

CABINET - 4 MARCH 2003

Chairman - Councillor W J Kemp

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A B Compton

Mrs E Kidney

P M Rowlands

P J Sinnott

R D Osborne

Mrs M R Compton

M A Shone

Also in attendance:-

Councillor A H Stafford Northcote

CAB101 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 11 February 2003 were submitted and signed.

CAB102 BUSINESS RATES ARREARS AND SUNDRY DEBTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO WRITE-OFF

Considered the writing off of the arrears listed in the confidential part of Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Resources be approved as follows:-

that the arrears listed in the Confidential Appendix of Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003 be written off.

CAB103 FRANK JORDAN CENTRE AND STONE MARKET

Considered the future management and operational arrangements in respect of the Frank Jordan Centre and Stone Market as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Members - Leisure and Environment be approved as follows:-

that (a) Officers be authorised to negotiate with Stone Town Council a lease for the Frank Jordan Centre (excluding the site of the former caretakers house) for a period of 25 years with effect from 1 April 2003 on appropriate terms and conditions;

(b) the Management Agreement for the operation of the Stone Open Air Market be extended along the same principles as previously agreed;

CAB104 OUTDOOR MARKET

Considered the provision of the regulatory and policy framework required to enable the proposed outdoor market to proceed in Crabbery Street/Chapel Street, Stafford as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Environment be approved as follows:-

that to facilitate provision of an outdoor market

- (a) notice be given of the Council's intention to designate the area of highway identified on the plan attached as an Appendix as a consent street;**
- (b) notice be given and the necessary consents be sought to the placing of stalls on the area of highway identified on the plan attached as an Appendix for the purpose of providing an outdoor market.**

CAB105 PROPOSED HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECEPTION SITE, STONE

Considered supporting Staffordshire County Council in its proposals for the improvement and extension of the household waste recycling service by the provision, insofar as this Council was concerned, of a site at Stone as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Environment be approved as follows:-

- that (a) the proposal of Staffordshire County Council to consider the provision of a Household Waste Recycling Centre in Stone, be welcomed and supported in principle;**
- (b) the Officers be authorised to discuss the proposal with Officers of the County Council with a view to identifying available land together with the planning and transport implications.**

CAB106 GNOSALL FLOODING

Considered a progress report and the latest cost estimates for the scheme to alleviate flooding at Gnosall as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Environment be approved as follows:-

a contribution of £74,500 be offered towards the cost of the Gnosall Flood Alleviation Scheme using the Watercourses and Flood Defence provision of £40,000 in the 2002/03 Capital Programme with the remaining balance being met from the £40,000 provision for public conveniences for 2003/04.

CAB107 PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT 2003/2004

Considered a report on the award to the Council of a Planning Delivery Grant for 2003/2004 together with an outline of the areas on which this grant could be spent as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Planning and Regeneration be approved as follows:-

- that (a) the £165,858 Planning Delivery Grant for 2003/2004 be welcomed;
- (b) the grant be spent on the areas detailed in the letter from ODPM, ie on completing current reviews of existing development plans and preparing for the new system of local development frameworks; the better resourcing of IT systems; assistance from consultants; outsourcing of certain planning services; increasing staffing levels; training for staff and councillors; supporting mediation services; encouraging a more diverse planning workforce; bursaries for employees to gain planning qualifications and more use of technical staff;
- (c) that the Council on 29 April 2003 be recommended to approve expenditure totalling £165,858 on the areas identified in part (b) of the proposal.

NOTE: THIS ITEM WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO CALL IN BUT WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 29 APRIL 2003.

CAB108 TOWN CENTRE FORUM - THE NEXT STEPS

Considered a report on the work that was currently being undertaken to develop the Stafford Town Centre Forum and its structure and activities as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 45 issued on 7 March 2003.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Planning and Regeneration be approved as follows:-

that the content of the Development of the Town Centre Forum paper referred to in the Appendix be endorsed.

Proceedings commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 6.59 pm.