

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 21st August 2023.

Present:

Councillors M T Fitzpatrick (Chairman), A A Chaudhry, R Hawkins (via zoom), S Slater and P Walker.

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Head of Environment and Corporate Services, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the Interim Chief Finance Officer, the SSC Manager (HR, OD and Payments), Human Resources, the Climate Change and Adaptation Officer, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Cabinet Support Members Councillors S McKiernan (via zoom) and L Walker.

PART II

08/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

09/23 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
A A Chaudhry		
S Slater		
P Walker		

10/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business prior to the commencement of the meeting.

11/23 **FORWARD PLAN**

Cabinet considered the Forward Plan from 1st September 2023 to 31st December 2023.

It was proposed and seconded:

“That the Local Council Tax Support Scheme Review – Permission to Consult item be submitted for consideration at the October meeting of the Cabinet”.

In accordance with the voting the Chairman declared the motion was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
A A Chaudhry		
S Slater		
P Walker		

12/23

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF STATION STREET PROJECT

The report of the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration) Committee on the review of Station Street Project was considered. Appendix 1 Residents Survey results and Appendix 2 Business Survey results, had been circulated with the agenda.

Daniel Arnold (Programmes and Transformation Team Leader) presented the report.

It was proposed and seconded:

“4.1 To increase planting in the planters and look to provide a more colourful display.

4.2 To increase planters on the hanging basket poles to give a more enhanced and aesthetically pleasing floral display along Station Street.

4.3 To continue with the schedule of works in terms of litter picking, weeding and CCEO patrols.

4.4 In terms of seating, consider the feasibility of increasing this provision in other areas of Station Street.

4.5 To increase maintenance and repair any damage caused to the planters in order to retain their visual enhancement.

4.6 To revisit the project’s success during 2024 in terms of occupancy rates and footfall to continue to report on our standing with the national average and consider feedback on the planters at that time.”

In accordance with the voting the Chairman declared the motion was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
A A Chaudhry		
S Slater		
P Walker		

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURE ACTION PLAN REVIEW OF PROGRESS 2022/23

The report of the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services on the progress on the Climate Change and Nature Action Plan at the end of the 2022/23 financial year was considered. Appendix 1 The Climate Change and Nature Action Plan – Progress end 22-23 and Appendix 2 The Climate Change and Nature Action Plan – Completed Actions had been circulated with the report.

Cabinet noted that the Climate Change and Nature Action Plan contained 64 current actions and progress could be summarised as follows:

- GREEN – 40 actions
- AMBER – 0 actions
- RED – 4 actions
- GREY – 10 actions
- Newly added – 10 actions

The Action Plan had also been restructured to reflect the four aims of the Climate Change and Nature Strategy published in October 2022. Additional sections had been added for cross-cutting actions that contribute to several aims. The six main sections of the revised Action Plan were as follows:

1. Aim 1 – Protect climate from man-made climate change
2. Aim 2 – Adapt to the consequences of climate change
3. Aim 3 – Protect and enhance nature
4. Aim 4 – Use resources wisely, and minimise waste and pollution
5. Cross-cutting actions
6. Communication and Engagement

The reasons for making the decision below were set out in the report.

Resolved:

- 1) That the overall downward trend in annual CO2 emissions for both the Borough and the Council be noted;
- 2) That the overall positive progress with the implementation of the Climate Change and Nature Action Plan be noted;
- 3) That the proposed changes to the target dates for the actions raised (section 6.1.6 of the report refers) be approved;
- 4) That the recommendations for revised, deleted and new actions (sections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of the report refers) be approved;

- 5) That the Climate Change and Nature Action Plan be restructured to reflect the aims of the East Staffordshire Borough Council Climate Change and Nature Strategy (Section 6.5 of the report refers).

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
A A Chaudhry		
S Slater		
P Walker		

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

