the quantity and quality of leisure and cultural opportunities across the district.
- Delivering a programme of disabled facilities grants to help people remain living safely at home
- Providing help and advice to prevent homelessness.
- Implementing our Local Plan which will ensure a controlled and balanced growth of the district.
- Developing supplementary planning guidance which will help to preserve our historic environment, support rural communities, and ensure the district continues to be an attractive place.
- Maintaining our parks and open spaces which encourage residents to enjoy the outdoors.
- Restoring the historic features of Stowe Pool and Fields.
- Our joint waste service continues to help our residents recycle a large percentage of their waste.
- Pursuing opportunities to transfer some open spaces to local organisations who can look after them for the enjoyment of all (e.g. playing fields).

By 2020 there will be:

- More local jobs and more people in employment.
- More new businesses locate in our district.
- More businesses succeed.
- More visitors and greater visitor spend in our district.
- A regenerated Lichfield City centre and an improved retail offer in Burntwood.
- More people will be active and healthy.
- More people will be involved in volunteering and community activity.
- Fewer people and families will be homeless.
- More people will feel safer and less worried about crime and anti-social behaviour.
- More people will be living independently at home.
- More affordable homes in the district.
- Our heritage and open spaces will be well maintained or enhanced.
- Our streets will be clean and well maintained.
- More people will use parks and open spaces.
- New homes, office, retail and manufacturing spaces will be built or developed in line with our Local Plan and planning guidance.

Our council By 2020:

- Our customers will be more satisfied.
- We will continue to be financially responsible.
- Our organisation will have clear corporate values and be committed to openness and transparency.
- More people will interact with us through our website and digital channels.
- We'll be more innovative in how we deliver services and make a difference locally.

This plan sets out the high level outcomes we want to achieve over the next four years. Every year we produce a one-year action plan that sets out the key activities we will deliver to drive forward the priorities set out in this plan in detail, and the measures and targets we use to check how we are doing. Read our actions plans at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/actionplans



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