

COUNCIL MEETING

18 DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT:

R. J. Awty (Chairman)
Mrs N. Bacon (Vice-Chairman)

Ball, C.	Lax, Mrs A. C.	Salter, D. F.
Baker, Mrs D. F.	Leytham, D. J.	Smith, A. F.
Bamborough, R. A. J.	Little, Mrs E. A.	Spruce, C. J.
Banevicius, Mrs S. W.	Marshall, T.	Strachan, R. W.
Barnett, Mrs S. A.	Matthews, T. R.	Warfield, M. A.
Boyle, Mrs M. G.	Mosson, R. C.	White, A. G.
Cox, R. E.	Powell, J. J. R.	Wilcox, M. J.
Eagland, Mrs J. M.	Pritchard, I. M. P.	Woodward, Mrs S. E.
Evans, Mrs C. D.	Pullen, D.	Yeates, A.
Humphreys, K. P.	Ray, P. W. W.	Yeates, B. W.
Hoult, B. E.	Rayner, B. L.	

56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Drinkwater, Constable, Mrs Constable, Eadie, Miss Fisher, Mrs Fisher, Greatorex, O'Hagan, Mrs Pullen, Mrs Stanhope, Miss Shepherd and Tittley.

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

58 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed and duly seconded "that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 October 2018 as printed and previously circulated be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to (i) the typographical error in Councillor Mrs Woodward's name (Minute 44(2)) being corrected, (ii) Minute 44(5) being amended to read 'Councillor Cox thanked Mr Blakeway' and (iii) Minute 46 and 55 being amended make it clear that Councillor Ball referred to the withdrawal of funding from Lichfield Foyer, Lichfield not Hawthorn House.

Councillor Mrs Eagland advised that she would no longer be representing Staffordshire County Council on the Community, Housing and Health (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee given that it was no longer within her remit at the County Council.

59 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visits and Events

The Chairman reported that he had attended a number of events commemorating the Centenary of the end of the First World War, culminating with the Duke of Gloucester laying a wreath on behalf of the Queen at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Carol Services

As part of the busy build up towards Christmas the Chairman advised that he had attended a number of carol services including at the Memory Café at the Methodist Church noting that those present had been delightfully entertained by children from St Michael's School.

Chairman's Charity

The Chairman invited Members to make a Christmas donation to his nominated charity, the Memory Café and advised that anyone doing so would have a chance to win a Christmas gift. He then welcomed those present to join him for seasonal refreshments after the meeting.

60 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER AND 4 DECEMBER 2018 AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

Councillor Wilcox advised that Councillor Constable and Councillor Drinkwater were unable to attend due to their personal circumstances. They had both expressed gratitude for the support they had received from Members and he had wished them well and passed on season's greetings on behalf of the Council.

2 - Proposal for a Small Business Grant Scheme

Councillor Pritchard reported that following the launch of the small business grant scheme enquiries had been received from a range of sectors across the District. He said the business community in the District was vibrant and the Council would do all it could to keep it that way.

Councillor Pritchard advised that the Council had an Economic Development Officer and any business that could benefit from assistance should be encouraged to get in touch.

11 - Marketing Opportunities with Visit Lichfield

Councillor Mrs Evans asked for further information about the Marketing Opportunities that were being provided. Councillor Pritchard advised that the 'Visit Lichfield' website could be used to promote things that were happening throughout the District and help local businesses and agreed to provide further details.

61 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE

Councillor Cox submitted the Minutes of the Economic Growth, Environment and Development (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee held on 12 November 2018.

36 – Planning Enforcement Resource Review

Councillor Ball said he had expressed concern at the meeting over whether there were sufficient resources for the targets and enforcement plan.

Councillor Mrs Woodward said the current enforcement staff worked hard to answer enquiries but they appeared thin on the ground and under pressure. She said it was necessary to

ensure that there were sufficient resources in place to enable local Members to respond to concerns from electors.

