

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**CABINET**  
**THURSDAY, 20 MARCH AT 4.30PM**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Stanley, N.K.	Leader of the Council Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise Leader
Grocott, M.R.	Children and Young People Leader
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Healthier Communities, Housing & Older People Leader
Collis, C.	Safer & Stronger Communities Leader
Williams, A.	Environment Leader
1 Vacancy	

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor B. Williams, Supporting Member for the Housing Function of the Healthier Communities, Housing and Older People Portfolio.)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Leader of the Council Councillor N.K. Stanley, reported that he had agreed to consider as a matter of urgency a recommendation referred from the Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee relating to the "Proposed Merger of Cannock, Tamworth & Lichfield and Rodbaston Colleges".

**113. Declarations of Interests of Members and Officers in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Type</b>
Williams, A.	Minute 121 – Proposed Merger of Cannock, Tamworth & Lichfield and Rodbaston Colleges – Relative attends Rodbaston College	Personal
Trigg, W.L.	Minute 121 – Proposed Merger of Cannock, Tamworth & Lichfield and Rodbaston Colleges – Governor of Cannock Chase Technical College and member of Steering Group overseeing proposed merger	Personal and Prejudicial

**114. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2008 be approved as a correct record.

**115. Forward Plan**

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan of decision for the period March – June 2008 (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The following amendments were reported to the Forward Plan:

- (i) That the period of decision be amended to read March – June 2008.
- (ii) That the date of the Cabinet decision for items “Revised Tenancy Agreement” and “Play Strategy” be amended to read April 2008.

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan, as amended, be approved.

**116. Members’ Grant Aid Scheme – Approval of Applications**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That, having discharged the obligations under the Members’ Grant Aid Initiative Scheme, consent be given to the Director of Governance (or anyone so authorised by him) to pay all such grants as are due to applicants named in the Schedule of Endorsed Applications at Annex 2 of the report.

**117. Green Flag Award**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Service Improvement (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the application for a Green Flag Award for Cannock Park in 2008 be endorsed.
- (B) That the Management Plan (2005-2015) for Cannock Park be agreed and endorsed.
- (C) That it be agreed to fund the Action Plan up to year 2010, as contained within the existing Capital/Revenue budgets and agree to receive additional reports to consider the financial implications of the remaining Action Plan.

**118. PRC Dwellings – Moss Estate and Rowley Close/Bradbury Lane**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Service Improvement (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.15 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That a revised strategy for the Reema properties on the Moss Estate be adopted as follows:-
  - (i) Retain the Council owned Reema houses within the Council's housing stock.
  - (ii) Demolish and redevelop the Reema flats with a mixed tenure scheme in partnership with a Registered Social Landlord and private developer.
- (B) That a revised strategy for the Cornish properties in the Rowley Close/Bradbury Lane Area be adopted to retain the Council owned Cornish houses within the Council's housing stock.
- (C) That Decent Homes Improvement works be undertaken (where required) to the Council owned houses on the Moss Estate and Rowley Close/Bradbury Lane area funded through the agreed three year HRA Capital Programme for 2008-09 and future years.
- (D) That structural reinstatement works to the Reema houses on the Moss Estate be undertaken as an additional element of the proposed flat redevelopment scheme, funded through the land value of the redevelopment site.
- (E) That the revised strategy for the Moss Estate be progressed by:
  - (i) Preparing for future consideration by Cabinet a Project Brief which sets out proposals for the Reema flat redevelopment scheme and the structural reinstatement of the Council owned Reema houses, together with the selection process for the development partner(s).
  - (ii) Submitting an application to the National Affordable Housing Programme for grant funding in order to facilitate the provision of social housing as part of the Reema flat redevelopment scheme.
- (F) That consideration be given to the funding of structural reinstatement works to the Council owned Cornish houses in the Rowley Close/Bradbury Lane area as part of the agreed consideration of future options for the Council's housing stock in 2009.
- (G) That the consultation of residents be undertaken through proposed 'drop in' events as set out in section 5 of the report.

