



Committee and Date

Cabinet

10 January 2018

CABINET

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

Responsible Officer: Jane Palmer
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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Leader)
Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Lezley Picton, David Minnery,
Robert Macey, Nic Laurens, Nicholas Bardsley, Lee Chapman and Steve Davenport

91 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Barrow.

92 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

93 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

94 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

95 Member Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

96 Scrutiny Items

The Chair of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee provided a verbal report on the Committee's consideration of the Council Tax Support Grant

consultation. She stated that the Committee had agreed to both endorse Option 4 of the report and to also request the Welfare Task and Finish Group to consider the use of Discretionary Housing Payments [DHP] to support claimants adversely affected by the changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme and to undertake a review 12 months' after the introduction of Universal Credit.

A Member commented that he had attended the Scrutiny Committee meeting and had been disappointed at the volume of information that had been tabled when little time had been allowed for consideration of the information. He stressed that the introduction of Universal Credit in May and June 2018 would affect a number of vulnerable people and he cited a preference for Option 1 or 2 [as considered by Cabinet at the meeting on 18 October 2017]. Another Member commented on the deplorable situation whereby in addition to the overall austerity measures the Council was taking money away from vulnerable people in the county.

The Chair of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee stated that five examples had been considered by the Committee illustrating the impact on different people and evidence had also been heard from the CAB. She added that other neighbouring authorities had already been charging for several years.

RESOLVED:

That the feedback from the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee following its consideration of the Council Tax Support Grant consultation be noted.

97 Treasury Management Update Quarter 2 2017/2018

The Leader presented a report from the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance that outlined the treasury management activities of the Council in the last quarter.

RESOLVED:

That the position as detailed in the report be accepted.

98 Quarter 2 Performance Report 2017/2018

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Support presented a report from the Director of Place and Enterprise on the Council's performance against its key outcomes for Quarter 2 2017/18. He thanked the performance team for pulling the information together and drew particular attention to continued improvements in i) delayed transfer of care, ii) attendance at Theatre Severn and the Old Market Hall and iii) permanent admissions to residential care.

A Member voiced congratulations to all staff working in Children's Services on the achievement of 'Good' rating in the recent Ofsted inspection. The Leader stated that this excellent result would be openly and widely acknowledged and this showed that the Council achieved to a high level.

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure also paid tribute to the excellent work of staff in culture and leisure and added that the 2017 Pantomime at Theatre Severn was already sold to 93% capacity.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the key underlying and emerging issues in the reports and appendices be considered; and
- ii) That the performance portal be reviewed and any performance areas for consideration in greater detail be identified or referred to the appropriate Overview Scrutiny Committee.

99 Library Services Strategy for Shropshire 2018 to 2023

It was noted that this item had been deferred for consideration by Cabinet at the meeting on 10 January 2018.

100 Shrewsbury Town Centre

It was noted that a public report on this issue had not been compiled and that information would be considered following the exclusion of the public and press from the meeting.

101 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Scheduled 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council’s Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item/s.

102 Shrewsbury Town Centre

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Support presented a confidential report from the Director of Place and Enterprise on Shrewsbury Town Centre.

RECOMMENDED:

That the four exempt recommendations as detailed in the confidential report, be approved.

Signed: (Leader)
 Date: