

Chairman - Councillor P M M Farrington

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

Councillors:

F Beatty	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
J M Pert	Community and Health Portfolio
J K Price	Environment Portfolio
R M Smith	Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio
C V Trowbridge	Leisure Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	Chief Executive
Dr T Redpath	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr J Dean	Democratic Services Officer

#### **CAB53 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2022 as published on 8 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

#### **CAB54 Establishment of the Staffordshire Leaders Board**

Considered a report proposing the Council's participation in the Staffordshire Leaders Board on the basis of the terms of reference set out in the associated appendix, and to agree the representation on the board from the Council.

The Leader of the Council outlined the aims of the Board which aligned with the Council's corporate priorities as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

Continuing, the Leader was pleased to acknowledge the importance placed on tackling climate change, as set out in the areas of focus of the Board, an area in which this Council was in a leading position across the County.

Councillor Farrington concluded his presentation by highlighting the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

Councillor J K Price noted the benefits of increased working with partner organisations as successfully demonstrated in tackling the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendations, which were declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Leader of the Council be approved as follows:-

That:-

- (i) the Council join the Staffordshire Leaders Board on the basis of the Terms of Reference set out in the appendix to the report;
- (ii) the Leader of the Council be appointed as the Council's representative on the Leaders Board;
- (iii) the Deputy Leader of the Council be appointed as the substitute for the Leader on the Leaders Board should the Leader be unavailable.

#### **CAB55 Corporate Peer Challenge - Follow Up**

Considered a report presenting an update to members with regards to the Corporate Peer Challenge Follow Up that took place in November 2021.

The Leader of the Council detailed paragraphs 3 and 5 of the report before moving on to the associated appendix which provided further detail of the peer challenge follow up visit.

Continuing, the Leader noted the commentary as set out in page 25 of the agenda and congratulated all Officers for their efforts in continuing to bring forward major investment projects by maximising the Council's geographical position, whilst dealing with other challenges presented by uncertainty with local Government financing, the continuing Coronavirus pandemic and the Ukrainian refugee crisis.

Councillor Farrington concluded his presentation by highlighting the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

Councillor J K Price was pleased to reaffirm the Council's commitment to tackling climate change and the wider green agenda, as referred to in the report.

Councillor R M Smith noted the very positive message resulting from the follow up visit, and viewed the resulting key recommendations as opportunities for further improvements to be made across the entire Council.

The Cabinet voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Leader of the Council be approved as follows:-

The report be noted.

Cabinet paid tribute to Dr Tracy Redpath and colleagues in the Press and Communication Team for their efforts in this area of work.

CHAIR