

**Committee and Date**

Cabinet

8 February 2017

CABINET

**Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017 in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND
12.30 pm - 1.25 pm**

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Present

Councillor Malcolm Pate (Leader)

Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Karen Calder, Lee Chapman, Simon Jones, David Minnery, Cecilia Motley, Malcolm Price and Stuart West

109 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Wood.

110 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

111 Minutes**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

112 Public Question Time

No questions from members of the public had been received.

113 Scrutiny Items

There were no scrutiny matters to consider.

114 Shropshire Council Adult Social Care - Local Account 2015/2016

The Portfolio Holder for Adults presented a report of the Director of Adult Services setting out the Shropshire Council Adult Social Care Local Account 2015/2016. He explained the value of the document, production of which was not a statutory requirement but best practice. He paid tribute to members of the Making It Real Board who had taken editorial lead of the document and reported that it was to be considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee. He explained that the recommendation should read that Cabinet Members are requested to note the Account, rather than note and approve and this amendment was accepted.

The Portfolio Holder for Health felt the Account was both informative and accessible and should be made available to the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group Board with a request that it be forwarded to the Local Area Forum for GPs. The Portfolio Holder for Rural Services and Communities also commended the logical and clear Shropshire Choices website and made some suggestions for promoting the site such as advertising in parish magazines.

RESOLVED:

That the Adult Social Care Local Account for 2015 – 2016 be noted.

115 Consultation on Issues and Strategic Options for the Shropshire Local Plan Review

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Regulatory Services and Environment presented a report from the Director of Place and Enterprise seeking approval for consultation on the first stage of the partial review of the Shropshire Local Plan. He explained how the consultation would be conducted and in response to a Member question, gave assurance that officers would hold discussions with areas that had a formally adopted Neighbourhood Plan. The Portfolio Holder also responded to questions relating to the strategic distribution of housing, concerns about potential studentification of Shrewsbury town centre; sites at Tern Hill and Buildwas Power Station; and the requirement for to be clear about the weight attributed to up to date Parish Plans.

RESOLVED:

- i) That Cabinet approve the draft document for consultation subject to minor amendments and editing.
- ii) That authority be delegated to the Director of Place and Enterprise in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Regulatory Services and Environment to approve the final version of the documents and to publish these for public consultation.

116 Marches Business Broadband Grant Scheme

The Portfolio Holder for Business and Economy presented a report of the Director of Place and Enterprise setting out a recommendation to reallocate unspent Phase 1 Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) grant funding to support a complimentary Marches European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) project.

RESOLVED:

That £842,853 from decommissioned contract obligations, in its BDUK Phase 1 project, be swapped for capital ring fenced funding in its Phase 2b procurement. The released capital of £842,853 will be used to enable Shropshire Council to draw down an additional £1,331,825 ERDF funding to support businesses with individual grants that will enable NGA or BGB.

117 Shropshire Schools Funding Formula 2017/18

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People presented a report of the Director of Children's Services on schools funding arrangements for 2017 – 2018. As the Schools Forum had not yet met, he proposed an amendment to the recommendation so that it gave delegated authority to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with himself to accept the recommendation of the Forum on the funding formula. The amendment was agreed.

RESOLVED:

- i) That Cabinet delegates to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, the acceptance of the recommendation of Shropshire Schools Forum on the funding formula for Shropshire schools for the financial year 2017 – 2018 for academies.
- ii) That changes to the allocation of ESG to local authorities in 2017 – 18 and the potential implications be noted.

Signed

(Leader)

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