

# **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **CABINET DECISIONS**

**TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor M Gledhill (Chair)

Councillors B Cawley, D Proudlove, M Swindlehurst, C Wood and N Yates

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor(s) P Barks, A Church, K Hoptroff and L Swindlehurst

APOLOGIES: Councillors D Price and C Atkins

8 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)**

**DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

9 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Agenda item	Member Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Agenda item 9.1 Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan and Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Order	Cllr D Proudlove Cllr C Wood Cllr N Yates	Other – Member of Biddulph Town Council

10 **FORWARD PLAN**

**DECISION:**

That the Forward Plan be approved for publication.

11 **STAFFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - THE JOINT CODE OF WORKING**

The report provided members with the updated version of the Code of Joint Working for Health Scrutiny in Staffordshire that had recently been considered and approved by the Staffordshire Leaders Board. The report was considered by the Health and Wellbeing Committee on 5 July 2023.

Options considered:

As detailed in the report.

**DECISION:**

That the Joint Code of Working be approved, signed and adopted by the Council Leader and that the the Council's Constitution be updated accordingly.

12 **BIDDULPH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND BIDDULPH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT ORDER**

The Cabinet considered the findings of the Examiner's report of the independent examination of the Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Plan and Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Order to determine if they met the "basic conditions" required for them to proceed to referendum.

Options considered:

Option 1 (recommended) – that the Council agreed with the recommendations set out in Section 2 of the report. This option was recommended as the Neighbourhood Development Order (as modified) was considered to have met the necessary requirements in order to proceed to referendum. Conversely, whilst the majority of the Examiner's recommendations regarding the Neighbourhood Plan were accepted, revised modifications have been identified as being necessary in order to meet the basic conditions or to address errors.

Option 2 (not recommended) – that the Council did not concur with the recommendations set out in Section 2 of this report . This was not recommended as the modifications as set out in the report were considered to be necessary in order for the Neighbourhood Development Order and Neighbourhood Plan to meet the basic conditions or to address errors.

**DECISION:**

1. That the findings of the Examiner's report and addendum sheet be noted.
2. That subject to the modifications identified in this report, that the District Council be satisfied that the basic conditions as required by Paragraph 8 (1) (a) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been met for the Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Order and that a Decision Statement is published to confirm this.
3. That the Council invites representations for a period of six weeks on four revisions to the modifications to the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan (Policies LE2, NE3, HOU1 & DES1) as set out by the Examiner and considered in the report.
4. That the Council considers representations on the revised modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan within five weeks of the consultation period to determine if the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum or if it should be referred to further independent examination.
5. That the Council concurs with the Examiner's recommendations on the remainder of the Neighbourhood Plan as set out in the report other than the timeframe of the Neighbourhood Plan.

13 **CLIMATE CHANGE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Council had committed to provide an annual report and a six-month update report on progress made towards delivery of its Climate Change Strategy. The report presented the Annual Climate Change Report 2023. The report was considered by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 24 July 2023.

Options considered:

None identified.

**DECISION:**

That the Cabinet note the:

1. Annual Report 2023 and progress to date, and
2. The next steps for 2023/2024 and beyond.

14 **FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2022/23**

The purpose of the report was to inform members of the Council's overall performance and financial position for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March ("Fourth Quarter 2022/23"). The report was considered by the Finance and Performance Committee on 25 July 2023.

Options considered:

Detailed Analysis was contained within the main body of the report.

**DECISION:**

1. That the Fourth Quarter 2022/23 financial, procurement and performance position detailed in Appendices A, B and C of the report be noted.
2. That the proposals to carry forward unspent capital budget as set out in Appendix A (Paragraph 5.6) be approved.
3. That the write-offs set out in Appendix D of the report be approved.

15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated.

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16 **APPLICATION FOR WRITE OFF OF NON- RECOVERABLE DEBTS**

**DECISION:**

The Cabinet approved a report that proposed the write off of non- recoverable debts.

The meeting closed at 2.33 pm

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