

## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **SPECIAL CABINET DECISIONS – 17 May 2022**

#### **1 BABC Commercial Structures & Trading Activity**

The Cabinet agreed:

- 1.1 The transfer of recruitment activity, along with budget, currently undertaken by the Council's HR department to a new Talent Acquisition service provided by specialist resource in LWMTS Ltd, subject to a suitable service level agreement.
- 1.2 The transfer of Landlord and Project Management services, along with budget, currently undertaken within the Council to a new Corporate Landlord service provided by LWMTS Ltd, subject to a suitable service level agreement

### **CABINET DECISIONS – 7 June 2022**

#### **2 Money Matters: 2021/22 Review of Financial Performance against the Financial Strategy**

The Cabinet:

- 2.1 Noted the report and issues raised within and that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members will continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 2.2 Noted the transfers to or from general and earmarked reserves at 31 March 2022.
- 2.3 Approved £1,650,000 of Capital Programme slippage related to 2021/22 being added to the Approved Budget in 2022/23 as outlined at appendix D of the Cabinet report.
- 2.4 Delegated responsibility to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Revenues & Benefits and the Head of Finance and Procurement to make updates to Prudential Indicators based on more up to date information as the accounts are finalised in advance of approval by Council.
- 2.5 Recommended to Council to approve the actual 2021/22 Prudential Indicators.

#### **3 Procurement Matters Update 2021/2022**

The Cabinet:

- 3.1 Noted the contents of the Cabinet report and the planned actions in the Action Plan at appendix A of the Cabinet report.

#### **4 Nature Recovery Declaration**

The Cabinet:

- 4.1 Approved the text of and made a Nature Recovery Declaration.

#### **5 Staffordshire Sustainability Board Climate Change Vision and Pledge**

The Cabinet:

- 5.1 Approved and adopted the Staffordshire Sustainability Board (SSB) Vision and Pledge.
- 5.2 Approved that, subject to Council approval, the Cabinet Member for Housing, Biodiversity and Climate Change be appointed as the Council's representative on the SSB.

### **CABINET DECISIONS – 11 July 2022**

#### **6 Medium Term Financial Strategy**

The Cabinet:

- 6.1 Recommended to Council to approve an update to the Medium Term Financial Strategy to include the additional net investment needs of £1,263,000 identified at paras 3.22 and 3.23 of the Cabinet report
- 6.2 Delegated, to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commissioning, responsibility to agree the form and timetable for the Budget Consultation covering 2023/24.

#### **7 Procurement Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) Permission to Consult**

The Cabinet:

- 7.1 Approved the introduction of a banded LCTS scheme (appendix A of the Cabinet report – option 5 is favoured).
- 7.2 Approved the commencement of a consultation with the public and Major Precepting Authorities about the introduction of the new banded LCTS scheme, including exceptional hardship scheme for working age applicants with effect from 1 April 2023.

## **CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

### **8 Chatbot Implementation**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and commissioning agreed that a contract be entered into with ICS.AI as the developer of the tools to assist in the creation of our own chatbot for a minimum period of 2 years and the option to extend for up to a further 2 years.

### **9 Works for the Ground Floor Redevelopment at DCH**

The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Parks and Street Cleansing approved to award the contract retrospectively to R.A. Edwards & Partners Limited.

### **10 Dissolution of the PSP Limited Liability Partnership**

The Leader of the Council dissolved the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) between the Council and Public Sector Plc. (PSP).

### **11 Treasury Management Contract Award**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Commissioning:

Approved to award the contract to Arlingclose Ltd for an initial 3 year term with two optional extensions of 12 months.

Approved that the options to utilise the 2 x 12 month extensions are reviewed and determined by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commissioning based on performance and recommendation from the Assistant Director - Finance & Commissioning.

### **12 Council Tax Energy Rebate Implementing the Discretionary Fund**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and commissioning approved the discretionary policy that will be used for the allocation of the Government funding.

### **13 Learning Management Procurement**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and commissioning agreed that a contract is entered into with Accipio Ltd as the implementers of the software platform for a minimum period of 2 years and the option to extend for up to a further 2 years.

### **14 Contract Award for Garden Waste Stickers**

The Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling:

Approved to award the contract to PermiServ Limited for an initial 2 year term with an optional extension of 12 months.

Agreed that the option to utilise the 12 month extension is reviewed and determined by the Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling based on performance and recommendation from the Head of Operational Services.

**Doug Pullen**  
**Leader of the Council**