Councillor Pritchard said he was keen to ensure that there were adequate resources and regularly checked with heads of service. He felt that resources were sufficient at the present time and that overall performance was good.

Councillor Cox noted that resources had been discussed by the Committee and the issue would be kept under review.

40 – Economic Performance Update

Councillor Mrs Evans said it was not sufficient to refer to the skills gap as a national problem and it was important to lobby the government to address the issue. Councillor Wilcox advised that skills were high on the Agenda of the LEPs and in addition to lobbying the government there was direct dialogue with universities and colleges to make sure people were being equipped with the right skills.

41 – Birmingham Road Site Working Group – Notes of Meeting

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs Banevicius it was advised that the Birmingham Road Site Working Group notes were submitted to the Economic Growth, Environment and Development (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee and published accordingly.

Councillor Ray said funding would be the key to success and asked what steps were being taken to secure funding.

Councillor Wilcox advised that the Government had launched a high street fund but schemes had to be ready for delivery before an application could be made. It was therefore essential that the working group made progress while engaging with relevant groups and the public to develop a masterplan.

62 MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE

Councillor Strachan submitted the Minutes of the Strategic (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee held on 22 November 2018.

20 - Declarations of Interest

Councillor Strachan noted that Councillor Greatorex had declared an interest as a Member of Staffordshire County Council and this needed to be recorded.

23 - Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018 – 2023 – Proposals for Closing the Revenue Funding Gap

Councillor Ball questioned whether public conveniences and the shopmobility service would be closed. He also requested further details on the lack of S106 bids to provide affordable housing, which he said was surprising.

Councillor Mrs Woodward said she had identified possible investment opportunities for Burntwood in an email to the Leader noting that the suggestions had come through the Town Deal Partnership. Following a positive initial response she hoped to see the opportunities given consideration as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy process.

Councillor Pritchard advised that at no point had any investment opportunity in Burntwood been turned away. He said everything would be considered and when the opportunity arises the Council will do whatever it can.

Councillor Strachan advised that the issue of public conveniences had only been touched on lightly at the meeting and it was confirmed that the issue of S106 bids had been referred to the Community, Housing and Health (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee.

63 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND HEALTH (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Baker submitted the Minutes of the Community, Housing and Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee held on 29 November 2018.

20 – Visions for Community Hospitals in the District

Councillor Ball said he had raised the issue of early appointments and the difficulties that would be caused if the County Council withdrew the use of concessionary bus passes before 9.30 a.m.

Councillor Ball said it should also be recorded that fears about a reduction in the hours of minor injury clinics had been allayed by the representatives at the meeting, and if anything resources would be increased.

Councillor Mrs Baker said transport and bus passes had been discussed and the need for the appointment making system to take these issues into account had been raised with the NHS representatives at the meeting. She said it was quite correct that reassurance had been given about the future of community hospitals noting that the Committee had appreciated the presentation and a positive discussion had followed.

64 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) Employment Committee – 29 October 2018

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boyle “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Committee held on 29 October 2018 be approved and adopted.”

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Committee held on 29 October 2018 be approved and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 29 October 2018

It was proposed by Councillor Marshall “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 October 2018 be approved and adopted.”

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 October 2018 be approved and adopted.

(c) Regulatory & Licensing Committee – 8 November 2018

It was proposed by Councillor B Yeates “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee held on 8 November 2018 be approved and adopted.”

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee held on 8 November 2018 be approved and adopted.

(d) Audit and Member Standards Committee – 14 November 2018

It was proposed by Councillor Hoult “that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Member Standards Committee held on 14 November 2018 be approved and adopted.”

Councillor Mrs Woodward said she had previously asked whether the Property Investment Strategy should be on the corporate risk register and asked if there had been any progress.

Councillor Hoult said he would ensure that an answer was provided.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Member Standards Committee held on 14 November 2018 be approved and adopted.

