



Committee and Date

Cabinet

11 April 2018

CABINET

**Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2018 in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND
12.30 - 12.55 pm**

Responsible Officer: Jane Palmer
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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Leader)
Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Joyce Barrow, Lezley Picton,
David Minnery, Nicholas Bardsley, Lee Chapman and Steve Davenport

168 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robert Macey and Nic Laurens.

169 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were made.

170 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 February 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

171 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

172 Member Questions

No questions were raised by any member of the Council.

173 Scrutiny Items

In presenting this item, the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport paid tribute to the work of the Environmental Maintenance Grant [EMG] Programme Task and Finish Group and drew attention to the additional information that had been tabled on behalf of the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group, Councillor C Motley [and included with the formal record of the meeting].

Supporting the recommendations from the EMG Programme Task and Finish Group and subsequently the Communities Overview Committee, the Portfolio Holder commented that progress on the revised EMG Programme should be reported back to scrutiny in 12 months' time in order to monitor the efficacy of the revised design and delivery.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations from the Environmental Maintenance Grant Programme Task and Finish Group as supported by the Communities Overview Committee, be approved.

174 Ludlow Assembly Rooms - Lease Review, Community Asset Transfer and Improvement Works

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Support presented a report from the Director of Place and Enterprise summarising the assessment of an application made by the Ludlow and District Community Association Ltd [LAR] to progress to transfer by way of a two part 125 year lease in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer [CAT] Policy.

Members noted section 3 of the report that detailed the various funding streams and projects that were coming together to provide the opportunity to put the building into a good state of repair and redevelop the ground floor section of the building to include a new box office and a café/restaurant. He added that the goal to fully transfer this asset would result in the welfare of the Arts in Ludlow being placed fully in the hands of those who would be delivering it.

RESOLVED:

- i) That Ludlow Assembly Rooms are granted a 30 – year lease (Lease1) as explained in 4.3 of the report, of the whole building on terms which as far as possible mirror the existing 1992 lease in terms of user restrictions and repairing obligations, with delegated authority to the Head of Business Enterprise and Commercial Services to agree final terms of the lease and to complete the transaction.
- ii) That the Landlord and Tenant will, within 3 months of satisfactory completion of the said three projects highlighted within the report, enter into a 123 year CAT lease (Lease 2) on full repairing and insuring terms, with the Head of Business Enterprise and Commercial Services to agree final terms of the lease and to complete the transaction.

175 Amendment to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2015 to 2019

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Support presented a technical report from the Director of Public Health setting out the proposed amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy.

RESOLVED:

That the amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy be agreed with effect from 22 March 2018 as set out in Appendix A to the report.

176 Modern Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

The Leader presented a report from the Head of Human Resources and Development detailing the Statement and Policy to fulfil the Council's legislative requirements under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 for the Council to have a Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking statement.

RESOLVED:

That the draft Statement and Policy be considered and approved.

177 Proposals for the Future of Education Improvement Support for Schools

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People presented a report from the Director of Children's Services on the proposals for the future of the Education Improvement Support for schools. The Chair of the People Overview Committee was present and reported that the Scrutiny Committee had been in support of the recommended approach once the detail had been fully explained and examined.

The Portfolio Holder stated that the proposal would allow statutory obligations to be fulfilled and the retention of the current service level would require over £250k that was not in the core budget. He paid tribute to the helpful approach that had been taken by the Shropshire Schools Forum that would allow a degree of service to be retained as detailed in paragraph 5.15 of the report.

A Member commented that consideration of such a proposal was deplorable given the detrimental impact and associated risks. The Portfolio Holder commented that neighbouring authorities in the West Midlands region were largely following the same route. The Leader added that this reflected the changing world of local government and particularly the impact of the academisation of schools.

RESOLVED:

- i) That sustaining the Education Improvement Service solely through grant funding from central government and de-delegated funds from Shropshire Council maintained schools be approved.

- ii) That, as a result of the above, a traded Education Improvement Service professional training development programme be maintained through to April 2019, at which point the Council will cease to deliver this traded service to Shropshire schools.

178 **Self-Build Register [Charging and Eligibility Criteria]**

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Support presented a report from the Director of Place and Enterprise on the need for the Council to publish a self-build register of individuals and associations of individuals seeking to acquire serviced plots of land in the local authority's area to develop a self or custom house build.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the need for the Council to publish a self-build register and meet its duty to grant planning permission for sufficient serviced plots be agreed and the charging schedule detailed in the report, as per the requirements of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 (as Amended) be agreed
- ii) That an initial £30.00 (+ VAT) registration fee be agreed for new applicants to register on the Council's newly updated and developed Self Build register.
- iii) That a £30.00 (+ VAT) registration fee be agreed for all existing applicants (359) currently on the self build register who are to be transferred to the new register.
- iv) That a £15.00 (+ VAT) annual renewal fee be agreed for all who wish to remain on the register.

179 **Minimum Income Guarantee**

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care presented a report from the Director of Adult Services on the proposed consultation on the Council's reduction of its current level of Minimum Income Guarantee [MIG] for people of pensionable age to that of the statutory minimum. He stressed that Adult Social Care was means tested and those most vulnerable in the community would not have to make a contribution to their care.

Responding to a Member's comment that the consultation did not include an option for the status quo, the Portfolio Holder reiterated that those who did not have sufficient finances would not have to make a contribution.

RESOLVED:

That a public consultation is carried out into the proposals set out below, following which a recommendation will be made to Cabinet:

- a) That the Personal Budgets Contribution Policy is updated for 2018/2019, reducing Shropshire Council's existing levels of Minimum Income Guarantee for

pension aged individuals to the governments' statutory minimum of £189.00 per week for a single person and £144.30 per week for a member of a couple.

- b) That, subject to a means tested assessment, the non-residential care contribution charges to this group of individuals be increased in line with the changes to the Minimum Income Guarantee.

Signed (Leader)

Date: