

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 20th November 2023.

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 Head of Legal and Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer, the Interim Chief Finance Officer (via Zoom), the Environment Manager, the Programmes and Transformation Officer, the Climate Change and Adaptation Officer and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Cabinet Support Members Councillors S McKiernan and L Walker.

PART II

41/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

42/23 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 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		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor R Hawkins		
Councillor S Slater		
Councillor P Walker		

43/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

44/23 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan from 1st December 2023 to 31st March 2024 was submitted for information.

NOTED.

45/23

PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN

The report of the Head of Environment and Corporate Services on the overview of the analysis undertaken on whole Council spend for the financial year 2022/23, to produce a Procurement Improvement Action Plan was considered. Appendix 1: Spend Analysis 2023 had been circulated with the report.

Cabinet noted that the spend analysis process had taken place across August to October 2023 and had sought to breakdown the data into clear categories of spend, detailing where and how the Council had spent money throughout the financial year. It was proposed that this information be used as a benchmark against further analysis of spend in future years, providing a useful insight into the Council's spending patterns and potential benefits to the local economy.

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

Resolved:

That the proposed Procurement Improvement Action Plan (as indicated at section 6.3 of the report) be approved.

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Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor R Hawkins		
Councillor S Slater		
Councillor P Walker		

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PHASE ONE LOCATIONS FOR DELIVERING OFF-STREET PUBLIC CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The report of the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services on the shortlist of potential locations for the off-street, public charging points for electric vehicles within the Borough was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Longlist;
- Appendix 2: 3Ti – Papilio3 solar EV charging hub introduction;
- Appendix 3: East Staffordshire Borough Council Uttoxeter Papilio3 proposal.

Cabinet noted that electric vehicles had significant benefits, particularly in relation to air quality, public health and the reduction of carbon emissions and

that usage of electric vehicles by residents and demand for charging infrastructure had been increasing. By increasing the number of Electric Vehicle Charging points (EVCPs) the Borough Council would help support the transition to electric vehicles which would improve the air quality and reduce carbon emissions in addition to supporting actions within the Council's air quality action plan and climate change action plan.

Councillors noted the details contained within the report including the Approach; Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund; Site identification and selection process and other opportunities/Solutions for ESBC.

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

Resolved:

- 1) That the partnership between ESBC and SCC continue, to fully capitalise on the resources, capacity and capability that LEVI funding would bring. (However, the progression of the LEVI scheme by officers is subject to checks and conditions at each stage: feasibility studies are subject to a capital grant allocation from the County; progression to building the charging infrastructure depends on a further decision following the outcome of the feasibility study, a capital grant allocation from the County and negotiations in relation any operating model in partnership with the County to ensure the value of ESBC's current interest in its sites is not reduced);
- 2) That plans to put forward a fully costed business case and feasibility study to introduce a pop-up mini solar car park and electric vehicle charging hub on site in the Maltings car park be approved, in order to demonstrate leadership in green technology and bring low carbon, solar charging options to East Staffordshire residents;
- 3) That Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EVI) be considered in all regeneration plans, including Project D and the Maltings, which will save on any groundwork costs and disruption compared to installing chargepoints at a later date. (This would also proactively support the Council's target to promote new green technologies in the borough (Corp Target GD04) along with Action 3 of the Council's EV strategy to increase publically available EV infrastructure at locations owned by ESBC).
- 4) That when the Local Plan is reviewed, EVI be considered to go beyond EVCP minimum requirements currently outlined in building regulations, and its own parking standards SPD guidance;
- 5) That a support programme for businesses and taxis/private hire be developed, to further drive up EVCP provision and workplace charging options. (This could be delivered in the form of information/advice through a dedicated webpage and attending business forums for example).

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Councillor D F Fletcher		
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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