



**CABINET**

**5:30 pm to 6:20 pm**

**16 July 2014**

**Present:** Councillors Arthur (chair), Bremner, Driver, Harris and Stonard

**Also present:** Councillors Boswell and Wright

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Waters.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS / PETITIONS**

There were no public questions or petitions.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2014.

**5. ECONOMIC STRATEGY ACTION PLAN – KEY DECISION**

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

A member suggested that it would be useful to ensure the economic sub-committee at the county council had sight of the report to allow them a full view of the economic and employment benefits the city provides within Norfolk.

In response to a member's question, the economic development manager confirmed that Norwich has the largest inbound commute in the country, outside the London boroughs. She also explained that the impact assessment couldn't possibly encompass all the various aspects of the action plan. Given the wide range of work strands included within the plan, any attempt to produce a cumulative impact assessment would prove entirely speculative and as such, some areas of the assessment were marked as neutral.

**RESOLVED to:-**

- a) note the annual review of the action plan 2013-14 as the previous year's performance to benchmark and to inform future delivery; and,
- b) approve the *Economic strategy action plan 2014-15*.

**6. DELIVERING AN AFFORDABLE HOMES PROGRAMME WITH A REGISTERED PROVIDER OR PROVIDERS**

Councillor Bremner, portfolio holder for housing presented the report.

In response to a member's question, the head of city development services explained that no work had yet been done exploring the option of cooperative housing, but his team would be happy to explore this in the future. He emphasised, however, that the city council was currently keen to deliver its own homes.

He added that good environmental practice would be incentivised during the tender process, whereby housing providers which reach beyond the minimum environmental standards required would score more highly.

**RESOLVED** to approve the three suggested principles which will guide how land will be allocated to, and developed by, a registered provider or providers for new affordable housing.

**7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2014 - 15**

Councillor Stonard, portfolio holder for environment, development and transport presented the report.

**RESOLVED to :-**

- a) approve the revised *Local development scheme 2014 - 15* for publication; and,
- b) give delegated authority to the deputy chief executive (operations) in consultation with the portfolio holder for environment, development and transport to make minor changes to the *Local development scheme* before publication and arrange for it to be published.

**8. PUSH THE PEDALWAYS: RE-ALLOCATION OF BUDGETS BETWEEN PROJECTS – KEY DECISION**

Councillor Stonard, portfolio holder for environment, development and transport presented the report.

In response to a member's question, he explained that regenerating the pedalways across the city was a gradual process. As such, when pedalway improvements take place, the areas around the pedalways will also be improved, resolving issues such as those experienced at the Farrow Road roundabout.

**RESOLVED** to approve a budget virement of £439,000 between the capital programme budgets allocated to Push the Pedalways project 5105 Earlham Road (Gipsy Lane – Christchurch Road) and project 5113 Tombland and Palace Street.

**9. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014-15: PERIOD 02**

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

**RESOLVED** to note the financial position as at 31 May 2014 and the forecast outturn 2014-15.

**10. REVENUE OUTTURN 2013-14**

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

**RESOLVED** to note the revenue outturn 2013-14.

**11. CAPITAL OUTTURN 2013-14**

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

In response to a members question, the chief accountant explained that the decision to carry forward the underspend in the area of solar thermal and photovoltaic was currently under discussion.

**RESOLVED** to note the capital outturns of the housing and non-housing capital programmes.

**12. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TELECOM LINE RENTAL AND CALL SERVICES - KEY DECISION**

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

**RESOLVED** to award the contract for the provision of telecom line rental and call charge services to Adept Telecom Plc for a period of up to three years from 1 August 2014.

**13. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF GARDENING SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL HOUSING TENANTS– KEY DECISION**

Councillor Bremner, portfolio holder for housing presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to award the contract for the provision of gardening services for vulnerable Norwich City Council social housing tenants to Mow & Grow Ltd for a period of up to 5 years from 1 September 2014.

**14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the items \* 15 and \*16 below on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of schedule 12a of the local government act 1972 (as amended).

**\*15. DEBT WRITE-OFF (PARAGRAPH 3)**

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

**RESOLVED** to agree to writing off rental debts arising on the property detailed in the report.

**\*16. ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE (PARAGRAPH 1)**

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

In response to a member's question, the chief executive officer explained that, in her absence, any member of the senior team would be able to act as deputy chief executive officer. The choice of who would take on this role would be determined by circumstances at the time of the required deputisation.

**RESOLVED** to endorse the proposed senior management structure for the council and, subject to the outcome of the formal consultation with employees affected, agree that an employee displaced by the proposal can be slotted into a vacant new post.

CHAIR