65 CALCULATION OF BUSINESS RATES 2019/20 AND COUNCIL TAXBASE FOR 2019/20

Consideration was given to a report on the calculation of the Council Taxbase for the District as required under Section 67 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Councillor Spruce explained the effect of the recently announced government settlement on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2019/20. He said central government had listened to strong representations by the Local Government Association (LGA) and, amongst others, the local Member of Parliament. As a consequence the proposal for a negative revenue support grant, in the District’s case £453,000, had been withdrawn. The New Homes Bonus scheme remained unchanged resulting in an additional £468,000 of income. Furthermore, the Staffordshire County wide Business Pilot scheme application had been successful, meaning an additional income of £568,000. These three items wiped out the funding gap in the current MTFS for 2019/20. However, it was important not to be complacent since from 2020/21 onwards all these matters would be subject to review.

Councillor Spruce advised that the Section 151 Officer would update the MTFS but the current funding gaps for the three years from 2020/21 were likely to remain the same. He was grateful to the S151 Officer for producing the necessary information within hours of the announcement on Thursday.

Councillor Spruce said he was recommending changes to the current Council Tax Discount Scheme as detailed in the report with the removal of the two month ‘no-charge’ period for an unoccupied property and an increase in the surcharge on long term empty dwellings. He said he believed this change would incentivise owners to make empty properties available for occupation at a time when more housing was needed.

Attention was drawn to the number of Band D properties in 2019/20 and the breakdown of properties by Parish.

Councillor Spruce then formally proposed the changes to council tax discounts and surcharges as set out in the report and approval of a council taxbase (Band D residential properties) of 38,010.8.

Councillor Wilcox spoke about the lobbying undertaken by the LGA in connection with the revenue support grant, noting that two Members of the Council were on the LGA which

ensured the District's voice was heard. He stressed that the Council needed to continue with its efficiencies programme and use the money it had wisely.

Councillor Wilcox also stressed the need for effective two way dialogue between County and District in two tier arrangements. He said unfortunately on a number of occasions decisions had been made without the District Council being aware and he would reiterate to the Leader of the County Council that the Council wanted to work with the County and could help with their efficiencies while continuing to deliver services.

With regard to the recommendations, Councillor Wilcox stressed the importance of bringing empty properties back into use given the need for housing.

Councillor White said he took on board the comments about the need for two way dialogue between the County Council and District Councils. He then congratulated the Leader and Cabinet on securing funding and business rate retention. He said he was pleased to see the negative revenue support proposal would not be implemented by the government, which would have been a perverse decision, and he was aware of the work done by the District Council network to bring this reversal about.

Councillor White also congratulated the Cabinet on bringing forward proposals to remove discounts on vacant properties which would help bring forward more houses for people who needed them. He said the importance of a warm home for health and well-being should not be underestimated noting the health of people without one declined rapidly and the cost to the state increased exponentially.

The proposals were duly seconded by Councillor Wilcox and it was

RESOLVED: (1) To remove the 2 month period for unoccupied and unfurnished domestic property from 1 April 2019.

(2) To update the discounts on long term empty properties of 2 years or more:

- From 1 April 2019 an increase up to 200% (currently 150%).
- From 1 April 2020 for properties empty for less than 5 years up to 200% and at least 5 years up to 300%.
- From 1 April 2021 for properties empty for less than 5 years up to 200%, at least 5 years but less than 10 years up to 300% and at least 10 years up to 400%.

(3) In accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations, the Council Taxbase (Band D residential properties) for Lichfield District for the financial year 2019/20 of 38,010.8 be approved.

(COUNCILLOR WHITE DECLARED AN INTEREST AS DEPUTY LEADER OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

66 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) DOMESTIC EXTENSIONS

It was advised that on the 19 April 2016 Full Council approved the adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule. Full Council also agreed to commence charging the CIL on 13 June 2016.