**119. Instaffs (UK) Limited Service Level Agreement**

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Council retains its share holding in InStaffs (UK) Limited, and that payment of its subscription be linked directly to the satisfactory achievement of performance targets.
- (B) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Leader for Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise, be authorised to sign a new Service Level Agreement (SLA) with InStaffs (UK) Limited on behalf of the Council, on terms and conditions to be agreed for the period from 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011.

**120. Replacement Athletics Track and Other Sporting Facilities at Blake Valley Technology College Plus Compensatory Pitch Provision**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Organisational Development (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.35 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That it be noted that:
  - (i) The Option B2 Design Layout Plan for the provision of replacement athletics track and other sporting facilities at Blake Valley Technology College (BVTC)
  - (ii) The full capital and revenue financial implications of the Option B2 scheme; including the 'sinking fund' requirement from Sport England for Artificial Turf Pitch surface replacement
  - (iii) The contents of the Heads of Terms between Cannock Chase Council, Staffordshire County Council and the Blake Valley Technology College Governing Body locating the athletics track and other sporting facilities at Blake Valley Technology College.
  - (iv) The capital and revenue costs and locations of compensatory playing pitch provision consistent with the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy and Sport England requirements.
  - (v) The estimated costs of all interim arrangements for the Cannock and Stafford Athletics Club and the football teams that currently use the football pitches located on the Pye Green Road stadium site to cover the period until the new proposed facilities are available in 2009.
- (B) That officers be delegated authority to proceed with the procurement processes for the replacement athletics track and other sporting facilities at Blake Valley Technology College and the compensatory pitch provision at Heath Hayes Park and Hednesford Park subject to no contract award being made until the final determination by Council of the locations for compensatory provision.
- (C) That a further report be submitted to Council as per minute 28 of the Council meeting held on 27 June 2007 to recommend whether the locations identified in this

report for compensatory sports provision should be approved or whether alternative location(s) should be pursued instead.

**121. Proposed Merger of Cannock, Tamworth & Lichfield and Rodbaston Colleges**

Consideration was given to the following recommendation referred from the Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee held on 18 March 2007:-

"That Cabinet be recommended to respond to the Learning Skills Council consultation document on the proposed merger of Cannock, Tamworth and Lichfield and Rodbaston Colleges".

The Leader agreed to this matter being considered as an urgent item due to the fact that the proposals had been presented to the Select Committee earlier this week and that there was not another meeting of the Cabinet scheduled until after the consultation period had ended.

RESOLVED:

That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, provides a positive response to the consultation, supporting the principle of the merger as the most sustainable means of securing further investment in locally based further education facilities and that the Principal of Cannock Chase College be invited to discuss the proposals further at a meeting with Members of the Cabinet.

**122. 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 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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**123. Re-Development of Land at the Former Cornwall House and Cherry Tree Road Sheltered Housing Schemes**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 12.1 – 12.21 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That South Staffordshire Housing Association be approved as the Council's selected Registered Social Landlord partner to develop the land at Cherry Tree Road, Brereton and Cornwall Road, Hednesford on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive.
- (B) That the principles of the social housing developments to be provided on the sites as identified in Section 2 of the report be approved.
- (C) That it be agreed to accept a discounted value of £300,000 for both parcels of land from the RSL and to re-invest this within the Housing Capital Programme.
- (D) That a further £300,000 from the Council's funds for subsidising new affordable housing be transferred to the Housing Capital Programme.

**124. Hednesford Hills Raceway**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Director of Service Improvement (Enclosure 13.1 – 13.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the action taken to date by officers be endorsed.
- (B) That the creation of a Steering Group (in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached at Annex 1 of the report) be approved.
- (C) That Officers' decision to serve a counter notice opposing the grant of a new lease be noted.

- (D) That the Director of Service Improvement (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to enter into negotiations with regards to a new lease being granted to the current tenant of the land known as Hednesford Hills Raceway on the most advantageous terms as may be secured/negotiated in the circumstances.

**125. Debt Recovery**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 14.1 – 14.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the amounts detailed in Annexes 1 to 4 of the report be written off.

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CHAIRMAN