



## EXECUTIVE

**5.30 p.m. – 7.10 p.m.**

**24 February 2010**

Present: Councillors Morphew (Chair), Morrey (Vice-Chair), Arthur, Blakeway, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton and Sands

Also present: Councillor Jeraj

Apologies: Councillor Waters

### **1. CITY OF CULTURE**

The Chair advised members that Norwich had been shortlisted for the City of Culture along with Birmingham, Sheffield and Derry/Londonderry. This would be of benefit to the people of Norwich and the profile of the city; encourage links between neighbourhoods and the city centre; and, the whole city would be seen as being vibrant and culturally active. He thanked the team involved for their work.

**RESOLVED** to note the position.

### **2. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 10 February 2010.

### **3. QUARTER THREE PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

The Director of Transformation presented the report and said the vast majority of targets were on track. The feasibility study for the City Hall site had now had the funding agreed. He said Scrutiny Committee had a detailed discussion on how the customer contact service operated and the re-let of council homes.

**RESOLVED** to notes the content of this report and proposed actions contained within it.

### **4. HIGHWAYS AGENCY AGREEMENT REVIEW**

The Head of Transportation and Landscape presented the report. He answered members' questions and outlined the four possible options.

Councillor Jeraj pointed out that Scrutiny Committee had recommended a review of the voting arrangements and proposed the number of voting members being increased to 4 for each authority.

**RESOLVED** to –

- (1) agree to a new highways agency agreement with Norfolk County Council from April 2011;
- (2) support option 3 as described in this report as the model for such an agreement;
- (3) ask for a further report on the details of an agency agreement based on option 3 will be presented to the Executive later in the year

## **5. CONNECTING NORFOLK – NORFOLK'S THIRD LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

The Head of Transportation and Landscape presented the report and answered members' questions. In reply to a particular question he said the Council had a parking policy which encouraged people to use alternative methods of travel such as park and ride. The Council was keen to work with the County Council and look at bus fares and compare those with parking charges.

Councillor Morrey, Executive Member for Sustainable City Development, said he supported officer's comments in the report on carbon reduction.

**RESOLVED** to agree the response to the consultation from Norfolk County Council on the third Local Transport Plan.

## **6. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE ESSEX ROOMS AND SILVER ROOMS DAY SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE DRAFT RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION**

Councillor Arthur, Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services, introduced the report and thanked the Policy and Research officer for all the research and information that had been obtained.

The Chair said the rooms should remain open until a better option had been found. He passed on his thanks to the media for their press coverage on this matter.

**RESOLVED** to agree the draft response attached at Annex A to the report, and to submit it by the close of the consultation on 8 March 2010.

## **7. EXTENSION OF THE CNC BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP**

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report and informed members that at the CNC joint committee it was agreed by all partners to recommend to their councils to extend the partnership.

The Head of Legal, Regulatory and Democratic Services said it was a precondition to extend the partnership to give some certainty.

**RESOLVED** to approve the extension of membership of the CNC Building Control Partnership to include the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

## **8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Items 9 and 10 below on the grounds contained in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**\*9. HOUSING REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS EMERGENCY CONTRACT (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Head of Procurement and Service Improvements presented the report, and together with the Chief Executive, Director of Regeneration and Development and the Head of Legal, Regulatory and Democratic Services answered members' questions.

**RESOLVED** to –

- (1) approve the award of a temporary emergency contract to deliver Housing Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements from 1 April 2010;
- (2) delegate the power to award a temporary emergency contract to deliver Housing Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements from 1 April 2010 to the Director of Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services or to bring the decision back to the Executive as the Director of Regeneration and Development deems appropriate.

**\*10. MANAGING ASSETS (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Development and the Senior Development Officer presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to -

- (1) approve the principle of the methodology and business plan outlined in paragraph 4 of the report;
- (2) approve an application to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for the disposal of the assets detailed in the additional report under the exempt section of this agenda;
- (3) approve the capital receipt from disposals be reinvested in the housing capital program for improving, repairing and maintaining our housing stock or for enabling new affordable housing;
- (4) delegate to the Director of Regeneration and Development to take all necessary and ancillary steps to achieve the above.

CHAIR