The Charging Schedule set a CIL rate for residential development including extensions to domestic properties of £55 per square metre in high value zones, £25 per square metre in lower value zones and £14 per square metre in Strategic Development Areas.

In accordance with the CIL Regulations there were a number of exemptions to the CIL levy for domestic extensions and to date the Authority had not received any CIL income from residential extensions.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Pritchard that the Council no longer applies CIL to residential extensions given the high cost to the Authority of implementing this part of the Regulation.

It was duly seconded by Councillor Cox and

RESOLVED: (1) That Council cease applying CIL to domestic extensions in order to reduce the administrative burden on the Authority, applicants and planning agents.

(2) That the update to the Exemptions, Relief and Exception Circumstances Policy as set out in Appendix A of the report submitted to Council be approved.

(3) That the Domestic Extension Policy will apply to any domestic extension application validated on/after 1 January 2019.

67 LICHFIELD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATIONS MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION (MAIN AND MINOR)

Members were informed that the 'Main Modifications' had been received from the Planning Inspector who had conducted the Local Plan Allocations examination hearing sessions.

'Main Modifications' are provided following hearing sessions to ensure that a Plan can be found sound. In order for the Plan to progress to adoption the Council would need to accept the proposed modifications and update its Plan accordingly. Subject to the Council accepting the modifications it would then be necessary to undertake a period of public consultation for a minimum of six weeks. This consultation included the schedule of minor modifications previously agreed by the Council in May 2018.

Accordingly, Councillor Pritchard sought Council approval to consult on the updated Local Plan Allocations Document, schedule of proposed modifications, accompanying Policies Maps and supporting documents for a minimum of six weeks. In seconding the proposal Councillor Wilcox asked Members to ensure that their respective parishes were fully aware of the consultation.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Local Plan Allocations document, the schedule of proposed modifications, the accompanying Policies Map and the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment be approved for public consultation from 19 December 2018 to 6 February 2019.

(2) That the guidance document to accompany the consultation document be approved.

(3) That delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth to submit the consultation findings to the Planning Inspectorate.

(4) That delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth to make any minor changes to the appearance, format and text of the Local Plan Allocations Document or the supporting documents prior to submission in the interests of clarity and accuracy.

68 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR WALL AND WIGGINTON

Members were informed of the results of the consultation on the draft Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for Wall and Wigginton Conservation Areas.

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

RESOLVED: (1) That the results of the consultation be noted and the final appraisal and management plans be approved.

(2) That the proposed boundary changes to the Conservation Areas (as shown in Appendix B of the report) be approved

(3) That the proposal to add the properties listed in Appendix C of the report to the Register of Buildings of Special Local Interest be approved.

69 DESIGNATION OF A NEW CONSERVATION AREA FOR DRAYTON BASSETT

Members were informed of the results of the consultation on the proposed new Conservation Area at Drayton Bassett.

Councillor B Yeates thanked Council officers and Drayton Bassett Parish Council for their work.

It was proposed by Councillor Pritchard, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: (1) That the results of the consultation be noted and the designation of a new Conservation Area in Drayton Bassett as shown in Appendix B of the report be approved.

(2) That the final appraisal and management plans be approved.

(3) That the properties proposed for addition to the Register of Buildings of Special Local Interest as listed in Appendix

C of the report be noted and their addition to the Register be approved.

70 GAMBLING ACT 2005 DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Consideration was given to a draft Statement of Principles (2019 – 2022) that outlined the principles the Council would apply when exercising its functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

Councillor Yeates confirmed that no comments had been received during the public consultation.

Councillor White said the Gambling Act had three objectives and was missing a fourth, namely due regard to the risk of harm through addiction or declining mental health. He said all too frequently people were being adversely affected through addiction particularly in connection with fixed odd betting machines.

He asked that consideration be given to sending a letter to the Minister highlighting that the licensing objectives were currently deficient by not including due regard to the risk of harm.

