



Cabinet
Thursday 9 December 2021

This is a summary of decisions and not the formal minutes of the Cabinet. It is intended to give early notice of the decisions taken.

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- 1. Apologies for Absence** – These will be detailed in the minutes.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – These will be detailed in the minutes.
- 3. Minutes** – The minutes of the 4 November 2021 meeting were approved.

Urgent Item – Warwick Town Council – City Bid

The Cabinet, on behalf of the Council supported the bid by Warwick Town Council to become a Platinum Jubilee City. The Leader agreed to formally write in support of the bid highlighting the exciting prospects that Warwick is bringing forward.

Part 1

(Items upon which a decision by Council is required)

4. Proposal to create a South Warwickshire District Council

In respect of the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet decided as follows:

- 1.** In respect of the surveys, it was agreed that *“the residents survey has been designed to give a representative sample that reflects the makeup of people across the two district populations. Achieving a sample size of more than 600 means that statistically speaking we can be 95% confident that it reflects the views of residents as a whole. We have used this to gauge the level of support for the merger. The open consultation was not weighted in the same way meaning that many groups have been under represented and some over represented. Whilst it doesn’t provide a statistically sound base it is nevertheless an important source that will help us identify the key concerns that need to be addressed across the programme implementation.”*;
- 2.** In respect of service risks, both SDC and WDC Councillors will be involved in this work, and the template for the service area plans should be considered by the Transformation PAB with each draft Service Area Plan being considered by its respective PAB; and
- 3.** In respect of Democratic Representation; the Cabinet were satisfied that the report is clear enough, that all Parish and Town councils will be worked with, not just those who are members of WALC; officers were asked to fully investigate and confirm the merits of being a quality Parish/Town Council

and the details of this be circulated ahead of Council on Monday; and in respect of the framework for working with Parish and Town Councils, the Cabinet expected this work to start in the New Year if the Council was minded to merge with SDC.

In response to the comments from the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet asked the Chief Executive to circulate to all Councillors confirmation of the savings that other District Councils have achieved through political merger.

The Cabinet thanked all the officers involved for this exemplary report and all Members for their cross-party work on this.

The recommendations in the report were passed for consideration by Council on Monday 13 December 2021.

5. Q2 Budget Report

The recommendations in the report were approved.

(This will form a recommendation to Council on 13 December 2021)

Part 2

(Items upon which a decision by Council is not required)

6. Council Motion – Leisure provision in Kenilworth during construction of new facilities

The recommendations in the report were approved.

7. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Review 2021

The recommendations in the report were approved, subject to additional wording at the end of recommendation one that reads "*subject to minor revisions as agreed by Head of Housing in consultation with Head of Finance, the Portfolio Holders for Home, Health & Wellbeing and Transformation & Resources.*"

8. Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme (RUCIS) Application

The recommendations in the report were approved.

9. Developing a Digital Strategy for South Warwickshire

The recommendations in the report were approved. The Cabinet supported recommendations one and two; and approved recommendation three from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10. Outdoor Sports Review – Proposed Revised Delivery Models for Council Owned Facilities

The recommendations in the report were approved, along with the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee & the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

11. Public and Press - The press and public were excluded.

Part 2

(Items upon which a decision by Council is not required)

12. Costs Associated for the Re-development of Waverley Riding Stables, Cubbington

The recommendations in the report were approved.

13. Confidential Appendices to Item 7 – HRA Business Plan

Confidential appendix one was noted and appendix 2 was agreed.

14. Confidential Appendices to Item 10 – Outdoor Sports Review – Proposed Revised Delivery Models for Council Owned Facilities

The confidential appendices were noted.

15. Minutes

The confidential minutes from the meeting held on 4 November 2021 were approved.