



CABINET

17:00 to 17:35

8 November 2017

Present: Councillors Waters (chair), Harris (vice chair), Herries, Kendrick, Maguire and Stonard

Also present: Councillors Schmierer and Wright

Apologies: Councillor Davis

1. Declarations of interest

Councillor Stonard declared an 'other' interest in item *14, (below), 'NCC and NRL loan agreement', as he was the chair of Norwich Regeneration Company Ltd.

Councillor Kendrick declared an 'other' interest in item *14, (below), 'NCC and NRL loan agreement', as he was a director of Norwich Regeneration Company Ltd.

2. Public questions/petitions

There were no public questions or petitions.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2017.

4. Response to government consultation 'Planning for the right homes in the right places'

Councillor Stonard, cabinet member for sustainable and inclusive growth, presented the report.

In response to a comment from Councillor Schmierer, Councillor Stonard advised the types of housing built in terms of energy efficiency were outside the scope of this consultation. The council was committed to ensuring the building of energy efficient homes and was trialling the building of Passivhaus standard homes at the new Three Score development.

RESOLVED to submit this report as the response of Norwich City Council to the consultation.

5. Corporate KPI target changes

Councillor Waters, leader, presented the report. He said that the revised methodology represented a better way of judging customer experience.

RESOLVED to approve the following updated targets for the Corporate KPI's in order to reflect changing methodology:-

- (1) SCL1: 88% of streets found clean on inspection (down from 94%).
- (2) VFM1: 75% of residents satisfied with the service they receive from the council (down from 93%).

6. Code of Corporate Governance

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report and said that it had been considered by Audit committee prior to coming to cabinet.

RESOLVED to recommend that council approves the revised Code of Corporate Governance and to recommend it to council for approval.

7. Revenue budget monitoring 2017/18 period 6

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the senior finance business partner advised that the underspend referred to within the Housing Revenue Account under repairs and maintenance referred to a responsive repairs and maintenance budget. There was a greater underspend because more planned works had been carried out and therefore less requests for responsive repairs had been received.

RESOLVED to note:

- (1) the financial position as at 30 September 2017 and the forecast outturn 2017/18; and
- (2) additional unbudgeted grants awarded for 2017/18.

8. Capital budget monitoring 2017-18 – Quarter 2

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the position of the housing and non-housing capital programmes as at 30 September 2017;
- (2) approve the proposed capital virements within the housing capital programme as detailed in paragraphs 16 and 17; and
- (3) recommend to council the proposed additions to the non-housing capital programme, as described in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10.

9. Procurement of a contents insurance scheme for tenants – Key decision

Councillor Harris, cabinet member for social housing presented the report.

In response to a question from Councillor Wright, the director of neighbourhoods said that he would look into idea that the scheme be extended to private rented tenants with the council operating as a broker.

RESOLVED to award the contract to Aon UK for 5 years.

10. Procurement of an external wall insulation programme to council properties – Key decision

(The chair referred to the supplementary agenda which had been circulated to members and published on the website, containing an urgent item).

Councillor Harris, cabinet member for social housing presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the award of the external wall insulation contract to Everwarm Ltd.

11. Procurement of a trade waste service – Key decision

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the director of business services outlined the procurement process.

RESOLVED to approve the award of:

- (1) trade waste services for Norwich provisions market to M W White Ltd;
- (2) trade waste and recycling services for City Hall and other council buildings to M W White Ltd;
- (3) confidential waste services to Shred Station Ltd; and
- (4) food waste recycling to Norse Eastern Ltd.

12. Exclusion of the public.

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items *13 to *14 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***13. Managing assets (housing revenue account) – Key decision (Paragraph 3)**

Councillor Harris, cabinet member for social housing presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the disposal of land from the Housing Revenue Account as described in this report.

***14. NCC and NRL loan agreement – Key decision (Paragraph 3)**

(Councillor Stonard and Councillor Kendrick had declared an 'other' interest in this item.)

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the loan agreement needed with Norwich Regeneration Company Ltd (NRL) to cover both the initial borrowing and then also any subsequent borrowing for any future developments that NRL is asked to undertake.

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CHAIR