



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

10 June 2009

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

Also present: Councillor Ramsay (to end of item 3)

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 27 May 2009.

2. DRAFT REVENUE OUTTURN 2008-2009

The Head of Finance presented the report and answered questions. Members were advised of two typographical errors in the report: firstly that the brackets had been omitted from the total of the table 'Additional costs and cost reductions from operations' which should therefore read '(440)'; and secondly, that the date of the Audit Committee meeting was 26 June 2009 and not 24 June as stated in the report.

Councillor Waters, Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Governance, said that he welcomed the reduction based on original estimates in the overspend by over £400,000 and pointed out that income from car parking had held up well despite the current economic climate.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3. MILE CROSS CONSERVATION AREA

The Quality Design Manager presented the report and together with the Conservation Design Manager answered questions.

Discussion ensued in which Councillor Blakeway expressed concern about the lack of public response to the consultation and said many residents considered that the conservation area was not of any relevance to them. Members were advised that the public exhibition had been in place in the library for one week and advertised in local shops, the Norman Centre and newspapers. It was noted that the Phoenix Centre, a former Baptist church, was outside the conservation area. It had not been included in the conservation area because the area between the Centre and the boundary of the conservation area was filled in with modern housing. The Norwich Society was in the process of compiling a local list of buildings of architectural and

historic merit. The Phoenix Centre might be eligible for inclusion on this list but it would only make a difference in terms of preservation if there was a change to legislation. The Executive also noted the difficulty of preserving the architecture of buildings and meeting the practical needs of residents.

RESOLVED to approve:

- (1) the conservation area appraisal and management and enhancement plans for Mile Cross Conservation Area following public consultation as City Council Policy;
- (2) the addition of buildings in appendix 2 to the Local List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest;
- (3) an extension to the conservation area to include St Catherine's Church and Hall, the Vicarage and Mile Cross Library shown in appendix 1.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Item 5 below on the grounds contained in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***5. STRATEGIC WORKING TO DELIVER BENEFITS FOR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Assistant Director City Development and the City Growth Development Manager presented the report and answered questions.

RESOLVED to agree the approach to strategic working to deliver homes, regeneration and sustainable communities projects in Norwich as outlined in the report and the specific actions set out in paragraph 12 of the report, subject to clarification that the actions contained in point 6 of paragraph 12 refer to this stage of the project only.

CHAIR