



**Committee and Date**

Cabinet

27 April 2016

**CABINET**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2016**

**In the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND**

**12.30 pm – 1.09 pm**

**Responsible Officer:** Amanda Holyoak

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**Present**

Councillor Malcolm Pate (Chairman)

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

**145 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**146 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

**147 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 March 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

**148 Public Questions**

Mr Bernard Wills representing the Quarry Swimming and Fitness Forum had submitted a question related to public health, exercise and access to a swimming pool. A written reply was tabled at the meeting and a copy of the full question and response is attached to the signed minutes. Dr N Richards read out a supplementary question on behalf of Mr Wills. The Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture agreed to provide a response to this question outside of the meeting.

**149 Matters referred from Scrutiny/Council**

There were no matters referred from Scrutiny or Council.

**150 Membership of West Midlands Combined Authority**

The Leader presented a report by the Chief Executive, outlining the rationale for Shropshire Council to become a non constituent member of the West Midlands Combined

Authority (WMCA), and the potential long term economic growth benefits to the County in doing so. It was confirmed that as a non-constituent member, the Council would remain independent, retaining all of its current powers.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That Shropshire Council become a non-constituent member of the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- ii) That authority be given for the Chief Executive, in liaison with the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business and Economy, to carry out the necessary arrangements for becoming a non-constituent member and to represent Shropshire Council on the West Midlands Combined Authority in discussions and negotiations in the run up to mayoral elections in 2017.
- iii) That Cabinet receive a progress report on devolution developments at regional and national level at a timely future date, at which point further recommendations may be tabled.

**151 A Partnership Approach In Designing The Future Of Our Local Services**

The Portfolio Holder for Rural Services and Communities presented a report by the Director of Commissioning, seeking approval on the principles and approaches for the Council to use to engage and work with partners to try and secure a sustainable future for local services and community based assets. It was intended that all solutions would be agreed on as local a basis as possible. Work was underway with Shropshire Association of Local Councils to create hubs through which the capacity of small and rural parish councils would be enhanced through working together.

In response to questions and comments the Leader reiterated that this was not a course of action the Council wished to take. He had been heartened by the response from Parish and Town Councils and thanked them for their willingness to meet the challenge.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the proposed principles and partnership approaches described within the report be approved.
- ii) That the connections between the activity described in the report and the potential role of town and parish councils and the voluntary and community sector in the wider design and delivery of the council's future Highways Maintenance and Operating Model be noted.
- iii) That authority be delegated to the Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Rural Services and Communities and the relevant Portfolio Holders (depending on the service under consideration) to take any further decisions relating to the delivery of these recommendations to a successful conclusion.

**152 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED:**

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.2 of the Council’s Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items.

**153 Shropshire Council Adult Social Care Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards**

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendations detailed in the exempt report be approved.

**154 Four Rivers Nursing Home Business Case Options**

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation detailed in the exempt report be approved.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....