



CABINET

5.30pm to 7.10pm

20 March 2013

Present: Councillors Arthur (chair), Waters (vice chair), Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Driver, Gihawi and MacDonald

Also present: Councillors Galvin and Wright

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made by Cllrs Arthur, Brociek-Coulton and Gihawi in respect of item 9.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2013.

3. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2012 - 13 – PERIOD 10

Councillor Waters, deputy leader, introduced the report.

In response to a member's question, the deputy leader explained that savings made in the area of repairs included slippage to the painting programme caused by bad weather.

RESOLVED to note the financial position as at 31 January 2013 and the forecast outturn 2012- 13.

4. ANNUAL REVIEW OF EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIP AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP REGISTERS

Councillor Arthur, leader of the council, introduced the report.

RESOLVED to endorse the partnerships register for 2012-13 and the business relationships register.

5. BOWTHORPE OPEN SPACE INVESTMENT PLAN

Councillor Bremner introduced the report.

In response to member's questions, the design conservation and landscape manager explained that the wildlife corridor would be considerably wider than twelve feet as the development itself starts above the flood risk zone. The footbridge included on the site was designed to take into account mobility difficulties that may be experienced by site users. Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust provided a considerable amount of data to underpin the plans. He explained that considerable work was underway to arrange for the horses to be re-homed.

RESOLVED to approve the open space investment plan for Bowthorpe.

6. DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS POLICY

Councillor Waters, deputy leader, introduced the report.

Addressing concerns on the way the priority banding was decided, the deputy leader suggested that a working group might be convened to draw conclusions from consultation and casework to examine whether the final prioritisation within the banding was appropriate.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) approve the draft policy and proposed engagement with key stakeholders
- (2) delegate approval of changes within the first year of operation to the executive head of business relationship management in consultation with the deputy leader and portfolio holder for resources.

7. HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT (HECA) REPORT 2013-2015

Councillor Bremner, portfolio holder for environment and development, introduced the report.

RESOLVED to approve and publish the HECA report.

(Councillor Wright left the meeting at this point.)

8. CLIMATE LOCAL

Councillor Bremner, portfolio holder for environment and development, introduced the report.

RESOLVED to sign up to the climate local commitment.

9. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMISSIONING PROGRAMME

(Councillors Arthur, Brociek-Coulton and Gihawi left the meeting for this item having earlier declared an interest)

Councillor Waters, deputy leader, introduced the report. In response to a member's question, he explained that within the next two years it is anticipated that applicants guaranteeing to pay a living wage will become a criteria for granting funds.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) approve a transitional grant award of £10,000 to HEART in 2012-13 and the following grant allocations for 2013-14:

Outcome: City of Character and culture

Britten Sinfonia	£10,000
Community Music East	£10,000
Interface Learning	£5,472
Norwich MIND	£1,500
C Media	£5,000
HEART	£25,000
Heritage Trust	£15,000

Outcome: Safe and Clean

Norwich in Bloom	£9,000
Sexual Violence Alliance	£6000
TCV	£9500
Sustainable Living	£1500

Outcome: Prosperous City

Norwich Door to Door	£32,000
Norwich Access Group	£1, 500

Outcome: Building capacity of voluntary sector

Voluntary Norfolk	£38,696
Norfolk Education and Action for Development	£1,500

TOTAL **£171,668**

- (2) set aside £7,000 to directly commission cultural, educational and training opportunities for young people and £2558 for further support for cultural diversity in the City and to delegate authority to the executive head of communications, customers and culture to agree the final grant arrangements.
- (3) agree the criteria for assessing applications for charity market stall holdings, in line with other grant in kind assessments under the council's commissioning framework
- (4) agree the criteria for assessing applications for discretionary business rate relief, in line with other grant in kind assessments under the council's commissioning framework

10. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND SITE ALLOCATIONS SUBMISSIONS PLANS

Councillor Bremner, portfolio holder for environment and development, introduced the report.

The head of planning service explained slight amendments to the recommendations which clarified that cabinet was making recommendations to council and that endorsement was required for the prospective amendment to policy DM21 within the development management policies plan.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) recommend council to:-
 - (a) endorse the proposed submission version of the Development Management Policies plan as legally compliant and sound; and authorise it and associated submission documentation for formal submission under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012;
 - (b) endorse the proposed submission version of the Site Allocations plan as legally compliant and sound; and authorise it and associated submission documentation for formal submission

under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012;

- (c) authorise the proposed submission version of the Policies Map for formal submission under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012;
- (d) delegate authority to the deputy chief executive (operations) in consultation with the cabinet member for environment and development, to approve the detail of any additional or updated technical documents and supporting evidence required to be submitted alongside both plans for consideration at examination; to make any minor edits and consequential changes necessary to either document following Council and prior to submission; and to prepare and give evidence in support of both plans at examination;
- (e) agree to give authority to the inspector appointed to hold the public examination to make modifications to either or both plans under Section 20 (7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended; and
- (f) agree that weight should be attached to emerging policies and proposals in the determination of planning applications.

- (2) endorse the prospective amendment to policy DM21 in the Development Management Policies Plan (set out in Annex 3 to this report), to be taken forward for consideration at examination.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of item *12 on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of schedule 12a of the local government act 1972 (as amended).

*12. SHELTERED HOUSING STATUTORY CONSULTATION WITH TENANTS

Councillor MacDonald, portfolio holder for housing, introduced the report.

The head of housing said that letters would be sent inviting people to a meeting to discuss the issues and that staff would be on hand on the day the letters arrived to answer any questions which residents might have.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) ask for officers to commence statutory consultation under section 105 of the housing act 1985 for a minimum period of twenty eight days with tenants living at the sheltered housing schemes identified within this report; and,

- (2) delegate authority to the deputy chief executive in consultation with the portfolio holder any consequential actions required to progress the project and that officers report back the outcome of the consultation to cabinet in July 2013.

CHAIR