



## EXECUTIVE

**5.30 p.m. – 6.40 p.m.**

**24 June 2009**

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

Also present: Councillor Stephenson

### **1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 10 June 2009.

### **2. RE-PROVISIONING OF CITYCARE SERVICES - PENSIONS, CONTRACT CONDITIONS AND EVALUATION MODEL**

The Head of Procurement and Service Improvement presented the report and answered questions. Members were advised of the progress on the tender process for the re-provisioning of the services currently provided by CityCare.

During discussion Councillor Stephenson said it was important to keep the unions as informed as possible. Councillor Waters, Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Governance, said the unions would be invited to attend at the beginning of Contract Working Party. He also said the Council would strive for good terms and conditions for the new contracts and demonstrate value for money.

**RESOLVED** to:

- (1) note the inclusion in the contract terms and conditions the items recommended by the contracts working party;
- (2) approve the use of the evaluation model as set out in Appendix 1 of this report;
- (3) approve the pension provisions as detailed in the report.

### **3. BLUE BADGE CHARGES AT OFF-STREET SURFACE CAR PARKS**

(Councillor Morrey declared a personal interest in this item as he was a Blue Badge holder.)

The Strategic Parking Officer presented the report and answered members' questions.

Mr Rawlings from Mobilise, Promoting Mobility for Disabled People asked if consideration could be given not only to wheelchair users but those with disabilities which significantly restrict their upper body mobility. He said in some car parks ticket machines were situated at the opposite end of the car park to the disabled parking areas and any move to increase charges could have an impact on the usage of single and double yellow lines and on the very limited disabled parking spaces in the City.

During discussion the Strategic Parking Officer said officers would consult with the disabled motorists associations to make the machines as accessible as possible. He also said he would look at the size of the writing on the machines.

**RESOLVED** to approve the:

- (1) introduction of the revised blue badge fees and charges for City Council surface car parks as set out in *Appendix A* of the report and to send to Norwich Highways Agency Committee for a decision;
- (2) phased introduction of the revised blue badge charges initially for Chantry, Chapelfield East, Magdalen Street, Pottergate and Rouen Road car parks and then through delegated authority to the Head of Asset and City Management to introduce the revised blue badge charges for Barn Road, Colegate, Exeter Street, St Crispins, Westwick Street, Rose Lane, St Helens Wharf, Monastery Court and Queens Road, car parks when sufficient capital funds were available and works were carried out to install DDA compliant payment machines.

#### **4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME – PROGRESS REPORT**

The Director of Transformation presented the report. He referred to the work already done, progress made and the information which would be made available.

Councillor Waters, Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Governance, said all members were aware this was a major piece of work with difficult decisions to be made. The Norwich Tenants' CityWide Board had requested a presentation and Audit Committee would be making a formal request to Executive that non executive members were placed on both the Corporate Improvement and Efficiency Board and the Housing Improvement Board.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

CHAIR