

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

CABINET

THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY, 2010 AT 4.30 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

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

105. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 December, 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

106. Updates form Portfolio Leaders

Healthier Communities and Older People Portfolio Leader

The Healthier Communities and Older People Portfolio Leader advised Cabinet that there had been a recent spate of vandalism in Cannock Cemetery.

Environment Sustainability Portfolio Leader

The Environment Sustainability Portfolio Leader advised Cabinet that, following the recent extreme weather conditions, which had necessitated cancellation of some refuse collection routes, the service had caught up thanks to Waste and Engineering Services employees working at weekends. The Portfolio Leader wished to record his thanks to all employees who had done a bit extra to ensure services did not suffer. Members also thanked the Public for their forbearance during the period.

Culture, Sport and Services for Children and Young People Portfolio Leader

The Culture, Sport and Services for Children and Young People Leader advised Cabinet that

letters of support had been received from various sports and swimming organisations, in respect of the proposed redevelopment of the Chase Leisure Centre. A substantial bid document was being prepared for submission to Sports England for £500,000 grant funding, and the Culture and Major Projects team remained on course for submission by the 1 February, 2010 deadline. Assessment of the bid and a decision from Sports England were anticipated to take several months. In the meantime, full planning permission had been granted and the tender process for procurement of architectural services had begun.

107. Forward Plan

It was noted that the portfolio Leader for the “Local Development Framework – Core Strategy” document was incorrect and should have read “Environment Sustainability – Cllr. Williams”

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period January – April, 2010, be approved, subject to amendment of the Portfolio Holder to “Environment Sustainability – Cllr. Williams”, in respect of the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy.

108. Part 1 Minutes of Policy Development Committees

RESOLVED:

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

- (i) Healthier Communities and Older People – 26 November, 2009

109. Consultation on the TSA Consultation – A New Regulatory Framework for Social Housing in England

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Service Improvement (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.16 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The TSA’s proposals for “A new regulatory framework for social housing in England” be noted.
- (B) The proposed response of the Council to the TSA’s proposals be agreed.
- (C) A further report be submitted on the proposals for meeting the requirements of the new regulatory framework.

Reasons for the Decision

The report considered the TSA’s consultation paper “A new regulatory framework for social housing in England”.

The TSA would become the regulator for all social housing tenants following Parliamentary approval on 1 April, 2010. The TSA's consultation paper "A new regulatory framework for social housing in England" set out the regulatory framework and its approach to regulation based on its ten principles, six national standards and range of powers to ensure compliance.

Further consultation was planned by the TSA on how it would use its powers and further reports would be provided on how the Council would meet the TSA requirements.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

LEADER