

Meeting of the Cabinet

Minutes - 27 June 2017

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet

Cllr Roger Lawrence (Chair)
Cllr Claire Darke
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Val Gibson
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal
Cllr Andrew Johnson
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE
Cllr Paul Sweet

Employees

Keith Ireland	Managing Director
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director for Place
Linda Sanders	Strategic Director for People
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
Tim Clark	Communications Manager
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Philippa Salmon	Democratic Services Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

- | <i>Item No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| 1 | Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bilson. |
| 2 | Declaration of interests
There were no declarations of interest submitted. |
| 3 | Minutes of the previous meeting
That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. |
| 4 | Matters arising
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. |
| 5 | Black Country Core Strategy review
Councillor John Reynolds sought approval for consultation on the first formal stage of the Black Country Core Strategy Review – the Issues and Options Report. The Black Country Core Strategy was the key strategic |

planning and regeneration document covering the Black Country authorities of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. The Core Strategy established housing and employment land targets, identified priority regeneration areas and key infrastructure projects and included a set of strategic planning policies which were used to determine planning applications, in the context of an overarching vision for the sub-region.

Resolved:

1. That the Black Country Core Strategy Review Issues and Options Report be approved for consultation.
2. That authority be delegated to the Service Director City Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for City Economy to make any necessary minor amendments to the Issues and Options Report and other consultation documents prior to commencement of the consultation process.
3. That a further report be requested summarising key issues raised during the consultation, to inform preparation of a Preferred Spatial Option Report.

6 Appointment to Planning Committee

Councillor Milkinder Jaspal presented the report requesting approval of the appointment of Councillor Welcome Koussoukama to Planning Committee.

Resolved:

That the appointment of Councillor Welcome Koussoukama to Planning Committee be approved.

7 Exclusion of press and public

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and/or information relating to the business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)].

8 School Place Planning

Councillor Claire Darke presented the report and outlined additional recommendations to agree that the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel receive reports on school expansion proposals and post-16 education during the Autumn Term 2017.

Resolved:

1. That the undertaking of required statutory processes in relation to the proposed Primary School Expansion Programme 2018-2020 be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education in consultation with the Strategic Director of People, to consider the responses to Initial Consultation and determine whether or not to proceed to Stage 1 of the statutory process in relation to schemes proposed for inclusion in the Primary School Expansion Programme 2018-2020.

3. That the formal proposal of schemes included within the Secondary School Expansion Programme 2017-2019 be approved.
4. That it be agreed to receive further reports detailing the proposed works and the arrangements with the various schools and academies.
5. That it be agreed that Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel receive a report on School expansion proposals during the Autumn Term 2017.
6. That it be agreed that Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel receive a report on Post-16 education during the Autumn Term 2017.
7. That to be noted that, in light of the scale of recent primary expansion programmes, practical opportunities to continue to expand the existing estate are constrained.
8. That it be noted that, in addition to the proposed Secondary School Expansion Programme 2017-2019, a further significant uplift in secondary capacity will be required over coming years which is likely to have substantial capital requirements.
9. That it be noted that the funding strategies to support the Primary School Expansion Programme 2018- 2020 & Secondary School Expansion Programme 2017-2019 will be subject to approval through the appropriate governance mechanisms.