Councillor Mrs Evans said gambling could become an extreme problem with consequences that included family breakdown and negative impact upon children. She welcomed the changes brought forward including the maximum stake on gambling machines and changes to television advertising. Councillor Mrs Evans said she agreed with the Gambling Act objectives and the desirability of a fourth objective as suggested by Councillor White.

It was duly second by Councillor Spruce and

RESOLVED: (1) That Members approve the draft Statement of Principles for adoption to commence in January 2019.

(2) That the Chairman of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee write to relevant Minister requesting that the licensing objectives should have due regard to the risk of harm.

71 QUESTIONS

Q1. Question from Councillor Mrs Evans to the Leader of the Council

“Can the Leader of the Council please inform me of the amount that has been spent so far, on consultants for the Fit for the Future Scheme?”

Response from the Leader of the Council

“The Council will commission advice from consultants where we do not have the expertise, or the capacity in-house, to deliver defined pieces of work in a reasonable timescale.

The Council has spent the following sums on advice from consultants in order to progress specific pieces of work as part of the Fit for the Future programme:

Year	Consultant	Purpose	Cost
Phase 1			
2013	Association of Public	Benchmarking and review of Parks	£7,466

	Service Excellence (APSE)	and Grounds Maintenance	
2015/16	NEPRO (Ice Creates and People Too)	Review and recommendations for Revenues and Benefits	£15,000
2014 and 2017	West Midlands Employers	Advice on HR policies	£1,350
2016	FMG Consulting Ltd	Physical Activity and Sport Strategy and leisure services options appraisal	£18,000
Phase 1 - Subtotal			£41,816
Phase 2			
2018	Individuals nominated by LGA	Productivity advice – funded by LGA	£5,000
2018	KPMG	Tax advice for property investment strategy	£10,865
2018	KPMG	Governance and modelling advice re: property investment strategy	£26,600
2018	Anthony Collins Solicitors	Legal advice re: property investment strategy	£2,728
Phase 2 - Subtotal			£45,193
Overall Total			£87,009

Councillor Mrs Evans asked the following supplementary question:

‘If the Council had the capacity in-house, how much money would have been saved?’

The Leader of the Council Responded:

‘Consultants are only employed when additional expertise is required and it is absolutely necessary. The savings realised to date demonstrate that the strategy of using consultants where appropriate and necessary is paying dividends. I will look to provide further information about what costs might otherwise have been, although this could be difficult.’

Q2 Question from Councillor Ball to the Leader of the Council

“Will the Leader join me in asking Staffordshire County Council to think again about their proposal to end the funding for school crossing patrols and abandon this idea?”

Response from the Leader of the Council

“Thank you for your question in relation to the funding for school crossing patrols that is a service operated by our County Council, as I understand there is a consultation exercise underway where a number of services are being looked at including school crossing patrols as part of the County looking to address their budget deficit.

Whilst I can sympathise with Councillor Ball, I understand that this service has over recent years been replaced with pedestrian crossings in some cases and the number of patrols has reduced.

If following the consultation this service is one that will terminate there may well be an opportunity for either the local Parish/Town Council in conjunction with the Schools affected to seek an alternative arrangement.

We have had a briefing from the County Council this evening prior to this meeting where funding issues were discussed.”

Councillor Ball asked the following supplementary question:

“I note that the Leader of the Council says that some of these patrols will be replaced by pedestrian crossings and wonder if the Leader will join with me now in asking that the County Council consider funding pedestrian crossings where patrols are removed as an invest to save initiative.”

The Leader of the Council Responded:

“During the consultation period it is really important that County Councillors know how Members feel and I would expect Members to have conversations with their County Councillors. The County Council has a difficult task in allocating limited funding and there are immense demands from adult care and children’s services. At the next meeting of Chief Executives and Leaders I will make sure that we feed in the feelings of the electorate and Members in the Chamber.”

