

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS

TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2022

PRESENT: Councillor P Roberts (Chair)

Councillors J Aberley, M Deaville, K Flunder, S Scalise, R Ward and M Worthington

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors T Holmes (online), K Hoptroff and L Swindlehurst

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Porter

1 **COUNCILLOR HILDA SHELDON MBE**

Councillors observed a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Hilda Sheldon who had recently passed away.

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

DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 29 March 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY**

There were no declarations of interest made.

4 **ITEMS REQUESTED BY CABINET AND/OR NON-CABINET MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CABINET PROCEDURE RULES 8.5(B) AND (E), IF ANY**

5 **OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that Councillor Barbara Hughes would remain as the Council's representative on the Staffordshire County Council Corporate Parenting Panel. Due to a typographical error this was shown as Cllr Andrew Hart in the report presented to Council on 26 May 2022.

Positions that had previously been held by Councillor Hilda Sheldon would be reconsidered in consultation with Councillor Tony Hall (Group Leader).

6 **FORWARD PLAN**

DECISION:

That the Forward Plan be approved for publication.

7 IN PERSON/REMOTE COMMITTEE MEETINGS UPDATE

The report provided an update to councillors on the conduct of online and in-person committee meetings.

Options considered:

A number of options were detailed in the report. The ability to hold online statutory decision making meetings would require new legislation.

DECISION:

That the report be noted.

8 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CHAMPION APPOINTMENT

The purpose of the report was to seek Cabinet's approval for the appointment of an elected member to the role of Member Development Champion to lead the Council's Member Development Working Group.

Options considered:

The Cabinet was recommended to select an elected member to the position of Member Development Champion.

DECISION:

That Councillor David Shaw continues to undertake the role of Member Development Champion.

9 PLAY AND OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES INVESTMENT PLAN

The report updated the Cabinet on the development of an investment plan for delivery of refurbishment works or full replacement of Council owned play and outdoor sports facilities across the district. The report was considered by the Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 8 June 2022.

Options considered:

- To recommend that the Cabinet approve the Play and Outdoor Sports Facilities Investment and Delivery Plan at a cost of £320,000 over a four year period from 2023-24. (Recommended)
- To not recommend approval of the Play and Outdoor Sports Facilities Investment and Delivery Plan. (Not Recommended)

DECISION:

That the Cabinet approves the report and supports the refurbishment or replacement of Council owned play areas and outdoor sports facilities across the district as detailed in the report.

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10 **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.

11 **LEVELLING UP FUND ROUND 2 BIDS FOR LEEK & CHEADLE**

The Cabinet approved a report that set out the opportunity the Council had to submit two Levelling Up Fund Bids, one for each of the two parliamentary constituencies that the district sat within (Staffordshire Moorlands and Stone). It set out the key aspects of the government's levelling up agenda, the Levelling Up Fund Prospectus and the particulars of both bids to be submitted.

The meeting closed at 2.19 pm

Chairman