Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 May 2019

Present:

Cabinet Members:

Councillors Izzi Seccombe OBE Leader of Council and Chair of Cabinet

Peter Butlin Deputy Leader (Finance and Property)

Les Caborn Adult Social Care & Health
Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning

Andy Crump Fire & Rescue and Community Safety

Colin Hayfield Education and Learning
Kam Kaur Customer & Transformation

Jeff Morgan Children's Services

Dave Reilly Environment and Heritage & Culture

Non-Voting Invitees:

Councillor Richard Chattaway Leader of the Labour Group

Councillor Jerry Roodhouse Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

Other Councillors:

Councillors Sarah Boad, Jenny Fradgley, Keith Kondakor, Bill Olner and Alan Webb

Public attendance:

None

1. General

(1) Apologies for absence

None

(2) Members' Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Two declarations of interest were made concerning agenda item 6, "Land at Stratford Park and Ride".

Councillor Jenny Fradgley declared an interest as her daughter is employed by a company that may have a commercial interest in the site.

Councillor Andy Crump declared an interest as a member of Stratford on Avon District Council.

Both Councillors left the meeting and took no part in discussion regarding item 6.

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(4) Public Speaking

None

2. Warwickshire Children and Adult Safeguarding – New Partnership Arrangements

Councillor Jeff Morgan (Portfolio Holder for Children's Services) introduced the item summarising the basis of the proposal as set out in the published report. It was explained that the 2017 Children and Social Work Act requires local authorities, the Police and Health Service (CCGs) to work in partnership to secure the safeguarding of children and adults. Partners are required to publish the new working arrangements and the report before Cabinet set these out. Councillor Morgan stated that a major challenge in Warwickshire had been the large number of representatives attending meetings of the Safeguarding Boards. Some meetings had been attended by up to 40 officers. This brought about practical challenges and also served to make it difficult to identify monitoring arrangements as it was sometimes unclear where responsibility lay. Councillor Morgan concluded by acknowledging the work of partners.

Councillor Les Caborn (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health) welcomed the closer working between Adult and Children's Safeguarding adding that this would sit well with the work of the MASH.

Councillor Jerry Roodhouse (Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group) sought clarification over the terms of reference of the new partnership and the basis on which the Chair would be appointed. In response he was informed that the terms of reference would be circulated when they had been drafted. The Chair will be appointed by a panel. The appointment will be for a fixed term. It was agreed that the length of that term should be specified within the terms of reference.

Members welcomed the joining up of partnership arrangements acknowledging that this should bring about a greater degree of certainty.

In summing up Councillor Morgan reminded Cabinet that success is not reliant on structures but on the people working within them.

Resolved

That Cabinet:

- Notes that the County Council, the relevant Clinical Commissioning Groups and Warwickshire Police have acknowledged their shared responsibilities for safeguarding within the new arrangements outlined within the appendix of the report;
- Endorses and supports the proposed new safeguarding partnership arrangements developed by the partnership and notes the transitional period; and
- 3) Approves the arrangements, as set out in the appendix of the report, for submission to the Department for Education.

3.	Any Urgent Items
	None
4.	Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information
	Resolved
	That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
	EXEMPT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE (PURPLE PAPERS)
5.	Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019
	The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.
6.	Land at Stratford Park and Ride
	Resolved
	Cabinet agreed the recommendations as set out in the exempt minutes.
The r	meeting rose at 14.12.