



CABINET - FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC, Mr. B. L. Pain CC

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 12)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2024 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman has agreed to take one urgent item - a report of the Chief Executive titled "Variation to Date of Council Meeting".

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

4. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2023/24 (Pages 13 - 58)

Proposed motion

- a) That the 2023/24 provisional revenue and capital outturn be noted;
- b) That the prudential indicators for 2023/24 as shown in Appendix E to the report be noted;
- c) That the transfers to earmarked reserves, as set out in paragraphs 65 and 66 of the report, be approved.

5. RECYCLING AND HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITES - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES (Pages 59 - 158)

Proposed motion

- a) That the Somerby Recycling and Household Waste Site (RHWS) be closed with effect from October 2024;

- b) That the opening arrangements at the Recycling and Household Waste Sites at Bottesford, Market Harborough, Kibworth, and Shepshed be as follows with effect from October 2024:
 - i. Bottesford - three days per week,
 - ii. Market Harborough - three days per week,
 - iii. Kibworth - four days per week,
 - iv. Shepshed - two days per week;
- c) That the summer opening hours at all the Council's Recycling and Household Waste Sites be reduced with effect from April 2025, to be as follows:
 - i. from 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturdays, Sundays, or Mondays;
 - ii. from 9.00am to 7.00pm on other days;
- d) That all the Council's Recycling and Household Waste Sites be closed on Christmas Eve with effect from December 2024;
- e) That subject to approval of a) above, the Somerby RHWS be considered for disposal.

6. DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP4) 2026-2040 (Pages 159 - 222)

Proposed motion

- a) That the work to date on the development of the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) be noted;
- b) That the continued development of phases one to three of the LTP4 as set out in paragraph 33 of the report be approved;
- c) That the Director of Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, be authorised to commence commencement of a six-week public consultation exercise on the LTP4 development phasing and the draft LTP4 Core Document at an appropriate time with reference to pre-election guidance.

7. IBSTOCK COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY (Pages 223 - 252)

- A petition titled "Save Ibstock Library" containing 129 signatures has been submitted to the County Council. The wording of the petition is attached to this Order Paper, marked "7".

Proposed motion

- a) That the petition received by the Council be noted;
- b) That the outcome of the Registration of Interest process for Ibstock Community Managed Library (CML) and the associated consultation on alternative library provision be noted;

- c) That the closure of Ibstock CML be approved;
- d) That the Director of Adults and Communities, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member and the Local Member, be authorised to put in place the alternative library provision for Ibstock.

8. EXCEPTION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES: URGENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE (Pages 253 - 258)

Proposed motion

That the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive (following consultation with the Leader) to directly award by an exception in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules to enable the Director of Children and Family Services to agree a contract with Liquid Personnel Ltd. to provide 500 assessments for children and young people undergoing Education Health and Care Plan Assessments, up to a maximum value of £801,500, up to 15 May 2025 be noted.

9. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT - VARIATION TO DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING (Supplementary Paper, Pages 3 - 4)

Proposed motion

That the County Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3 July 2024 be rearranged for Wednesday 10 July 2024.

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Ibstock Library Petition Summary

A survey was undertaken around Ibstock community/commercial venues (for paper base survey) and on Ibstock Spotted Facebook page (www.facebook.com/share/p/rSNaRYGr9bwFRKrX/) to test the view of the community to assess the viability of making representation to the County Council to continue the Ibstock Community Library in some form in the future. There is a team of would-be trustees with a broad range of expertise ready to work with the County Council Library Services to resurrect Ibstock Community Library should the Cabinet Meeting decide not to permanently close Ibstock Community Library. The team comprises two parish councillors, a library services officer from Leicester Unitary Authority (**with particular expertise in fund raising**) and a volunteer from the existing Ibstock Community Library team. Necessary funding streams (including Community Lottery) have been researched and are ready to be approached once a CIO is set up and policies have been written.

It is considered that this is an overwhelming call to retain a library resource in Ibstock, which is backed by a team with the skill, determination and expertise to successfully address previous cash flow shortfalls.

The survey had a total of 158 responses, 29 on Ibstock Spotted and 129 from community/commercial venues. This was supported by 81 comments (2 comments rather off subject!), 6 on Ibstock Spotted and 75 community/commercial venues. Copies of the responses are attached for reference.

A general flavour of the comments left by respondents are:

- Library needed for children
- Need to keep open
- Never should happen [closing]
- Valuable asset/resource
- Social meeting place
- Good for/part of community
- Books should be available for all
- Need more youth services
- Central place for learning is vital for local people
- Books are important from a young age
- Needed by all

We hope you find this survey helpful and informative and look forward to the Cabinet decision

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Ibstock Community Library is **at risk!**

Our community library provides books for all ages and full membership of Leicestershire Libraries, including their extensive eBook and eAudiobook catalogue on your doorstep and all for free.

As well as books, a modern library is the perfect place to host a range of other community activities and clubs. Lego clubs, reading groups, homework clubs, craft groups and coffee mornings are just a few of the things hosted in libraries around the county.

If you think Ibstock needs a Community Library, have your say here by leaving your name and contact details below.

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