

## **Minutes of the Cabinet**

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 at 6.00 pm**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

### **Present:**

#### **Cabinet Members**

Councillor P Harley (Leader - Chair)  
Councillor D Vickers (Deputy Leader – Vice-Chair)  
Councillors N Barlow, R Buttery, S Clark, I Kettle, A Lees, S Phipps and K Shakespeare.

#### **Opposition Group Members Nominated to attend the Cabinet**

Councillors S Ali, C Bayton, K Casey, J Foster, P Lowe and S Ridney

#### **Also in Attendance**

Councillors D Tyler and C Neale (Chair and Vice-Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee)

#### **Officers**

K O'Keefe – Chief Executive, I Newman – Director of Finance and Legal, P Davies – Director of Housing and Community Services, H Ellis – Acting Director of Children's Services, G Dean – Acting Director of Public Realm, M Farooq – Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer), S Griffiths – Democratic Services Manager and M Johal – Senior Democratic Services Officer.

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### 27 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors L Taylor, K Ahmed, C Barnett and Q Zada.

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### 28 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor S Ali declared an interest in view of being a Non-Executive Director at the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

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29 **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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30 **Scrutiny Review of the Council and Partner Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic**

A report of the Monitoring Officer (Lead for Law and Governance) was considered on the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee's findings and recommendations arising from the scrutiny review of the Council and Partner response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Arising from the presentation of the report, thanks were conveyed to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, Members of the Committee and Officers for the efficient and thorough manner in which the review had been conducted.

The cross-party approach was commended and the need to ensure continuation of monitoring of implementation of recommendations, particularly relating to the voluntary sector, together with monitoring of plans Post-Covid to include the recovery process and lessons learned. Thanks were also conveyed to those in the voluntary sector for their efforts and hard work undertaken throughout the Pandemic.

The Chair provided an assurance that the Scrutiny Committee would continue to undertake work to monitor the situation with regard to the Pandemic and associated impact on the local community and businesses.

**Resolved**

That the recommendations contained in the report of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee be endorsed and referred to the Council for consideration on 30th November, 2020.

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The meeting ended at 6.22 pm

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

