

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 19th August 2024.

Present:

Councillors M T Fitzpatrick (Chairman), A A Chaudhry D F Fletcher, R Hawkins, S Slater and P Walker.

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Head of Environment and Corporate Services, the Chief Financial Officer, the Democratic Services Officer and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

An apology for absence was received from Cabinet Support Member Councillor L Walker.

PART II

119/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

120/24 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2024 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		Councillor A A Chaudhry
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor R Hawkins		
Councillor S Slater		
Councillor P Walker		

121/24 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

122/24 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan from 1st September 2024 to 31st December 2024 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

MARKET HALL CONSULTATION FINDINGS

The report of the Head of Corporate and Environment Services on the findings of the recent consultation carried out by Local Creative Ltd (Local) to understand the best forward for Burton Market Hall (Market Hall) was considered. Appendix 1: Urban Room: Burton Market Hall, Findings and Evaluation Report, May 2024 had been circulated with the report.

Cabinet noted that following a consultation exercise using a variety of mediums, Local had provided a picture of the many ideas local residents and visitors had for the future use of the Market Hall. These requirements could be divided into three inter-linked and inter-dependent categories, which were intrinsically joined and success in one would be dependent on the strength of the other two:

- Design and fabric of the building
- People, skills and network
- The exterior environment

Cabinet noted that Local had advanced a number of standout findings as a result of their engagement process. These were as follows:

- Burton did not make the most of its natural resources;
- The Market hall should create and connect to leisure opportunities;
- Curation was key. 95% of participants agreed that the present set up did not feel curated;
- The Market Hall was seen as a natural hub or focal point;
- Continuing with business as usual would be detrimental to the Market Hall;
- 80% of people wanted a place to dwell, work, rest and play;
- There was no well-designed and purpose-built play/family area either indoors or outdoors;
- There was no offer for young people under 20 years of age to play, relax and lay claim to as a space for them;
- Curate an outdoor space with outdoor traders to better link entrances;
- 80% of young people felt unsafe in the area around the Market Hall;
- The College must play a key role in the future of the Market Hall through business development opportunities;
- The parking situation was confusing;
- The Market Hall could better represent Burton's heritage and diversity stories;
- The Market hall should be at the heart of a tourism offer.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That the consultation responses be noted and that the top 5 key features identified as: Artisan food and drink; Independent retail offer; Interactive play area; Co-working space; Place to sit and relax be noted;
- 2) That, pending the receipt of a viable business case, AMION's Outline Business Case be approved by Cabinet when completed;

- 3) That, upon receipt of a Full Business Case, a further report be received by Cabinet, detailing the future capital and revenue implications.

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Councillor R Hawkins		
Councillor S Slater		
Councillor 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.

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Chairman