

MINUTES OF CABINET

7 DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT:

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

Councillors Bearne, Cranham, Douglas, Gillias, Miss Lawrence, Mrs O'Rourke, Picker, Roodhouse, Sandison and Srivastava were also in attendance.

48. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2020 were approved.

49. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 8 of Part 1 – Land at the junction of Lawford Road/Addison Road, Proposed Transfer of land to Warwickshire County Council (WCC) for Highway Casualty Reduction Scheme – Councillor Mrs O'Rourke (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a Warwickshire County Councillor for the division in which the land is located).

51. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Growth and Investment Portfolio

52. RESULTS OF BUSINESS SURVEY

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the results of a business survey undertaken in August 2020.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the survey findings be noted; and
- (2) the recommendation to undertake an annual business survey be approved.

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

53. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the progress on the regeneration project for the town centre.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

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

Corporate Resources Portfolio

54. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2021/22

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the Council's calendar of meetings for 2021/22.

RESOLVED THAT – the calendar of meetings for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

55. LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF LAWFORD ROAD/ADDISON ROAD, PROPOSED TRANSFER OF LAND TO WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WCC) FOR HIGHWAY CASUALTY REDUCTION SCHEME

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning the proposed transfer of land at the junction of Lawford Road/Addison Road to Warwickshire County Council as part of the Highway Casualty Reduction Scheme.

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) the land as shown edged red on the plan, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be transferred to Warwickshire County Council for one peppercorn subject to:

- (i) Warwickshire County Council paying the Council's legal fees to a maximum of £500; and
- (ii) the re-instatement of any affected landscaping to Council's satisfaction; and

(2) the Monitoring Officer be authorised to carry out the necessary legal formalities for the transfer of the land.

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

Communities and Homes Portfolio

56. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2021/22 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021-25

Cabinet considered the draft Housing Revenue Account capital and revenue budgets for 2021/22 alongside the medium term financial plan for 2021-25.

RESOLVED THAT – the draft revenue and capital budgets for 2021/22, at Appendices A and B to the report, be noted.

57. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2021/22

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning the Council's council tax reduction scheme for 2021/22.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/2021 be adopted as the Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2021/2022.

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

58. 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 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Environment and Public Realm Portfolio

59. TREES AND WOODLANDS OFFICER

Cabinet considered the private report of the Deputy Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning the establishment of a Trees and Woodlands Officer post.

RESOLVED THAT - the establishment of a new post of Trees and Woodlands Officer, as detailed in the report, be approved.

60. NEWBOLD QUARRY EXEMPTION REPORT

Cabinet considered the private report of the Deputy Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning the appointment of a suitable contractor to undertake works at Newbold Quarry.

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) the appointment of a suitable contractor (subject to the necessary procurement processes being undertaken) to undertake the specialist work at Newbold Quarry be approved; and

(2) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT a capital budget of £70,000 be allocated to undertake the works.

Item considered en bloc

61. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning write offs.

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

CHAIRMAN