



## EXECUTIVE

**5.30 p.m. – 5.50 p.m.**

**14 October 2009**

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

Apologies: Councillor Sands

Also present: Councillors Ramsay, Stephenson and Wright (to item \*5)

### 1. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 30 September 2009.

### 2. CORPORATE EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME – PROGRESS REPORT

The Director of Transformation presented the report. Members were advised that progress was good. The current financial position was constantly improving, with year end savings currently up on last year and looking very strong. This was mainly down to staff being as prudent as possible and would have a knock on effect year on year. During the first week of November consultations would start for staff followed shortly after that with stakeholders, partners and the public. Improvement East had just confirmed financial support for the transformation programme, details were still to be discussed.

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

### 3. SINGLE EQUALITY BILL CONSULTATION

The Director of Transformation presented the report and answered questions.

Councillor Waters, Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Governance, spoke in support of the consultation and said the Council had a responsibility when awarding contracts by making sure safeguards were in place to ensure contractors were performing responsibly throughout the contract.

In reply to a question, the Director of Transformation said the cost of the implementation of the Bill was unknown this would need to be phased in and kept within existing resources.

**RESOLVED** to note the Norwich City Council response to the Government Equalities Office consultation on specific duties within the Single Equality Bill.

**4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Item 5 below on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**\*5. SALE OF EARLHAM HALL AND ASSOCIATED SITES (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Head of Asset and City Management presented the report and together with the Director of Regeneration and Development answered questions.

During discussion relating to the claw back provision, officers confirmed this report was representative from the landowner's perspective and this did not in any way fetter the Council's role and responsibility as a planning authority.

**RESOLVED** to approve the disposal on the terms as detailed within the report.

CHAIR