



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

27 May 2009

Present: Councillors Morpew (Chair), Morrey (Vice-Chair), Arthur, Brociek-Coulton and Sands

Apologies: Councillors Blakeway, Bremner and Waters

Also present: Councillor Stephenson

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2009.

2. QUARTER FOUR PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The Director of Transformation outlined the report and answered members' questions. He explained this was the end of year report for 2008/09 based on priority actions from the corporate plan. Although some corporate priorities had not been achieved because of the economic climate, a number were achieved against the council's short-term priorities including the Council's top seven political priorities. Focus was now needed on a new corporate plan which would set new targets and commitments.

Councillor Brociek-Coulton, Executive Member for Residents and Customer Care, thanked the Customer Contact Team for the improvement in performance since the introduction of the 0844 number.

In response to a question, the Policy and Performance Manager agreed to send members information on the NI 186 indicator.

RESOLVED to note the report and approve the proposed actions.

3. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION – PLANNING OBLIGATIONS – A FRAMEWORK FOR PRIORITISATION

The City Growth and Development Manager presented the report. She said that the framework would form the basis for decision making by the Planning Applications Committee and training would be provided for members of that committee.

Councillor Morrey, Executive Member for Sustainable City Development added that this framework would make things a lot easier for both officers and developers.

RESOLVED to -

- (1) endorse the proposed changes in response to representations made during the consultation on the Framework for Prioritisation as set out in the table in Appendix 1;
- (2) approve the Planning Obligations – A Framework for Prioritisation set out in Appendix 2 for use in exceptional situations where the normal package of developer contributions sought through the planning process would make a scheme unviable;
- (3) agree that appropriate training/ briefing for planning committee members take place;
- (4) review the Framework once economic circumstances improve.

4. INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FOR OLDER PEOPLE – PROGRESS REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

The Unitary Programme Manager presented the report.

Councillor Arthur, Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services said this piece of work showed the Council were listening to older people and this work had been remarked upon by several organisations.

RESOLVED to note the progress made and endorse the future action plan.

5. COUNCIL MOTION ON TRANSITION TOWNS

The Director of Transformation presented the report.

Councillor Stephenson said she had spoken to Transition Towns and they had thanked the Council for their support, they had also asked if meeting space could be provided and a notice board in the City Centre.

The Head of Communications and Cultural Services said Transition Towns would need to apply for a Community Grant.

RESOLVED to endorse the actions taken.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Item 7 below on the grounds contained in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***7. LAND TRANSACTIONS (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Senior Development (Enabling) Officer presented the report.

RESOLVED, having considered the report of the Director of Regeneration and Development to –

- (1) approve the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in St Helens Wharf car park for a capital receipt as detailed in the report;
- (2) resolve in accordance with section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 that land at St Helen's Wharf be appropriated to the use of Sui-Generis as it is no longer required for the use for which it is currently held;
- (3) resolve in accordance with section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 that land at Haslips Opening be appropriated to the use of housing as it is no longer required for the use for which it was currently held;
- (4) re-invest the capital receipt from Haslips Opening in the social housing scheme for this site as a capital grant. The level of grant from the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) to be subject to negotiation with the individual Registered Social Landlords (RSL's);
- (5) delegate powers to the Director of Regeneration to deal with all incidental matters relating to these land transactions.

CHAIR