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MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2013

12.30 pm – 12.50 pm

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Present:

Mr K Barrow (Leader)
Mr G Butler, Mrs K Calder, Mr S Charmley, Mr M Owen, Mr M Price and Mrs C Wild

73.0 Apology for Absence

73.1 There were apologies for absence from Mr L Chapman and Mrs A Hartley.

74.0 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

747.1 Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

75.0 Minutes

75.1 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 18 September 2013 and 30 September 2013 be confirmed as correct records and be signed by the Leader.

76.0 Public Questions

76.1 Mr David Kilby, of the Shrewsbury West Residents' Association, had submitted a statement in relation to agenda item 9 – Shrewsbury West Sustainable Urban Extension Masterplan and the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Commissioning (South) had responded – copies attached to the signed minutes.

76.2 Mr Kilby was invited to ask a supplementary question and he listed a number of local assets which, in the opinion of the local community, should be part of a local plan. In response, the Portfolio Holder welcomed the contribution made by the Shrewsbury

West Residents' Association although he suggested the assets were more relevant in a place plan, rather than the masterplan.

77.0 Matters Referred from Scrutiny/Council

77.1 There were no matters referred from Scrutiny/Council.

78.0 Reports of Scrutiny Committees

78.1 There were no reports from the Scrutiny Committees.

79.0 Revenue Monitoring Report – Period 5 2013/14

79.1 The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Finance and Support presented a report by the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance (Section 151 Officer) – copy attached to the signed minutes – which set out the Revenue forecast for 2013/14 as at Period 5, and identified management actions being taken to ensure a balanced budget at the end of the financial year. He referred to the key issues highlighted in the report, namely the projected year end overspend of £3.5 million and the projected General Fund Balance as at 31 March 2014 of £9.083 million. The year end overspend had increased due to additional cost pressures in adult social care and, to resolve this, a dedicated team had been formed to consider this matter in depth.

79.2 A Member expressed concern at the £89k staffing savings in Benefits (Customer Care and Support Services, page11 of the report refers). He had already heard of undue delays in processing benefits and suggested further staffing reductions would affect vulnerable people. In response, the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance confirmed the savings figures were to the end of the year and were based on vacancies in the benefits section being held open.

79.3 RESOLVED:

(a) That it be noted that at the end of Period 5 (30 August 2013), the full year forecast was a potential overspend of £3.549m.

(b) That the impact of this on the Council's General Fund Balance be noted.

80.0 Capital Monitoring Report – Period 5 2013/14

80.1 The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Finance and Assurance presented a report by the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance (Section 151 Officer) – copy attached to the signed minutes – on the current position regarding the Council's 2013/14 to 2016/17 capital programme taking into account the latest monitoring information on the progress

of the schemes, any necessary budget increases and decreases and the re-profiling of budgets between 2013/14 and future years.

80.2 The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group requested monthly updates of the capital receipts (paragraph 11.2, page 6 of the report refers) and this was agreed.

80.3 **RESOLVED:**

(a) That approval be given to the budget variations of £4m to the 2013/14 capital programme, detailed in Appendix 1/Table 1 of the report and the re-profiled 2013/14 capital budget of £64.5m.

(b) That approval be given to the re-profiled capital budgets of £49.3m for 2014/15 and £15.4m for 2015/16 as detailed in Table 4 and changes in Appendix 1 of the report.

(c) That the expenditure to date of £14.3m, representing 22.2% of the revised capital budget for 2013/14, with 42% of the year having elapsed, be accepted.

81.0 Shrewsbury West Sustainable Urban Extension Masterplan

81.1 The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Commissioning (Central) presented a report by the Head of Business Growth and Prosperity (copy attached to the signed minutes) and made reference to the statements made by Mr David Kilby and his response during public question time. He welcomed the suggestions in Mr Kilby's supplementary statement and said that he was happy to give Mr Kilby the opportunity to submit the phrases to see if they could be included in the masterplan. He further agreed that the Council would be supportive, within the resources available, to local residents, including the parish council, if they wished to draw up a local plan, as had been done successfully in other parts of the county.

81.2 The Portfolio Holder for Health assured Cabinet that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment would be amended to incorporate the health impact assessment. This had previously been done by the Primary Care Trust, but was now a Council responsibility as part of its public health remit.

81.3 Mr R. Evans, as local Member for an adjoining ward, requested that he be informed if/when considering the A5 junction.

81.4 **RESOLVED:**

(a) That Council be recommended to adopt the Shrewsbury West Sustainable Urban Extension Masterplan, as to be amended, for the purposes of informing and guiding the development of the sustainable urban extension and as a material consideration for all subsequent planning applications.

- (b) That the Masterplan, as amended, be reflected in the Final Plan version of the Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan in terms of the extent of the Shrewsbury West SUE, its key elements and the broad arrangement of land uses.
- (c) That the promoters be informed that a phasing and delivery strategy will be required to accompany the initial planning application(s) relating to the development of the Shrewsbury West SUE.

82.0 Development of Supported Living Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities

82.1 The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Commissioning (South) presented a report – copy attached to the signed minutes - by the Director of Adult Services on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Local Commissioning (South). The report set out proposals by a national charity, the Development Trust, to loan a significant sum to Shropshire Council to build two bungalows, each of which would house three adults with learning disabilities and/or challenging behaviour who were currently living outside Shropshire.

82.2 RESOLVED:

- (a) That powers be delegated to the Director of Adult Services or his nominated deputy to sign a Facility letter should planning permission be granted for the build.
- (b) That two sites currently in Council ownership, namely, a plot of land at Adderley Road, Market Drayton as previously agreed by Cabinet in July 2013 and a plot of land at London Road, Shrewsbury, be made available for the development of these two bungalows and that these two sites remain in the ownership of the Council.
- (c) That the Council seek to make available two further additional sites within Shropshire for the development of supported living accommodation and for the Trust to be advised of this in order that the Trust may explore with third parties opportunities for funding.

83.0 Exclusion of Press and Public

83.1 RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations, and Paragraph 10.2 of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items.

84.0 Exempt Minutes

84.1 RESOLVED:

That the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Leader.

85.0 Development of Supported Living Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities

85.1 The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Commissioning (South) presented the report of the Director of Adult Services – copy attached to the exempt signed minutes - which provided further information on the financial arrangements relating to the proposed development of two bungalows for adults with learning disabilities.

85.2 RESOLVED:

That the three recommendations set out in the report be approved.

(The full version of Minute 85 constitutes exempt information under category 3 of Paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been with-held from publication.)

Signed (Leader)

Date: 13 November 2013