

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET

HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Adamson, G.	Leader of the Council
Alcott, G.	Deputy Leader of the Council and Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader
Kraujalis, J.T.	Corporate Improvement Portfolio Leader
Bennett, C.	Crime and Partnerships Portfolio Leader
Mitchell, Mrs. C.	Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader
Preece, J.P.T.L.	Environment Portfolio Leader
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader
Allen, F.W.C.	Housing Portfolio Leader
Todd, Mrs. D.M.	Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader

63. Apologies

None.

64. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No other Declarations of Interest were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

65. Updates from Portfolio Leaders

Leader and Managing Director

Armed Services Career Transition Partnership Award

The Managing Director advised that he was to attend a presentation to receive an award on behalf of the Council for its contribution to assisting former Armed Forces personnel transitioning to civilian life through workplace experience.

Crime and Partnerships

The Portfolio Leader reported that he had recently attended Police briefings covering the use of Tasers; counter-terrorism; and hate crime, which had proven very enlightening.

The Portfolio Leader had asked that a Police representative attend the Council's Community Safety Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13 December, 2016, to give a presentation on the subject of counter-terrorism.

Culture and Sport

Bradbury Lane ATP

The Portfolio Leader advised that she and the Leader had recently visited the site to check on progress. The pitch had been in the process of being laid and the structure of the changing rooms etc. was in place and awaiting the installation of services, fixtures and fittings etc. It was hoped that the facility would be open for use early in the new year.

Environment

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Management Board (SSJWMB)

The Portfolio Leader reported that earlier that day he had attended a meeting of the SSJWMB. This had included a discussion on the introduction of charging for non-household waste at household waste recycling centres, which had been implemented with effect from 1 November, 2016.

The meeting had also received a presentation on chargeable garden waste collections, and there had been discussion concerning a potential Staffordshire wide waste collection service. The Managing Director advised that a Chargeable Garden Waste Working Group had been established on an opt-in basis, and Cannock Chase was not involved. With regard to the potential Staffordshire wide waste collection service, the Managing Director advised that it was unlikely to happen as it would require the establishment of a merged joint body to which all the authorities would need to subscribe, and a number had declared that they were not supportive of the idea.

66. Minutes of Cabinet Meeting of 20 October, 2016

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October, 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed.

67. Forward Plan

The Forward Plan of Decisions for the period November, 2016 to January, 2017 (Item 5.1 – 5.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council) was considered.

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period November, 2016 to January, 2017 be noted.

68. Recommendations of Scrutiny Committees

None received.

69. Town Centre Business Rates Discount Scheme and Discretionary Rates Relief Support for Businesses

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Managing Director and the Head of Finance (Item 7.1 – 7.19 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The amended Discretionary Rates Relief Policy as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved for implementation.
- (B) The S.151 Officer be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the relevant Portfolio Leaders, to undertake any future amendments to the Discretionary Rates Relief Policy to ensure that it remains consistent with the business support policy objectives of the Council.

Reasons for Decisions

In October, 2014 the new National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme was approved by Cabinet and launched in December, 2014.

It had since become necessary to amend the current policy to tighten up on key criteria so as to avoid misinterpretation. This included applicants providing a case that demonstrated financial need for the relief in addition to the need to demonstrate benefit to the District under the Business Growth/Inward Investment scheme. The level of support within this part of the scheme would be determined by affordability considerations.

To date, a total of 8 businesses had received assistance since the scheme was revised of which 4 were Town Centre related and 4 Business Growth/Inward Investment related. Circa 43 jobs had been created by the businesses supported with an estimated £3m+ invested by the businesses to date.

All of the businesses supported to date were still trading, including those where the Council's support had now ceased.

70. Strategic Risk Register

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Governance (Item 8.1 – 8.16 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Strategic Risk Register be approved and progress made in the identification and management of the strategic risks be noted.

Reasons for Decision

All strategic risks and associated actions plans had been reviewed and the Council's risk profile was summarised as per the table below:

Risk Colour	Number of Risks at 1 Apr 2016	Number of Risks at 1 Oct 2016
Red	2	2
Amber	3	3
Green	2	2
TOTAL	7	7

The number of strategic risks remained unchanged at 7. No risks had been deleted, though progress had been made in managing the risks, and no new risks had been added.

The meeting closed at 4:25 p.m.

LEADER