

MINUTES OF CABINET

6 DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Miss Lawrence, Poole, Roberts, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Mistry (substituting for Councillor Mrs O'Rourke) and Roodhouse were also in attendance.

Note: Councillor Roberts arrived at the meeting during agenda item 9 and took no part in the voting and discussion on this item.

64. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

65. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Mrs O'Rourke.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

67. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the Council's public question time procedure, the following question was received. Rebecca Stevenson did not attend the meeting.

(a) Rebecca Stevenson asked the following question of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

"When will the minutes from the climate summit be available for the delegates that attended?"

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

"A full recording of the climate summit is now available via the rugbynetzero.co.uk website. Making the full recording available for viewing was considered preferable to producing minutes."

Finance, Performance, Legal and Governance Portfolio

68. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/23

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the Council’s proposed calendar of meetings for 2022/23.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the Calendar of Meetings for 2022/23, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Legal and Governance, in consultation with all Group Leaders, to reschedule any meetings if required.

Communities, Homes, Digital and Communications Portfolio

69. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2022/23

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council’s proposed Council Tax reduction scheme for 2022/23.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2021/22 be adopted as the Council’s Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

70. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officers – Finance and Performance and Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the Council’s proposed draft Housing Revenue Account revenue and capital budget for 2022/23.

RESOLVED THAT - the draft revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 and the updated medium term financial plan at Appendices A, B and C be noted.

71. DEPARTMENT FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES (DLUHC) LOCAL DIGITAL FUND – ROUND 5 BID SUBMISSION

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Digital and Communications (Part 1- agenda item 8) concerning proposed funding for the delivery of the DLUHC Local Digital Fund Scheme.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT a supplementary capital budget of £0.350m is established for the delivery of the DLUHC Local Digital Fund Scheme.

Item considered en bloc

72. URGENT DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS - CONSULTATION FOR SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSAL

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning an urgent decision taken by the Executive Director under delegated powers in relation to a consultation on the proposal for a South Warwickshire Council.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

73. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT – under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

Growth and Investment Portfolio

74. PLANNING SERVICES – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Cabinet considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Growth and Investment (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning proposed additional resources in the Planning Services team within the Council.

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) the formation of new fixed term and permanent posts for Planning Services be approved as follows:

- 2 Fixed Term Principal Planning Officers for SW Rugby
- 1 Fixed Term Senior Monitoring Officer SW Rugby
- 1 Permanent Senior Planning Officer Development Management
- 1 Enforcement Officer
- 2 Fixed Term Land Charges/Search and Systems Officers; and

(2) the budgets for 2022/23 and future years which will be financed by fees and charges and grant income, as detailed in Appendix B to the report, be approved.

Item considered en bloc

75. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning write offs.

RESOLVED THAT – the schedule of write offs, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN