

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

CABINET

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 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)
 Grocott, M.R. (Culture & Sport Leader)

178. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14, 21 and 28 April 2005 were approved as a correct record.

179. Updates From Portfolio Leaders

Culture And Sport Leader

The Culture and Sport Leader, Councillor M.R. Grocott, reported that school activities over the past week had been well attended and that he had been invited to present awards at a number of schools.

Access To Skills And Economic Development Leader

The Access to Skills and Economic Development Leader, Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell, reported on the outcome of an AONB Conference.

Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader, Councillor N.K. Stanley, reported that the Conservative and Liberal Democratic Parties of the Council had sought to adopt a protocol for the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council. It was hoped that the protocol would be adopted by the Council at the Annual Meeting on 25 May 2005. However, due to the fact that the Council's Labour Party had indicated that they did not wish to support the

protocol, each party would be making nominations for the appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman in the usual way at the Annual Meeting.

The Deputy Leader reported that the Cabinet would be making joint nominations as a shared administration and that Councillor R.G. Meaden would be nominated as Chairman and Councillor K.L. Bennett would be nominated as Vice-Chairman.

180. ICT Strategy 2005-2008

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Resources (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the ICT Strategy, as appended to the report, be approved with immediate effect.

181. Neighbourhood Worker For The Bevan Lee Estate

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

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to approve a grant of £10,000 to the Beth Johnson Housing Association as a contribution towards the employment of a Neighbourhood Worker for the Bevan Lee Estate project.

182. Campaign To Attract Housing Investment To Cannock Chase Former National Coal Board Estates

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Regeneration (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the use of the document 'A Case for Investment: Former Coal Board Housing Estates in Southern Staffordshire and Northern Warwickshire' be endorsed as a lobbying document for housing resources.
- (B) That the action of the Head of Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Leader for Social Inclusion and Housing, to promote the case for investment be endorsed.

LEADER