

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2022

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chairman)

Councillors R Ashman, R D Bayliss, T Gillard, K Merrie MBE, N J Rushton and A C Woodman

Officers: Mrs B Smith, Mr J Arnold, Mr A Barton, Mr D Bates, Miss E Warhurst, Mrs C Hammond, Ms R Haynes and Mr P Sanders

**92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

**93. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

**94. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

No questions were received.

**95. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 were considered.

It was moved by Councillor T Gillard, seconded by Councillor K Merrie and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 be confirmed as accurate record of the proceedings.

**Reason for decision:** To comply with the Constitution.

**96. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH**

The Community Services Portfolio Holder presented the report, setting out the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

Members were informed that the PSPO would apply to Ashby Town Centre, the Bath Grounds and Hood Park and that a prohibition would be in place with regards to consumption of alcohol, should this be causing anti social behaviours. It was noted that the PSPO would also include psychoactive substances and would allow police to seize substances on demand.

Members observed that 90% of respondents who took part in the public consultation were in support of the PSPO.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman seconded by Councillor T Gillard and

RESOLVED THAT:

The introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Order as set out within Appendix 1 be approved.

Chairman's initials

**Reason for decision:** To provide additional powers to the police and council officers in combatting anti-social behaviour involving alcohol and/or psychoactive substances.

**97. COVID RECOVERY SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK**

The Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder presented the report, outlining how the Housing Improvement Programme had been impacted by Covid.

The procurement of an external contractor was proposed, in order to ensure tenants continued to live in decent, high quality, affordable homes whilst also reducing energy usage to benefit the environment.

It was noted that the cost of procuring an external contractor would be broadly the same as that required by the Council's in house repair team to undertake the same work.

It was moved by Councillor R Bayliss and seconded by Councillor N Rushton and

RESOLVED THAT:

Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director to award the Covid Recovery Support Contract for home improvement work in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and Portfolio Holder be approved.

**Reason for decision:** The level of expenditure on the proposed contract exceeds the authority level in the Scheme of delegation.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.05 pm