



Committee and Date

Cabinet

6th July 2020

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020

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1.00 - 2.00 pm

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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Chairman)

Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Gwilym Butler, Dean Carroll, Lee Chapman, Steve Davenport, Robert Macey, David Minnery, Lezley Picton and Ed Potter

93 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

94 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

95 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2020 be approved as a correct record to be signed by the Leader.

96 Public Question Time (Pages 5 - 12)

A public question relating to Low Traffic Neighbourhoods was received from Rob Wilson.

A public question relating to the draft Housing Strategy was received from Charles Green on behalf of CPRE Shropshire.

A public question relating to active travel was received from Mark Fermor.

A public question relating to the draft Local Plan, Regulation 18 was received from David Cooper.

A public question relating to the Local Electricity Bill was received from Nick Saxby.

A public question relating to electric cars and charging points was received from Mary Davies.

The full questions submitted and the responses provided are attached to the signed minutes and the web page for the meeting.

97 Member Question Time (Pages 13 - 20)

A Member question relating to the Recovery Plan, followed by a supplementary question was received from Councillor Roger Evens. The full question and response provided are attached to the signed minutes and the webpage for the meeting.

98 Scrutiny Items

There were no scrutiny items.

99 Proposed Extension of Shrewsbury Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (No. 1) 2017

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services introduced the report and stated that this was for a 3-year extension to the existing order starting on 1st August 2020. A consultation process with stake holders had been undertaken and had shown a high level of support for the order.

RESOLVED:

That the position as set out in the report be accepted and that the Shrewsbury Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (No.1) 2017, as set out in Appendix A, be extended from 1 August 2020 for a period not exceeding 3 years.

100 Housing Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning introduced the report and explained that the Housing Strategy was a consideration of the best use of resources to support the Councils policy of 'right home, right place'. He continued that there were a diverse range of housing needs to be catered for with a wide range of tenures. Members noted that the report set out the key challenges and specific action plans to ensure that housing developments in the county were of a high standard which met housing need.

In response to a Members question regarding the upgrading of infrastructure to support new housing developments, the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning explained that infrastructure requirements were dealt with under the Place Plans and Local Plans.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning, in responding to a Member's question, confirmed that the Council would act on empty properties to bring them back to a habitable standard where it had the authority do so.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the work to date on developing the draft Housing Strategy be acknowledged and the proposed vision and objectives be endorsed.
- ii) That the draft Housing Strategy at Appendix 1 for public consultation for a period of six weeks be approved.
- iii) That a final version of the Housing Strategy be agreed, having considered any relevant consultation responses, and be brought back to Cabinet later in the summer for approval.

101 Consideration of Objection to Proposal to Introduce On-Street Holiday Let Permit Concessions in Ludlow

The Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport introduced the report and stated that this was an issue identified following the implementation of the Parking Strategy implemented from January 2018. He continued that it allowed holiday let operators to apply for a single permit attached to the property. This would support small businesses in the town and promote tourism.

Councillor Andy Boddington attended the meeting and was invited to address the Committee. He explained that Ludlow Town Council had asked for this provision to be extended to all tourist accommodation. He continued that it was recognised that parking provision in the town centre would not be sufficient to support this request.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the making of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce on-street holiday let permit concessions in Ludlow be authorised.
- ii) That holiday let owners be asked to provide feedback to the service area on numbers of people renting the properties with regard to those with physical or learning disabilities and /or caring responsibilities, for whom the location of the parking facilities is a significant consideration in terms of physical access. To contribute to better understanding of any positive impacts in equality and social inclusion terms, which may then be replicable elsewhere.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: