



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. – 5.40 p.m.

14 April 2010

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

Apologies: Councillor Brociek-Coulton

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 24 March 2010.

2. BLUEPRINT AND VISION FOR THE HOUSING SERVICE

The Head of Neighbourhood and Strategic Housing Services outlined the proposed basic principles of the blueprint and vision for the housing services and agreed to clarify the wording under the heading “Improving the neighbourhood where you live”.

Councillor Arthur, Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services welcomed the report and said following the positive comments received from the Peer Review recently this was a positive way of taking housing forward and thanked officers, tenants and leaseholders for their input.

RESOLVED to approve the blueprint and vision for the housing service.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items 4 to 6 below on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***4. MAXIMISING DIVERSION OF WASTE FROM LANDFILL (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Development and together with Head of Citywide Services presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the option “Maximising Landfill Diversion” within the Contract for Refuse, Recycling and Waste Services to enable the council to reach recycling and composting rates of 50% and beyond.

***5. FUTURE DELIVERY OF NON-HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICE (PARAGRAPH 3)**

Councillor Waters, Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Governance outlined the revised proposed resolution circulated at the meeting.

The Executive noted the comments made by Unison.

RESOLVED :-

- (1) to enter into a shared service co-operation agreement with NPS for the management of council non housing property services until 31st March 2011 ("the joint team").
- (2) that staff would continue to be employed by Norwich City Council but would be managed and supported by staff from NPS and would be accommodated in premises owned by NPS.
- (3) that in addition to the provision of existing services, the joint team would be required to :-
 - (a) prepare an asset management plan for the unitary authority;
 - (b) undertake a review of existing council commercial assets, to identify properties for disposal, retention and investment;
 - (c) conduct a review of office accommodation (including the city hall complex) to be occupied by the new unitary authority and
 - (d) develop proposals for a single asset management team for the unitary council for consideration under our executive arrangements.
- (4) to utilise the existing £250,000 budgetary provision for the review of assets, accommodation review at city hall and joint venture start up costs as a contribution towards the costs of establishing the joint team.
- (5) to delegate to the Director of Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Portfolio holder for corporate resources and governance, the head of legal and democratic services, the head of procurement and the section 151 officer, the responsibility to implement this new arrangement.
- (6) to consult with UNISON on all staff related matters arising from this interim arrangement.

***6. DETAIL OF STAGE TWO BID FOR CULTURES (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Head of Communications and Cultural Services presented the report and answered member's questions.

RESOLVED to approve the next phase of the bidding process.

CHAIR