MINUTES OF CABINET

8 OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT:

Councillors Stokes (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Lowe, Mrs Parker and Ms Robbins.

Councillors Douglas (substituting for Councillor Roodhouse), Ms Edwards, Lewis, McQueen, Mrs O'Rourke and Sandison were also in attendance.

NOTE: The Leader of the Council welcomed Stephanie Chettle-Gibrat (Head of Growth and Investment) and Aftab Razzaq (Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager) who had recently joined the Council.

33. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

34. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Roodhouse.

35. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

36. INITIAL REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning an initial outlook on the Council's General Fund revenue budget position for 2019/10.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the initial outlook on the General Fund Revenue budget position for 2019/20 be noted alongside the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (2) Cabinet notes the key decisions identified to date and identifies other policy or service changes required for consideration to deliver a balanced budget for 2019/20;
- (3) a detailed scheme by scheme review be carried out of the items in the Capital Programme to rationalise the overall programme in terms of affordability and sustainability;
- (4) the response to the 2019/20 Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation be noted.

37. INVITATION TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND TO PILOT 75% BUSINESS RATES RETENTION IN 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning an invitation to local authorities to pilot a 75% business rates retention in 2019/20.

RESOLVED THAT – Rugby Borough Council participates in the Warwickshire 75% business rates retention pilot if the Warwickshire submission is successful.

Item considered en bloc

38. REVIEW OF CIVIC HONOURS CRITERIA – REPORT OF THE CIVIC HONOURS WORKING PARTY

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning a review of the civic honours criteria and recommendations proposed by the Civic Honours Working Party.

RESOLVED THAT – the amended criteria for civic honours, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN