

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

CABINET

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL, 2005 AT 5.00 P.M.

IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors Stanley, N.K. (Social Inclusion & Housing Leader)
(Resources Leader)
Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Access to Skills & Economic Development
Leader)
Bernard, Mrs. A.F. (Health Leader)
Butler, R.D. (Environment Leader)

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor M.R. Grocott).

By invitation: Councillor R. Jones (for Minute No. 177).

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS IN
CONTRACTS AND OTHER MATTERS

<u>Member/Officer</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Jones, R.	Spouse employed by Cannock Chase Technical College (Minute No. 177 refers).	Personal
Trigg, W.L.	Member of Board of Governors of Cannock Chase Technical College (Minute 177 refers).	Personal

172. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2005 were approved as a correct record.

173. STRATEGIC RAIL AUTHORITY CONSULTATION – WEST MIDLANDS
ROUTE UTILISATION STRATEGY – FEBRUARY 2005

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Planning (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That a response be made to the SRA based on the comments contained in the report and in Annex 1 and in particular that the Council:

- a) Objects to the proposed withdrawal of the Rugeley Town- Stafford service from 2008.
- b) Supports the provision of additional services between Birmingham, Hednesford and Rugeley and in particular requests that evening services out of Birmingham which currently terminate at Hednesford at 8.00 p.m. should continue to Rugeley Town.
- c) Is minded to withdraw its support for the proposed Churchbridge/Bridgtown new station proposal, subject to the consultation with CENTRO, Staffordshire County Council, Network Rail, Central Trains and the West Midlands Regional Assembly.
- d) Convenes a joint member meeting between Cannock Chase Council, CENTRO and Staffordshire County Council, to discuss the future of the Chase Line rail services beyond 2006.

174. CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PLAN

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Scrutiny Committee be consulted on the contents of the draft Corporate and Performance Plan prior to consideration by Council on 29 June, 2005.

175. DISPOSAL OF 11 NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN, CANNOCK

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Regeneration (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That, subject to a grant of planning permission, the Head of Regeneration be authorised to dispose of the freehold interest in 11 North Street, Bridgtown to Lencal Development Ltd. on terms to be agreed.

176. EXCLUSION OF 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 7, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

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PART 2

177. ACCESS TO SKILLS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE: PRESENTATION BY VICE-PRINCIPAL OF CANNOCK CHASE COLLEGE

The Chairman of the Access to Skills and Economic Development Select Committee, Councillor R. Jones was present for this item.

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Chairman of the Access to Skills and Economic Development Select Committee (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Following consideration of the report, Members considered that prior to a letter of support being sent to the College, the Access to Skills and Economic Development Select Committee be recommended to receive a presentation from the Learning and Skills Council.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the contents of the report relating to the presentation of the Vice-Principal of the College be noted.
- (B) That prior to agreeing that a letter be sent to the College, as set out in the final paragraph of the report, the Access to Skills and Economic Development Select Committee be recommended to consider inviting a representative from the Learning and Skills Council to present their views on the future of the College.

LEADER