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Dear Sir/Madam,

Council - 15th September 2021

I refer Item 8 on the Agenda for the Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 15th September 2021, and attach a copy of the report 'Cabinet'.

Yours faithfully,



BRENT DAVIS

Executive Director (Operations)

To: Members of the Council

Cabinet Report to Council, 15th September 2021

1. Introduction

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 21st July 2021 and 8th September 2021.

It also includes details of any reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board, which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC, namely the Board meeting held on 23rd July 2021.

2. 21st July Cabinet Meeting

a) Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) 2021-2022

Finance and Corporate – Councillor Sam Croft **(Key Decision)**

The Executive Director – Resources and Housing submitted a report to set out the Council's allocation from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund during 2021/22 and the eligible spending requirements identified so far, to ensure the COMF is spent in line with the criteria of the fund to support the Council's work in the response and recovery to Covid-19.

Cabinet approved the recommendations in the report.

b) General Fund, HRA and Capital Programme Outturn 2020-2021

Finance and Corporate – Councillor Sam Croft **(Key Decision)**

The Executive Director – Resources and Housing submitted a report that detailing the final outturn position for 2020/21 for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account budgets and the 2020/21 and 2020/21 Capital Programme spend and financing. The report also included an updated Capital Programme for 2021/22 to take account of slippage from the previous year.

Cabinet approved the recommendations in the report.

c) Annual Treasury Management Report 2020/21

Finance and Corporate – Councillor Sam Croft **(Key Decision)**

The Executive Director – Resources and Housing, submitted a report to show the results of the Council's Treasury Management activities for 2020/21 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code.

Cabinet approved the recommendations in the report and recommended to Council.

d) Local Enforcement Plan (Planning) - Consultation

Planning, Development & Health **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Democracy, Planning and Public Protection submitted a report to seek approval to consult on Local Enforcement Plan (Planning). The development of a Local Enforcement Plan for the planning operations is recommended within national planning policy. It is considered beneficial to undertake public consultation to assist with its development.

Cabinet approved the recommendations in the report.

Other items considered

None.

3. 8th September Cabinet Meeting

a) Domestic Abuse Act 2021

Housing and Communities (C. Golby) **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Regeneration, Economy and Assets submitted a report to inform Cabinet of the new legislation: The Domestic Abuse Act 2021. The report sought approval for adoption of the Warwickshire Safer Accommodation Strategy developed by Warwickshire District and Borough Councils and Warwickshire County Council.

Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report

Other items considered

Cabinet considered a report dealing with the Review of Strategic Performance for the first Quarter 2021-22, which provided an overview of the Council's position under the key categories of : finance; people and service delivery; processes; and improvement.

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to procure the Absence Management System that the Council currently uses under a new contract via an approved framework.

4. West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)

In terms of items which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC the WMCA Board meeting of 23rd July 2021 considered:

A report providing an update on the Combined Authority's finances [revenue and capital] as at the end of May 2021 (including the financial implications of Covid-19).

A report:

- Seeking approval to set up "WMCO" [West Midlands Co-Investment Fund] , a Co-Invest Equity Fund designed to facilitate investment into Growth SME's to aid the recovery of the West Midlands economy;
- Seeking approval of an initial grant funding request of £12.5m from the WMCA Investment Programme as set out in an Outline Business Case subject to approval of a Full Business Case detailing the form of Delivery Vehicle. The request represents 50% of the funding required to deliver this proposal;
- Noting that the onward development of the proposal, Full Business Case, delivery options and financial modelling will be taken forward through detailed scrutiny and consultation of the West Midlands Finance Director group.; and
- Noting that the WMCA have approached the British Business Bank to pursue the potential to secure match funding of £12.5m from Central Government sources.

A report seeking approval to endorse the recommendations of the review into the West Midlands business support ecosystem, which are that the West Midlands should make 4 major changes:

- Put in place a modern, customer journey, built around the user not the provider.
- Implement a new approach to account management, covering the largest firms, investors and SMEs, with the LEP Growth Hubs, LA teams and Growth Company operating as a fully integrated support ecosystem.
- Replace the current large number of schemes which are coming to an end with new premium products aimed at specific sectors, supply chains and issues – delivered region-wide at scale.
- Carry out a campaign to drive up demand and usage.

A report seeking approval to appoint the Chair of the Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee (ARAC) for the next four years.

5. Conclusion

This report is presented on behalf of Cabinet, and, as always, my colleagues and I are only too happy to take any questions in relation to this report.

Councillor K. Wilson
Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet