

Minutes of the meeting of the **Cabinet**
South Staffordshire Council held in the
Council Chamber Community Hub,
Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South
Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Tuesday, 06
February 2024 at 14:00

Present:-

Councillor Rita Heseltine, Councillor Roger Lees, Councillor Kath Perry, Councillor Robert Reade, Councillor David Williams, Councillor Victoria Wilson

24 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 9 January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

25 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

27 **THE COUNCILS MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 - 2028/29 AND 2024/25 BUDGET**

RESOLVED (1): Members approved the report together with the draft Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), projected expenditure for 2023/24, revenue estimates and capital programme for 2024/25 and proposals 2024/25 budget:

RESOLVED (2): Members pass a resolution in the form attached at Appendix 5 (noting that this is in draft form only for Cabinet as we await further information from precepting authorities)

RESOLVED (3): Members note the report of the Chief Finance Officer on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the Council's reserves, attached as Appendix 6.

RESOLVED (4): that the Leader of the Council be authorised to make any necessary amendments to include any late information or to correct any errors or omissions.

28 **CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25 - 2028/29**

RESOLVED (1): Members support the attached Capital Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29.

RESOLVED (2): Members note the document will be further revised (if necessary) further to the approval and publication of the Council Plan 2024-28.

29 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HABITAT BANK**

RESOLVED (1): Members support that the proposed sites as outlined in Table 1 are progressed as BNG delivery sites, and should progress to the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) stage which will override any existing Habitat Management Plans.

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RESOLVED (2): Members agree discussions should continue with the legal team on the use of Section 106 Agreements and Conservation Covenants, with a view to registering the proposed sites on Natural England's Net Gain Register at the point of sale.

RESOLVED (3): Members agree that discussions should also continue with the legal team to understand the implications of registering to become a Responsible Body for the purpose of Conservation Covenants and to progress with the application to Natural England.

The Meeting ended at: 14:14

CHAIRMAN