Q3 Question from Councillor Mrs Woodward to the Leader of the Council

“Can the Leader tell me please whether the County Council has shared with him the document ‘Options for Reform within Staffordshire’ produced by Grant Thornton and, if so, what discussions he has been involved in on the options for local government reorganisation as they might affect Lichfield District Council?”

Response from the Leader of the Council

“Thank you for your question relating to the document ‘Options for Reform within Staffordshire’ I can confirm that I was unaware of this piece of work being commissioned, although once enquiries were made we were informed that this item had been verbally reported to Chief Executives and Leaders at a previous meeting, although many Leaders including myself cannot recall this happening.

However once I became aware of this report I made contact with the Leader of the County Council expressing my annoyance that this had not been shared with Leaders to whom the content of the report had a number of implications, not least the creation of a Unitary Authority.

I and my Leader colleagues have subsequently received a personal letter from Cllr Atkins apologising for this oversight on their part and assuring me that any future dialogue around issues affecting local authorities within Staffordshire would be brought to the monthly meeting of Chief Executives and Leaders which is the place this type of issue can be discussed collectively.

At the last Chief Executive and Leaders meeting on the 6 December the County Council Deputy Leader Councillor Alan White and their Chief Executive gave an undertaking that in the New Year this options report would be made available once the report is complete.

Our CEO made the point to the County Council that not only do we want to see the report, and irrespective of its conclusions, it should be acknowledged by them that it would have been preferable for a report that affects the whole local government family in the County to be jointly commissioned and openly discussed.”

72 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 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

73 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CONFIDENTIAL CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2018

The report of the Leader of the Council was noted.

74 BUILDING CONTROL SHARED SERVICE

Consideration was given to a proposal to terminate the existing Building Control shared service agreement and create a new agreement and collaboration framework that was larger in size whilst reducing risk to the District Council.

Councillor Pritchard said the Service was held in the highest regard and the proposal would provide funds that could be re-invested. The new shared service was a means to an end, and as it got up and running the possibility of an independent council owned company would become an option. This would give the service scope to move forward, become more resilient and make money for the participating authorities distributed as dividends.

Councillor Cox noted that the Service was on the Economic Growth, Environment and Development (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee work programme and it would look at performance in due course but it was obviously a good proposal and he endorsed the recommendation.

Councillor White said it was a pity the public didn't get to see the reality of closer working across Districts and Boroughs since this was a great model for efficiency. He said he would not only like to congratulate the Cabinet but also the officers involved since the amount of work should not be underestimated and a great deal of thanks is owed to them and the leadership of the Chief Executive for making this happen.

Councillor Spruce agreed that the service was highly regarded and said he was very happy to second the proposal.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Council gives authorisation to terminate the Southern Staffordshire Building Control Partnership with effect at 23.59pm on 31st March 2019 in accordance with section 14 of the Southern Staffordshire Building Control Collaboration Agreement (August 2015) on the conditions that conditional approval has been granted by the other parties to terminate the agreement and once conditional approval has been gained to enter into a new agreement with the Councils listed in the report.

(2) Authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment and Development and the Director of Place and Community to authorise the creation of the new Shared Service for Building Control.

(3) That Lichfield District Council be the host authority for the new shared service.

75 RESTRICTIVE COVENANT - LAND AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, LICHFIELD

Consideration was given to the variation of a restrictive covenant on land at Guardian House, Lichfield to permit a retirement, assisted living or extra care development scheme. It was noted that the recommendation in the report regarding the use of the funds was being withdrawn.

It was noted that the merit of any development scheme, if submitted, was solely a matter for Planning Committee.

It was duly seconded and

RESOLVED: (1) That the offer of £320,000 for the variation of the restrictive covenant at Guardian House, Rotten Row, Lichfield be accepted in principle.

(2) Authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Democratic Services, together with the Director of Transformation and Resources, to confirm final details of the agreement.

(The Meeting closed at 7.14 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN