

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS – 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Strategic Plan Outturn

- 1.1 The Cabinet noted the Council's performance against its delivery plan targets as of April 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report and available corporate indicators as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

(Councillor Pullen declared an interest in any discussions relating to disabled facilities grants as an application had been made for a member of his family)

2. Money Matters 2020/21: 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 further grant provided by the Government in 2020/21 of (£140,417) and the projected support for income losses that will be used to offset additional spend and income reductions and approved an update to the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

3. Statement of Community Involvement

The Cabinet:

- 3.1 Approved the changes made in the updated Statement SCI (Statement of Community Involvement) at Appendix A of the Cabinet report which is in line with the temporary legislation in relation to Coronavirus (Covid-19), the associated Explanatory Memorandum to the Town and Country Planning Regulations and the updated government guidance and adoption statement.
- 3.2 Delegated authority to allow further minor changes to comply with statutory requirements to the SCI to be undertaken by the Head of Economic Growth & Development in consultation with the Cabinet member for Visitor Economy & Local Plan.

CABINET DECISIONS - 6 OCTOBER 2020

4. Lichfield City Centre Masterplan

The Cabinet:

- 4.1 Noted the progress made in moving the Masterplan-related work forward
- 4.2 Approved the proposed approach to implementation of the Masterplan proposals in regards to the production of a Delivery Plan and its associated proposed outputs
- 4.3 Approved the proposed Governance Structure and terms of reference for the Project Board and Member Task & Finish Group as set out a para 3.11 and Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report.
- 4.4 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Major Projects and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth and Development to implement actions and activity agreed by the Project Board save for those matters which require Cabinet or Council consideration and approval.
- 4.5 Recommended Council to:
 - Approve the proposed revenue budget of £330,000 (£160,000 in 2020/21 and £170,000 in 2021/22) to take forward Phase 1 of the project.
 - Approve the proposed revenue budget being funded by £100,000 from the BRS earmarked reserve and the balance of £230,000 being funded from the Multi Storey Car Park Sinking Fund.

5. New Lichfield Leisure Centre Preferred Site

The Cabinet:

- 5.1 Approved the selection of Stychbrook Park as the preferred site for the new Lichfield Leisure Centre.
- 1.2 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Major Projects and Economic Growth, in conjunction with the Head of Operational Services to commence site investigations and subject to a satisfactory outcome, prepare and submit an outline planning application for the development of the new Lichfield Leisure Centre.

6. Medium Term Financial Strategy (Revenue and Capital) 2020- 2025

- 6.1 The Cabinet recommended to Council:
 - The removal of all budgets related to Investment in Property
 - The removal of all budgets related to the ICT Cloud project.
- 6.2 The Cabinet noted the projected additional cost of funding the 2020/21 pay award.
- 6.3 The Cabinet delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement, Customer Services and Revenues & Benefits responsibility to agree the form and timetable for the Budget Consultation covering the 2021/22 financial year.

7. Events and Festivals Policy

The Cabinet:

- 7.1 Approved for the purposes of consultation the draft Events and Festivals Policy attached at Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report.
- 7.2 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy and the Local Plan in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth and Development to approve and adopt the policy following consultation unless there are material changes which need further consideration by Cabinet.
- 7.3 Subject to the policy being endorsed following consultation, recommended to Full Council that the Council's constitution be amended to formally acknowledge the formation of a cross-service officer panel for determining an annual events programme in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy and the Local Plan.
- 7.4 Recommended to Council an update the Medium Term Financial Strategy to include a supplementary budget of £20,000 per annum to help meet the costs of new events intended to support local communities across the district.
- 7.5 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy and the Local Plan in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth and Development to determine requests where these are submitted.

8. Planning for the Future - Planning White Paper

The Cabinet:

- 8.1 Noted the contents of the report including the key themes and issues which had been identified and set out at Appendix A of the report and that these, along with input from the Council's officers would form the basis of a formal response to the white paper consultation.
- 8.2 Delegated authority to allow the final response to the white paper consultation to be agreed for submission by the Head of Economic Growth & Development in consultation with the Cabinet member for Visitor Economy & Local Plan and Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Housing and Health Services.

9. Deed of Variation & Deed of Release Relating to Three Spires Shopping Centre, Lichfield

The Cabinet:

- 9.1 Approved the proposed terms of the Deed of Release and Deed of Variation.
- 9.2 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Major Projects and Economic Growth, in conjunction with the Head of Economic Growth and Development to complete the final negotiations and sign the legal documentation.

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

10. Purchase of Property, Lichfield

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Housing and Health approved the purchase of a property at Scotch Orchard, Lichfield to provide accommodation as part of the housing pathway model.

11. Award of Financial Information System Contract.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Revenues and Benefits and Customer Services awarded the Financial Information System contract to Civica for a 4 year period under the G-Cloud Framework.

12. Lichfield District Small Business Grant Scheme, Round 8 Allocations

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Major Projects approved the allocation of funding for the Lichfield District Small Business Grant Scheme's eighth round.

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