



Committee and Date

Cabinet

2 November 2020

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2020

Virtual Meeting

1.00 - 2.20 pm

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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Chairman)

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

140 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Steve Davenport and David Minnery.

141 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

142 Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

143 Public Question Time

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services read out questions submitted by the following members of the public:

Mr Bernard Bentick - in relation to walking, cycling public transport, implementation of facilities to promote social distancing due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the School Streets Initiative.

Mr John Box, Shropshire Wildlife Trust Honorary Conservation Adviser – in relation to Local Nature Reserves and timescale for future designations.

The full questions and responses provided by The Leader (on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport) and the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Waste and Communications are attached to the signed minutes and web page for the meeting.

144 Member Question Time

The following Members were invited to ask their questions by the Leader. The full questions and responses provided are attached to the signed minutes and attached to the web page for the meeting.

Councillor David Turner asked a question regarding the Government's White Paper 'Planning For The Future' and democratic involvement in the planning system locally. The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning provided a response and agreed to provide a direct response to Councillor Turner in relation to his supplementary questions.

Councillor David Vasmer asked questions about: consultation and Shrewsbury's park and ride service; the Ludlow Park and ride site and connecting bus service; and incorporation of the Government's LTN 1/20 standards for building of the cycle infrastructure in Shropshire.

The Leader provided responses on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport and said he would look into issues raised by councillor Vasmer in relation to the Ludlow Park and Ride site.

145 Scrutiny Items

There were no scrutiny items.

146 New Cultural Strategy: Vibrant Shropshire - Independent by Nature

The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Waste and Communications said she was delighted to introduce the draft strategy which was now ready for consultation and was the culmination of many months of work of officers, partners and stakeholders. She thanked all those who had contributed to development of the document.

In response to questions the Leader and Portfolio Holder said that there were no funding reductions currently planned for any of the areas covered by the Strategy and that those delivering the strategy would be those that had helped bring it together. It was also confirmed that young people would be encouraged to participate in the consultation and the Portfolio Holder asked Members to let her have details of any groups involving young people in their areas for this purpose.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet agrees to the draft Cultural Strategy (Appendix 1) being published for public consultation in October 2020.

147 Local Nature Reserves

The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Waste and Communications said she was also delighted to introduce this report which sought Cabinet approval to dedicate Nesscliffe Country Park, Llanymynech Heritage Area, Poles Coppice and Lyth Hill as Local Nature

Reserves. All present expressed wholehearted support for this important and positive step.

RESOLVED:

- A. That Cabinet agrees to the dedication of Nesscliffe Country Park as a Local Nature Reserve
- B. That Cabinet agrees to the dedication of Llanymynech Heritage Area as a Local Nature Reserve
- C. That Cabinet agrees to the dedication of Poles Coppice as a Local Nature Reserve
- D. That Cabinet agrees to the dedication of Lyth Hill as a Local Nature Reserve
- E. That Cabinet delegates to the Director of Place, the authority to agree any associated actions to ensure the successful dedication of Local Nature Reserve status for these sites.

148 Residential and Nursing Beds Review of Commissioning Arrangements and Setting of Standard Fee Rates

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Climate Change introduced the report, He explained the need for it and how the schedule of charges had been arrived at. Fair rates promoted an efficient and effective market and helped ensure a sustainable and vibrant marketplace.

The Leader congratulated all those who worked within adult social care for their excellent and important work and asked that his thanks be passed onto them.

RESOLVED:

That Shropshire Council should proceed with the standard rates shown at paragraph 4.8 for all new purchasing

That historical placements made prior to the implementation of the pilot and currently being paid below the new proposed standard rates, will be increased gradually through annual inflation review process

149 Draft Community and Rural Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services introduced the report and explained the draft strategy had been subject to delay due to the pandemic. The Strategy would help promote a sense of inclusivity across Shropshire and would give an opportunity to question Portfolio Holders and officers on delivery.

The Strategy was welcomed by Members. The Portfolio Holder responded to questions about climate change which would be considered within each Place Plan area.

RESOLVED:

- Endorse the draft aim and shared priorities as outlined in paragraph 4.3 of this report and the draft Strategy

- Endorse the proposed framework approach for delivering the draft Strategy's shared priorities, in paragraph 4.4 of this report and the draft Strategy
- Approve the final draft Strategy subject to 8 weeks consultation period and delegate confirmation of the final Strategy to the Director of Place and the Portfolio Holder Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services.

150 Park and Ride - Proposed New Operating Model

The Leader invited the Transport Commissioning Manager to introduce the report before Members. He outlined the vision and ambition to develop the existing Shrewsbury Park and Ride Service into a next generation transport system. The Leader responded to questions about proposals for consultation and confirmed that this would include Shrewsbury Town Council, surrounding parishes and others as appropriate.

RESOLVED:

To grant approval to undertake a detailed analysis of the proposals outlined here to transform Shrewsbury Park & Ride into a 'Next Generation Transport System' and to return to cabinet with a Strategic Report outlining the key elements that will be required to realise the vision outlined in this report

151 Annual Corporate Customer Feedback Report 2019/20

The Portfolio Holder for Organisational Transformation and Digital Infrastructure explained the report largely covered the pre-pandemic period up to April 2020. It formed part of the ongoing drive to improve handling of complaints and ensure learning was taken from all complaints, compliments and comments to improve services.

RESOLVED:

- A. To approve the Annual Customer Feedback Report 2019/20 (Appendix 1) for publication on the council's website.
- B. To agree the recommendations included within the Annual Report, highlighting key issues and areas for improvement

152 Response to Planning White Paper - Planning for the Future

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Housing introduced the proposed response to the Planning White Paper circulated, but with an amendment to the response to question 16 – removal of the text from the paragraph starting 'with regard to proposal 15' through to the paragraph starting 'Shropshire Council also supports'. He said that this was because although Shropshire was driving hard on environmentally friendly development such as small-scale wind turbines to support development in rural communities, proposals for large scale wind farms in neighbouring areas had previously raised significant issues.

In response to comments from a Group Leader, he said that he had received contributions and observations from a number of members in relation to the response and he felt that it was a fair reflection of the views he had received.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet confirms its response to the White Paper: Planning for the Future as provided in Appendix A with the following amendment to the response to question 16 – removal of the text from the paragraph starting ‘with regard to proposal 15’ through to the paragraph starting ‘Shropshire Council also supports’

153 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council’s Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item

154 Exempt Minutes

RESOLVED

That the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: