



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. – 7.10 p.m.

24 March 2010

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

Also present: Councillors Stephenson, Wright and Wiltshire

Apologies: Councillors Morrey (Vice-Chair) and Sands

1. MINUTES

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

2. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2010-12

The Director of Transformation presented the report and circulated the latest version of the Corporate Plan. Members were advised that the Corporate Plan had been amended to include most of the comments made by Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Brociek-Coulton thanked officer for including reference to Norwich in Bloom within the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED to -

- (1) approve the draft Corporate Plan 2010-12 attached to this report;
- (2) note the comments from the Scrutiny Committee consideration of the draft plan at its meeting on 11 March 2010;
- (3) recommend the draft Corporate Plan to full Council for approval on 30 March 2010;
- (4) recommend to full Council to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any further necessary amendments prior to publication.

3. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2010-2014

The Head of Finance presented the report and circulated Appendix J which gave a provisional estimate for the Council becoming a unitary authority. Members were advised that the levels of reserves were predicted to increase over a number of years.

RESOLVED to approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2009/10

The Head of Finance presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2009/10 reports.

5. FINANCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY ACTIONS FOR 2010/11

The Head of Community Services presented the report and together with Financial Inclusion Manger answered questions. The Head of Community Services referred to the 6 thematic areas of work which would enable people of Norwich to have enough money in their pockets, advice and support on managing money effectively and access to reliable financial products and services. The Financial Inclusion Manager outlined areas of work which had been completed, outcomes achieved and the proposals for 2010-2011.

Councillor Blakeway, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Development suggested money fairs should be held within other events rather than standing alone, to make it easier and less obvious that people were seeking financial advice.

Councillor Stephenson referred to the Scrutiny Committee's concern that not all tenants had housing contents insurance and suggested that the Council's housing contents insurance scheme became part of the tenancy agreement.

Councillor Arthur, Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services said by strengthening links with partnerships this had developed sustainability and helped individuals and local communities.

During discussion the Deputy Chief Executive agreed to circulate the low pay initiative agreed in 1990 to members.

RESOLVED to –

- (1) approve the options contained within the report;
- (2) delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to approve further budget allocation for those areas where investigation and development work is required if they are shown to meet the aims and objectives of the financial strategy.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NORWICH INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (NICCC)

The Director of Transformation presented the report and advised members that work had been carried out to include experts' views on what the City should do to prepare itself for climate change.

Councillor Wright welcomed the report and suggested in future any consultation should be extended wider and information made available for discussion by the Climate Change Panel.

RESOLVED to –

- (1) note the progress of the NICCC;
- (2) agree to write to the NICCC Board members to extend sincere thanks for their hard work and commitment to the consultation process;
- (3) note that the final NICCC report and recommendations will be reported to Executive in due course.

7. ANNUAL REVIEW – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FOR WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The Director of Transformation presented the report and answered members' questions.

Councillor Waters, Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Governance said this was a very helpful piece of work and highlighted the need to look at partnership's governance and accountability arrangements.

RESOLVED to approve the -

- (1) Partnerships register as a composite list of current partnerships (appendix 1);
- (2) Partnership scoring and list of significant partnerships (appendix 2).

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING VALUE FOR MONEY STRATEGY

The Head of Neighbourhood and Strategic Housing presented the report.

Councillor Arthur pointed out that the strategy was about providing best value for money and making the best of opportunities. She welcomed the strategy and considered this would go from strength to strength.

RESOLVED to note the Neighbourhood Housing Value for Money Strategy.

9. GREATER ANGLIA FRANCHISE CONSULTATION AND THE EAST COAST LINE TIMETABLE CONSULTATIONS

The Head of Transportation and Landscape presented the report.

The Chair said in his capacity as Chairman of Regional Cities East (RCE), he had a meeting with Chris Moll MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, during their meeting they discussed support for cities involved with the RCE having influence over the rail franchises.

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Governance said he endorsed the strategic partnership working.

RESOLVED to respond to the Greater Anglia Franchise Consultation and the East Coast Main Line timetable consultation as set out in the report.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items 11 and 18 below on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***11. NORFOLK LEGAL – A JOINT LEGAL SERVICE FOR NORFOLK AUTHORITIES (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Head of Legal, Regulatory and Democratic Services presented the report and explained the proposed joint service arrangements between the Norfolk authorities.

The Executive noted Unison's comments.

RESOLVED to

- (1) approve the establishment of Norfolk Legal as part of Norfolk CC to deliver the legal functions of GYBC, Norwich CC, Broadland and the Broads Authority;
- (2) authorise the Head of Legal Regulatory and Democratic Services, in consultation with the portfolio holder, to agree and enter into Stakeholder and Service Level Agreements reflecting the proposal set out in this report.

***12. BOWTHORPE - THREESCORE (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The City Growth and Development Manager presented the report and circulated an addendum to the report.

RESOLVED to agree to seek to secure planning permission based on the current outline planning application (with a minor refresh of the Environmental Statement) for the Three score site at Bowthorpe under s.316 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 on the basis that the Council would require any purchaser to enter into a s.106 obligation in the terms set out in Appendix 1 of the original report.

***13. LOCAL AUTHORITY NEW BUILD – DEVELOPMENT OF SITES (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Senior Enabling Development Officer presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve -

- (1) Council officers developing the two sites which have been awarded HCA grant funding- namely Bowers Avenue and Stafford Street, including procuring the relevant services.

- (2) the Capital contribution of £580,000 towards the build cost of the two schemes.
- (3) to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Development to make a Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 to secure the compulsory acquisition of the land shown edged red on the attached plan at Appendix 1 in accordance with the proposals set out in this report.
- (4) the appointed Solicitor to take all the ancillary or necessary steps, including the publication and service of all statutory notices and presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry, to secure the confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Orders by the Secretary of State and the vesting of the land in the City Council.
- (5) the delegate authority to Director of Regeneration and Development to negotiate terms for the acquisition of all outstanding relevant interests, and for subsequent disposal of these interests on terms that provide for the redevelopment of the site.

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

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting of Executive.

***15. ASSET AND CITY MANAGEMENT HOUSING TEAM RESTRUCTURE (PARAGRAPH 1)**

The Director of Regeneration and Development presented the report. The Executive noted the comments made by Unison.

RESOLVED to approve the deletion of the above posts as outlined and the payment of the associated payments relating to the voluntary redundancy/early retirement of the post holders as set out in the paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report.

***16. VARIATION TO THE STREET CLEANING FOR THE PROVISION OF THE GRAFFITI, PEST CONTROL AND STRAY DOG SERVICE (PARAGRAPH 1)**

The Director of Regeneration and Development presented the report and answered members' questions.

RESOLVED to agree -

- (1) to transfer the stray dog, graffiti removal and pest control services to the contract for streets and other cleansing services, including TUPE arrangements as appropriate;
- (2) to provide a stray dog service according to statutory requirements
- (3) the level of Fees and Charges as outlined in Paragraph 15.

***17. UPDATED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BIG SCREEN**

RESOLVED having considered the report of the Head of Communication and Culture to -

- (1) approve continued collaboration between the BBC, Chapelfield and the city council and the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG);
- (2) approve the continued contribution by the city council to the maintenance of the screen;
- (3) delegate to officers the negotiation of further overarching contractual arrangements between LOCOG.

***18. REDUNDANCY**

RESOLVED having considered the report of the Head of HR and Learning to approve redundancy payments as set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report.

CHAIR