NORWICH City Council

MINUTES

CABINET

17:00 to 17:25 **4 November 2015**

Present: Councillors Harris (acting chair), Bremner, Driver, Kendrick, Stonard and Thomas (Va)

Also present: Councillors Haynes and Wright

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Waters (Councillor Harris acted as chair).

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS / PETITIONS

No public questions were received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES

One small amendment was suggested to the minutes of the meeting of 29 September. Page five, item three required a change from:

> "He added that Community Infrastructure Levy monies **are only** available to be spent…"

to

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One small amendment was suggested to the minutes of the meeting of 7 October. Page 13, item 19(m) required a change from:

> "delegate authority to the Executive head of strategy, people and neighbourhoods, in liaison with the portfolio holder for, to make the necessary changes…"

to

> "delegate authority to the Executive head of strategy, people and neighbourhoods, in liaison with the portfolio holder for **neighbourhoods and community safety**, to make the necessary changes…"

Subject to noting the above amendments, cabinet **RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on 29 September 2015 and 7 October 2015.

The chair explained that a request had been made to defer the final two reports (Housing development company business plan, item 11 and Housing development company business plan APPENDIX, item *13) to a later meeting.

RESOLVED to defer the reports:

a) Housing development company business plan; and,

b) Housing development company business plan APPENDIX

to a later meeting.

5. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 – PERIOD 6

The cabinet member for resources and generation income presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the financial position as at 30 September 2015 and the forecast outturn 2015-16

6. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 – QUARTER 2

The cabinet member for resources and generation income presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

a) note the position of the housing and non-housing capital programmes as at 30 September 2015;

b) note the capital budget virement approved by Corporate Leadership Team members, set out in paragraphs 9-10;

c) approve the addition to the capital programme of spend funded by external ring-fenced monies as set out in paragraph 11.

7. GREATER NORWICH HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2015-20

The cabinet member for environment and sustainable development presented the report. In response to a member's question, he said that a wide range of people would be affected by further changes to benefit provision. He added that this was something the city council would need to remain aware of and be ready to adapt to, in order to avoid further people experiencing homelessness.

In response to a member's question, the housing strategy officer explained that issues surrounding mental health and homelessness were to be fully included as part of the sub-strategy which would go out to public consultation later in the year. The work with St Martins Housing Trust was also highlighted as it was felt that Dean Alan Webster Court - established to provide semi-independent living for 33 older people who have experienced or are facing homelessness – represented the kind of innovative work which dealt with homelessness in an holistic way alongside other challenges.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the *Greater Norwich homelessness strategy 2015-20*.

8. REDUCING INEQUALITIES ACTION PLAN

The cabinet member for fairness and equality presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the action plan programme with an initial focus upon Lakenham ward for the trial of new ways of working across partners and with residents.

9. HEALTHY NORWICH ACTION PLAN

The cabinet member for housing and well-being presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the action plan programme.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AT RILEY CLOSE

The cabinet member for environment and sustainable development presented the report.

RESOLVED to award the contract for the management, design and construction of two dwellings at Riley Close to Orwell Housing Association Ltd.

CHAIR