

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**

**CABINET**

**HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Adamson, G.	Leader of the Council
Bennett, C.	Crime and Partnerships Portfolio Leader
Mitchell, Mrs. C.	Culture and Sport 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

**29. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors G. Alcott, Deputy Leader of the Council and Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader; A. Lovell, Corporate Improvement Portfolio Leader, and A. Dudson, Environment Portfolio Leader, and Mr. T. McGovern, Managing Director.

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
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No other Declarations of Interest were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

**31. Updates from Portfolio Leaders**

**Culture and Sport**

Leisure Facilities Update - The Portfolio Leader advised that preparatory work was continuing at Bradbury Lane, Hednesford. (Former West Cannock Sports and Social Centre) in advance of commencement of the development of the Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP). It was also noted that the specification for the next phase of the former Stadium site was nearing completion.

**32. Minutes of Cabinet Meeting of 23 July, 2015**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July, 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed.

**33. Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan of Decisions for the period August to October, 2015 (Item 5.1 – 5.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council) was considered.

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period August to October, 2015, be noted.

**34. Recommendations and References for Determination and Minutes of Policy Development and Other Committees**

It was noted that under the new Scrutiny Committee arrangements approved at Council on 12 August, 2015, Minutes of meetings would no longer be brought to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the following Policy Development Committees be received for information:

- (i) Culture and Sport – 18 March, 2015
- (ii) Economic Development and Planning – 23 March and 14 July, 2015
- (iii) Environment – 19 March, 2015
- (iv) Health and Wellbeing – 17 March, 2015
- (v) Housing – 24 March, 2015
- (vi) Town Centre Regeneration – 4 March, 2015

**35. 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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**36. Pentalver Freight Terminal, Cannock**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the L.E.P. Consultant (Item 8.1 – 8.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The work to date in promoting the road-rail freight interchange at the Pentalver site to receive Local Growth Fund grant from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership be endorsed; and the LEP Consultant and the Head of Finance be authorised, in consultation with the Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader, to take action to secure grant funding including variations to the grant offer and entering into contracts and obligations as necessary, subject to any arrangements being cost neutral to the Council.
- (B) The LEP Consultant, in consultation with the Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader and the Head of Finance, be authorised to agree terms and conditions and enter into contracts as necessary to implement the land transaction described in the report, subject to any arrangements being cost neutral to the Council.
- (C) The Council be recommended to include the following provisions within the Capital Programme:
  - (i) A contribution of £1.3 million to a rail freight interchange facility to be funded from Local Growth Fund grant from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership;
  - (ii) For the land transfer at the agreed price. The expenditure to be funded by a matching capital contribution from Pentalver.

Reasons for Decision

Pentalver has ambitions to expand and invest in their freight container terminal located off Eastern Way, Cannock to create a 'Midlands Hub' to support their ports operations by investing in a road-rail freight interchange. Because this would create a piece of economic infrastructure with the potential to support the competitiveness of import and export businesses in the Cannock Chase and wider sub-regional economy, the Council had promoted the investment to receive £1.3m of Local Growth Fund (LGF) grant from Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (the LEP); and are working with Pentalver to resolve a land issue. The bid had been successful and Pentalver were to be

invited to enter into a contract with the LEP.

Cabinet endorsed the Council's work with Pentalver based on its potential to deliver a significant economic asset for the District and its wider economy.

The meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.

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LEADER