

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

CABINET

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL, 2010 AT 4.30 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Stanley, N.K.	Leader of the Council
Davies, D.N.	Access to Education, Skills, and Employment Portfolio Leader
Freeman, M.P.	Deputy Leader of the Council and Housing Portfolio Leader
Grocott, M.R.	Culture, Sport and Services for Children & Young People Portfolio Leader
Williams, A,	Environment Sustainability Portfolio Leader.
Yates, Ms. W.	Healthier Communities and Older People Portfolio Leader

157. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

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

No declarations of interests were made.

159. Updates from Portfolio Leaders

Healthier Communities & Older People Portfolio

The Portfolio Leader referred to the restructuring of social care and health and reiterated the previously raised concern that the District had no dedicated Director. She reported that the Council had been combined with South Staffs district, and Stuart Rees was now managing the combined districts. She advised that lobbying had been unsuccessful in retaining a dedicated district Director, nor had it affected the decision to move the previous District Director, Wendy Angus-Bovell to another area.

Members requested that a letter be prepared on behalf of the Cabinet to Ms. Angus-Bovell expressing their thanks for the work undertaken, and wishing her well in her new role.

Environmental Sustainability Portfolio

The Portfolio Leader reported on the Streetscene contract and advised that there had been no issues under Transfer of Undertakings (TUPE). He also advised that the Streetscene Manager had been employed following the process.

Housing Portfolio

The Portfolio Leader reported on a recent visit by the Housing Policy Development Committee to Caxton Court Sheltered Housing. He stated that the Committee found the scheme very impressive and a further unofficial visit would be arranged for those Members.

He advised Members that the Head of Housing would be attending a meeting with the Department of Communities sometime next week.

Members referred to the sad loss of Mark Rogers, Housing Property Services Manager, and agreed that a letter of condolence would be sent to his family from the Portfolio Leader.

160. Forward Plan

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period April – July, 2010 (Enclosure 4.1 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period April – July, 2010, be noted.

161. Part 1 Minutes of Policy Development Committees

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Policy Development Committees be received for information:

- (i) Environmental Sustainability – 15 March, 2010
- (ii) Culture, Sport and Services for Children and Young People – 16 March, 2010
- (iii) Safe, Strong and Cohesive Communities – 17 March, 2010
- (iv) Access to Education, Skills and Employment – 23 March, 2010
- (v) Housing – 24 March, 2010
- (vi) Healthier Communities and Older People – 25 March, 2010

162. Publication of Core Strategy Pre-Publication Draft Document

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Culture and Regeneration (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Cannock Chase Local Development Framework Core Strategy Pre-Publication Draft Document, be approved
- (B) That the Draft Document be issued with supporting documentation for a further non-statutory consultation under the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and that authority be given to the Director of Culture and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Leader for the Environment to make any non-substantive changes considered necessary to the document and supporting documentation prior to consultation.

Reasons for the Decision

The core strategy is the central policy document of the Cannock Chase Local Development Framework (LDF) and sets out the guiding principles and strategic policies for development during the plan period. It also provides policy for use in development management.

The Pre-Publication Draft document consolidates views expressed during earlier consultation undertaken at the Issues and Options and Preferred Options stages between 2006 and 2009.

Progress in reaching the statutory stage of consultation has been temporarily delayed pending further work to assess how potential impacts on internationally important wildlife habitats on Cannock Chase can be mitigated from the scale of development contained in the plan. The extent of delay is estimated to be in the region of six months as these issues will need to be resolved by both Cannock Chase District and a number of other local planning authorities undertaking LDFs in the sub-region as well as statutory consultees such as Natural England.

Further non-statutory consultation is considered appropriate as it will give an opportunity for stakeholders to respond to the Council's draft policies prior to entering the statutory stage of the document's development.

Publication of the Pre-Publication Draft document represents a final non-statutory stage of LDF Core Strategy consultation prior to publication of a 'Proposed Submission'.

163 Rugeley Water Feature

Mr. T. McGovern, Director of Culture and Regeneration reported that a meeting had been held with Rugeley Cabinet Members, Council Officers and Staffordshire County Council representatives on 20 April, 2010 in respect of the visualisations for the water feature. Preparations were currently underway for a public consultation to take place after the election for Brook Square, Rugeley, and consultation letters and a press release were being prepared. He advised that initial presentations would take place at Rugeley Town Council and Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council commencing on 12 May, 2010.

164. 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 3 and 5, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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165. Part 2 Minutes of Policy Development Committees

RESOLVED:

That the Part 2 Minutes of the following Policy Development Committee be received for information:

- (i) Access to Education, Skills and Employment – 23 March, 2010

166. Section 106 Agreement with ASDA

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Director of Culture and Regeneration (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Director of Culture and Regeneration briefed Members on the current state of the negotiations with ASDA in respect of a Deed of Variation to the S.106 agreement relating to the funding of community facilities. In summary, ASDA had agreed to a short extension to the period of the agreement in order to facilitate further negotiation on a condition that would result in the Council taking over responsibility for the future management of the park opposite the ASDA store.

Legal advice was provided on the Council's position and Members then discussed the issues more detail, including the estimated costs of bringing the Town Park up to standard and annual maintenance thereafter.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the agreed amendments to the S106 agreement with ASDA, be noted.
- (B) That Cabinet are prepared in principle to take on responsibility for the Town Park provided that ASDA accept terms which are considered to be in the interests of the Council.
- (C) That authority be delegated to the Director of Culture and Regeneration to bring all such matters above to a conclusion.

Reasons for the Decisions

Cabinet were being updated on negotiations with ASDA in respect of the S106 agreement for £527,500 (index linked) for the construction of a full size artificial turf pitch (ATP) and improvements to football facilities at Newlands Lane.

Cabinet were being asked to consider an issue raised by ASDA in the above negotiations in respect of future management of the park opposite the ASDA store on the Avon Rd, Cannock.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

LEADER