

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
CABINET DECISIONS – 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

1. Money Matters 2019/20: Review of the Financial Performance against the Financial Strategy

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Recommended to Council to approve and update the Medium Term Financial Strategy:
 - To increase the Economic Growth Budget by £50,000 in 2019/20 and £100,000 in each subsequent year to reflect the inclusion of three new posts to support this Council priority.
 - To increase the Disabled Facilities Grants budget in 2019/20 from £1,714,000 to £1,948,000 with the additional spend funded by £234,000 of additional external grant.
 - To increase the Affordable Housing budget in 2019/20 from £400,000 to £614,000 with the additional spend funded by £214,000 of Section 106.
 - To reduce the Stowe Pool Improvements project from £1,000,000 to £50,000 to reflect the removal of the Heritage Lottery Grant of £950,000.
- 1.3 Recommended to Council to approve and update the Medium Term Financial Strategy:
 - To reduce the loan to the Company from £900,000 to £675,000 (no change to the period of 5 years).
 - To undertake a £225,000 equity investment in the Company.
 - To charge 4% rate of interest on the loan to the Company to enable compliance with State Aid.
- 1.4 Recommended to Council to approve:
 - (i) The 'Buy Out' of the remaining Actuarial Strain Payments during 2019/20.
 - (ii) The funding of the cost of the 'Buy Out' of £468,000 is provided by the earmarked reserve established for this purpose.

- (iii) An update to the Medium Term Financial Strategy based on the information included in the financial implications section of this report.

2. Local Development Scheme 2019

- 2.1 The Cabinet approved the revised Local Development Scheme as set out in the Cabinet report and agreed to its publication.

3. Lease of Tennis Courts, Beacon Park to Beacon Park Tennis Charitable Incorporated Organisation

- 3.1 The Cabinet agreed to a 21 year lease arrangement with Beacon Park Tennis Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the tennis courts in Beacon Park.

4. Birmingham Road, Lichfield Enabling Works - Selection of Tender

The Cabinet:

- 4.1 Agreed that Coleman & Company be awarded the contract to undertake the commission for the tendered sum of £599,991.
- 4.2 Approved the awarding of a contract to Healthmatic for the provision and maintenance of temporary toilet facilities for a 3 year period for the tendered sum of £90,000.
- 4.3 Delegated to the Cabinet Member for Investment, Economic Growth and Tourism in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth the authority to sign the contractual agreements and to authorise any minor variations in the contractual arrangements subject to the costs being within the agreed budget.
- 4.4 Recommended that Council approve and update the Medium Term Financial Strategy to increase the Project Budget for the Birmingham Road Site by £185,000 from £2,995,000 to £3,180,000 with funding of £182,000 provided by the Earmarked Reserve and £3,000 from the Revenue Budget.

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5. Friary Grange Leisure Centre

The Cabinet agreed:

- 5.1 That the petition be formally received.
- 5.2 That option 2 as set out in the Cabinet report be approved: to keep Friary Grange Leisure Centre (FGLC) open without the all weather pitch and sports hall with a new lease with Staffordshire County Council with a view to replacing FGLC with a new facility as soon as possible, subject to a cap in capital expenditure on FGLC of £695,000 for the five year period.

- 5.3 That Cabinet recommends to Full Council to amend the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) in line with the financial implications set out in the Cabinet report.
- 5.4 That Cabinet recommends to Full Council to amend the MTFS further by adding a contribution of £5m to the capital programme to provide for future leisure facilities in Lichfield.

(COUNCILLOR PULLEN DECLARED A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THIS ITEM AS HIS WIFE WAS A COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN GRANTED A DISPENSATION TO CONSIDER THE MATTER BY THE MONITORING OFFICER)

(COUNCILLOR LITTLE DECLARED A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THIS ITEM AS HER HUSBAND WAS A COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND NOTED THAT SHE HAD BEEN GRANTED A DISPENSATION TO CONSIDER THE MATTER BY THE MONITORING OFFICER)

(MR C N TURNER DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS ITEM AS A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY WAS A MEMBER OF LICHFIELD SWIMMING CLUB).

CABINET DECISIONS – 8 OCTOBER 2019

6. Medium Term Financial Strategy (Revenue and Capital) 2019-24

The Cabinet:

- 6.1 Noted the budget timetable for the preparation and approval of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
- 6.2 Considered the latest MTFS projections and the potential impact of the Spending Round 2019 predominantly on the 2020/21 Revenue Budget.
- 6.3 Recommended to Council the budget assumptions and the budget principles for the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 6.4 Delegated authority to the Council's Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer (in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement) to formalise Lichfield District Council's sign-off for either a Business Rate Pilot or a Business Rate Pool for 2020/21 depending on Government announcements.

7. Replacement Combined Heat and Power Unit at Burntwood Leisure Centre

The Cabinet:

- 7.1 Approved the release of funding from the Burntwood Leisure Centre (BLC) sinking fund up to the approved budget available of £235,000, to replace the Combined Heat and Power Unit (CHP) at Burntwood Leisure Centre.

- 7.2 Granted delegated authority for the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member For Investment, Economic Growth and Tourism and the Director of Place and Community to appoint Visessmann (Tender 2) to complete the replacement of the CHP Unit at Burntwood Leisure, subject to the receipt of an appropriate construction site plan, insurance and financial checks being provided.

8. Lichfield District Council Museum Collection Policies

- 8.1 The Cabinet approved the acquisitions, disposal and loans policies, and the loan out agreement form as set out in the appendix of the Cabinet report.

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