

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET
THURSDAY, 15 MARCH, 2007 AT 4.30 P.M.
CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Stanley, N.K.	(Policy & Resources Leader)
Butler, R.D.	(External Partnerships Leader)
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	(Health Leader)
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	(Access to Skills & Economic Development Leader)
Grocott, M.R.	(Culture & Sport Leader)
Davies, D.N.	(Environment Leader)

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor B. Williams (Social Inclusion and Housing Leader)).

126. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February, 2007 be approved as a correct record.

127. Updates from Portfolio Leaders

Access to Skills and Economic Development Leader

Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell reported on the outcome of a meeting she attended in Westminster regarding the Regional Development Agency Accountability.

Culture and Sport Leader

Councillor M.R. Grocott reported on a recent visit to a new athletics track at Coventry and Warwickshire University, which he attended with the Head of Culture and Major Projects and representatives from Cannock and Staffordshire Athletics Club.

Environment Leader

Councillor D.N. Davies reported that the Council were currently evaluating the responses of those residents who had taken part in the in-vessel composting trial. It was anticipated that the scheme would be rolled out across the District on 16 April 2007.

128. Forward Plan

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan of decisions to be taken by the Cabinet for the period March 2007 to August 2007 (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan for the period March 2007 to August 2007 be approved.

129. Land at Avon Road/Walsall Road, Cannock

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.11 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Council reaffirms its support for the redevelopment of the land off Avon Road/Walsall Road on the basis of the enlarged area identified on plan 2 of the report for a mixed use leisure, retail, residential and parking scheme.
- (B) That the Head of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to enter into negotiations with Chaseregen Plc. with a view to agreeing a Development Agreement, the Heads of Terms of which to be reported back to Cabinet for further consideration.

130. Protocol for Requesting Extension of Saved Policies in the Cannock Chase Local Plan 1997

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Schedule of Adopted Local Plan 'saved policies as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State prior to 1 April, 2007, in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Protocol for Requesting Extension of 'Saved' Policies.
- (B) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Environment Leader to amend Appendix 1 of the report in light of consultation with Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) and further internal consultation.

131. Chase Heritage Trail – Project Update

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the proposed definitive route be noted.
- (B) That the revised funding model be noted.

132. Local Area Agreement for Staffordshire

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That Council on 18 April 2007 be recommended to endorse the final submission of the Local Area Agreement for Staffordshire.

133. Strong and Prosperous Communities – The Local Government White Paper – Response to Offer to Bid for Pathfinder Status

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.20 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the further more detailed report prepared by the Staffordshire Leaders and Chief Executive's Group in response to the offer for authorities to bid for Pathfinder status, attached at Annex 2 of the report, be endorsed.
- (B) That Council be recommended to endorse the response.

134. Equality and Diversity Policy

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 11.1 – 11.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Equality and Diversity Policy attached as Annex 1 to the report be approved and that Council be recommended to adopt the Equality and Diversity Policy.

135. Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the West Midlands Spatial Options Consultation

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 12.1 – 12.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

A revised version of page 1 of Annex 1 was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the submission of comments in response to the Regional Spatial Strategy (Phase 2) Spatial Options Consultation as set out in Annex 1 of the report be endorsed.
- (B) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Leaders and the Chairman of the Environment Select Committee, be authorised to prepare and submit a formal Council response to the Regional Spatial Strategy (Phase 3) Revisions in mid 2007.

136. Good Practice Scheme (GPS) – Portmore, Jamaica

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 13.1 – 13.11 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the proposed partnership with Portmore Municipal Council be approved.
- (B) That approval be given to the continued participation in the Commonwealth Office Good Practice Scheme including associated activities and involvement in exchange visits as defined in section 3.9 of the report.
- (C) That the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate and enter into appropriate contract arrangements, including a contract based on the draft contract at Annex 2 of the report, in order to secure funding for the Partnership from the Commonwealth Office.

137. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

138. Debt Recovery

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 15.1 – 15.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the amounts detailed in Annexes 1 to 5 of the report be written off.
- (B) That the total amount of debts under £250 detailed in the report, which have been authorised for write-off by the Head of Financial Management be confirmed.
- (C) That the Scrutiny Committee be requested to review the Council's recovery procedures in relation to Debt Recovery in order to ensure that maximum amounts are collected.

139. Former Tenants' Arrears Recommended for Write-Off

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 16.1 – 16.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the former tenant arrears as detailed in Annex 1 of the report be approved for write off.
- (B) That the former tenant rent arrears as detailed in Annex 2 of the report which have been authorised for write off by the Head of Financial Management be confirmed.
- (C) That the Scrutiny Committee be requested to review the Council's recovery procedures in relation to Former Tenants' Arrears in order to ensure that maximum amounts are collected.

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