

Cannock Chase Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the

Cabinet

Held on Thursday 14 January 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Via Remote Access

Part 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Adamson, G.	Leader of the Council
Alcott, G.	Deputy Leader of the Council and Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader
Pearson, A.R.	Community Safety and Partnerships Portfolio Leader
Preece, J.P.T.L.	Corporate Improvement Portfolio Leader
Mitchell, Mrs. C.	Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader
Johnson, T.B.	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader
Newbury, J.A.A.	Environment and Climate Change Portfolio Leader
Martin, Mrs. C.E.	Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader
Kraujalis, J.T.	Housing Portfolio Leader

62. Apologies

None received.

63. 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.

64. 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 Paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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65. Leisure and Culture Services

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 4.1 – 4.33). The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles advised that the date of the IHL Board meeting referred to in the Report had been moved from 15 to 22 January, 2021.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to:

- (A) Confirmation of a Going Concern judgement being ratified by the IHL Board on 22 January 2021

The following be agreed:

- (B) A revised management fee for IHL for 2021/22, consisting of a fixed cost for the management of the contract and a variable facilities operating cost as detailed in paragraph 10.1 of the report. The variable costs would be subject to monthly open book accounting.
- (C) In the current year, funding / contributions to the severance costs in relation to the transformation proposals as contained in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (D) Variation to the current IHL (Cannock Chase) Pensions Admission Agreement with the Staffordshire Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), and as underwritten by the Council, to admit the current management employees who were part of the Greater Manchester (Wigan) LGPS to the Staffordshire LGPS.
- (E) A further report be received as part of the budget process for 2022/23 to enable the basis of future management fees to be determined / agreed.

In the event of (A), above, not being met, the following be approved:

- (F) The mutual termination of the contract with Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust (trading as Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles) for the management and operation of all of the Council's culture and leisure services in the district, with effect from 31 March 2021, or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (G) In principle, the draft Heads of Terms Agreement for the termination of the contract with Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust, as included at Appendix 2 of the report.

- (H) The establishment of a Shadow Board (Transitional Trust with a minimum of 3 Trustees) to enable the Trust to be established, and who would be appointed as the first Trustees of the new Trust.
- (I) The funding of the severance costs in relation to the transformation proposals as contained in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (J) The submission of a new Pension Admissions Agreement to include the current management employees who were part of the Greater Manchester (Wigan) LGPS Scheme, and the current employees of the IHL (Cannock Chase) Admitted Body to the Staffordshire LGPS, underwritten by the Council.
- (K) That a further report be received in respect of the new Charitable Trust and details of the contract to manage and deliver the Council's culture and leisure services.

That:

- (L) Authority be delegated to the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles, Deputy Managing Director and Section 151 Officer, Head of Legal Services and the Head of Human Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader, to agree, finalise and execute where necessary, all legal and financial documentation required to implement decisions (C) to (F), above (subject to decision (B) being met), or if no agreement was reached, decisions (F) to (K), above.
- (M) It be noted that with the agreement of the Group Leaders and the Chairman of the Wellbeing Scrutiny committee, call-in would not apply to decisions (A) to (M), above, as any delay caused in implementing the decisions would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public's interests.

Reasons for Decisions

Consideration had been given to a range of options, as set out in Section 7 of the report. Appraisal of the options indicated that, continuing with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (and with the Selby District Council contract) was the best option that:

- ensured continuity of the Council's leisure and culture services,
- protected the Council's assets,
- ensured minimum financial impact on the Council,
- achieved financial stability and supported the reshaping and recovery of the culture and leisure services post the pandemic.

The meeting closed at 4:12 p.m.

LEADER