

**Committee and Date**

Cabinet

18 January 2021

CABINET**Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2020****Virtual Meeting**

1.00 pm - 3.38 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

165 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

166 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Ed Potter declared that he would leave the meeting for the item on the Local Plan as he had an employee with an interest in some sites identified within the Local Plan.

167 Minutes**RESOLVED:**

that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

168 Public Question Time

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed that all preamble, statements of fact and opinions submitted with questions had been circulated and read by Cabinet members but that she would only be reading out the questions submitted.

Questions were submitted by the following members of the public:

Rob Wilson

Graham Tate

Stephen Mulloy

Susan Howle

Lydia Bardsley, Clerk to Clive Parish Council

Les Berryman

Malcolm Andrew, Trefonen Rural Protection Group

Bill Griffiths, Clerk to Tasley Parish Council

Clive Dyson, Bridgnorth Plan Steering Group

Nick Norbury
Elle Cass, for Nurton Developments Ltd
Charles Green, CPRE Shropshire
Zoe Turner, Shifnal Matters
Henry Carver, Save Bridgnorth Greenbelt

The full questions and answers provided are attached to the signed minutes and available from the webpage for the meeting. <https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=4145&Ver=4>

169 Member Question Time

Questions were received from the following Members of the Council:

Ed Bird
Elliot Lynch & Les Winwood
David Turner
Michael Wood
Kevin Turley
Robert Tindall
Tina Woodward
Tom Biggins
Simon Jones

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170 Scrutiny Items

There were no scrutiny items.

171 Shropshire Local Plan - Pre Submission (Regulation 19) version

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning introduced the report, explaining that its principle purpose was to seek Cabinet approval for the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan and to agree that this be subject to a period of consultation for seven weeks where representations be sought on its soundness.

In picking up one of the points made in a public question, he proposed an amendment to Recommendation D to the report so that it would now include the text in bold below:

“That authority is delegated to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning Development to make additional minor editorial changes to the Pre-submission Version of the Local Plan, and the **Local Development Scheme** ahead of its publication for public consultation and to agree associated documents for publication, including the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and the Consultation Strategy”

Councillors Barrow, Evans, Lynch, Winwood, Turner, Wood, Turley, Tindall, Lea (on behalf of Councillor Woodward), Biggins, Jones, Dee, and Wild were present and asked questions about the report, the responses to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Pre-submission draft; the proposed Regulation 19 stage of consultation and raised issues relating to their Electoral Divisions. The Portfolio Holder responded to these and outlined the risks of any delay to the process.

The Leader and Portfolio Holder thanked officers for their very professional and hard work to date. The Portfolio Holder also thanked the Members of the Council for their contribution and interest in not only local issues but also the wider policies. He also thanked the Local Housing Group and Local Plan Group for their helpful work throughout the process. Cabinet and officers agreed that the proposed Pre-Submission version of the Local Plan represented a sound and positive framework for the sustainable growth of Shropshire into the future.

RESOLVED:

- A. That Cabinet approves the Pre-Submission Version (Regulation 19) of the Local Plan (Appendix 1) for public consultation in line with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, for a period of seven weeks;
- B. That Cabinet agrees the principle for Shropshire Council to accept up to 30 hectares of employment need from the Association of Black Country Authorities (ABCA) as part of the legal Duty to Cooperate process, in order to supplement the acceptance of up to 1,500 dwellings from ABCA to 2038 (previously agreed in principle), and for this employment provision to be distributed in accordance with draft policy SP2 of the draft Local Plan.
- C. That Cabinet approves an updated version of the Local Development Scheme (Appendix 3)
- D. That authority is delegated to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning Development to make additional minor editorial changes to the Pre-submission Version of the Local Plan and the Local Development Scheme ahead of its publication for public consultation, and to agree associated documents for publication, including the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and the Consultation Strategy.

172 Leisure Facilities Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Waste and Communications introduced the Indoor Leisure Facilities Strategy 2020 – 2038.

RESOLVED:

- 1 To adopt the Indoor Leisure Facilities Strategy 2020- 2038
- 2 To note the identified facility needs which will be subject to review within 12 months to further understand the impact of COVID-19.

173 Preferred Providers for Free Schools in Shrewsbury

ITEM DEFERRED TO 14 DECEMBER 2020 MEETING

174 Shifnal Town Centre and Highways Improvement Scheme

The Portfolio Holder Highways and Transport introduced the report and set out the improvements planned for Shifnal town centre in order to enhance the existing infrastructure.

RESOLVED:

- That Cabinet recommend to Council approval of the Shifnal Town Centre and Highways Improvement Scheme and allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funds for the Shifnal area of £1,887,779.00 and £829,000 of Section 106 funds for highway junction improvements for project delivery.
- That Cabinet recommend to Council approval of a tender process and subsequent mobilisation to facilitate delivery of the Shifnal Town Centre Improvement Plan as supported with all parties.
- That Cabinet recommend to Council delegation to the Assistant Director of Infrastructure to amend the project as required in response to the tender outcome.
- That Cabinet recommend to Council approval of the necessary engagement and information process to deliver this project in association with Shifnal Town Council and wider Town groups as required.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: