



Cabinet

17:30 to 19:20

13 July 2016

Present: Councillors Waters (chair), Harris (vice chair), Bremner, Kendrick, Stonard and Thomas

Apologies: Councillor Ryan

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ryan.

2. Public questions / petitions

There were no public questions or petitions.

3. Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were received from councillors Bremner, Harris, Kendrick and Stonard.

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 9 March, 8 June and 28 June 2016

RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meetings held on 9 March, 8 June and 28 June 2016.

5. Quarter 4 2015-16 performance report

The leader of the council presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

6. Review of management and delivery of Push the Pedalways

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

The chair of the scrutiny committee explained that he was keen for the scrutiny committee to keep a watching brief on the continuing pedalways works.

The head of city development services explained that pedals work was collaborative with the county council – with county taking a particular lead on implementation. The city council continued to influence design at all levels.

He highlighted the fact that pedalways work formed part of a much larger scheme of redevelopment.

The chair noted that many of the recommendations made by the scrutiny committee were already in place or had subsequently been actioned. Nonetheless, it was:

RESOLVED to:

- a) promote the vision for Transport for Norwich to gain a better understanding of what the vision is;
- b) To continue to support and facilitate the active engagement of stakeholders;
- c) In the absence of a national strategy, continue to use the London Design Standard;
- d) That all junctions would be reviewed for cycle – proofing when being worked on;
- e) To look at options around working with partners to develop a cycling education programme;
- f) To consider commissioning research into the long term health benefits of the pedalways scheme; and
- g) To bring the post implementation safety audits of any new highways projects to the relevant committee.

7. Revenue budget monitoring 2016-17 Period 2

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) note the financial position as at 31 May 2016 and the forecast outturn 2016/17; and,
- b) note additional unbudgeted grants awarded for 2016/17.

8. Revenue budget monitoring 2015-16 year end 2015-16

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the revenue outturn 2015/16.

9. Capital budget monitoring 2015-16 – final outturn

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the final outturn position of the 2015-16 housing and non-housing capital programme budgets

10. Award of contract for housing development at Goldsmith Street

The cabinet member for council housing presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) award the contract for the development of 105 houses at Goldsmith Street to R G Carter, subject to council approving an increase in the overall project budget;
- b) recommend to council the increase in the non-housing capital budget as outlined in the report;
- c) delegate the decision to agree the final contract sum, subject to a maximum of the figures in the report, to the executive head of service for regeneration and development, in consultation with chief finance officer and the deputy leader and portfolio holder for council housing;
- d) approve the use of £817,233.12 of S106 commuted sums held for the purposes of providing affordable housing towards funding this project; and
- e) approve that rents for Passivhaus properties are set at 5% above formula rent to assist with the additional costs of developing such properties and reflecting the savings for tenants in energy bills.

11. Phone masts on council buildings

The leader of the council presented the report.

The head of city development services clarified that the rules limiting the placement of masts had never applied to data-carrying equipment other than that for mobile telephone signals.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Adopt a policy of allowing mobile phone masts on council land and buildings that are consistent with established precautionary measures and subject to:
 - i) 21 day public consultation to include all residents and businesses living or located within 50 metres of the proposal;
 - ii) applicants indemnifying the council and arranging independent checks and audits of their equipment;

- iii) application and checking costs to be borne by the applicant;
- iv) contracts making provision to terminate the contract if adverse health effects relating to masts are confirmed by future Government research;
- v) any consents including planning consents; and,
- b) delegate decisions on whether to allow mobile phone masts on council land and property to the executive head of regeneration and development in consultation with the portfolio holder for resources and business liaison, and local ward councillors.

12. Creation of a standing list of suppliers to deliver printing services to the council

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) approve the appointment of suppliers as detailed in the report to the contract standing list for a period of four years; and,
- b) approve the award of contracts to those suppliers as required for printing services for the council within agreed budgets.

13. Proposed Syrian refugee resettlement scheme

The cabinet member for council housing presented the report, explaining that work with other councils was ongoing, engaging and sharing information in a systematic fashion.

RESOLVED to:

- a) call on the Government to fully fund the Norfolk resettlement programme if it proceeds;
- b) agree, subject to further refinement of the costs, that Norwich City Council will contribute to the housing rent shortfall on an equal basis with all Norfolk's district councils up to a maximum of £30,857 over five years; and,
- c) delegate to the interim executive of neighbourhoods in consultation with the Deputy Leader and cabinet member for council housing, the final details of any scheme on the agreed basis.

14. Joint venture business plans

The leader of the council presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the:

- a) NPS Norwich Limited business plan for 2016/17;
- b) Norwich Norse Building Limited business plan for 2016/17; and,
- c) Norwich Norse Environmental Limited business plan for 2016/17.

15. Norwich Regeneration Ltd – business plan 2016-17

The leader of the council presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the business plan for:

- a) Norwich Regeneration Ltd. for 2016-17; and,
- b) the Norwich and Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) strategic partnership.

16. Exclusion of the public

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration items *17 to *23 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***17. Norwich Regeneration Ltd – business plan 2016-17**

The leader of the council presented the report.

The city growth and development manager clarified that 5% uplift on rents would apply to all homes built to the Passivhaus standard.

RESOLVED to note the exempt appendices regarding the business plan of Norwich Regeneration Ltd.

***18. Land development in south city centre**

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) not proceed with land development as proposed in the report; and,
- b) ask officers to bring back a report to a future meeting exploring further options for a way forward.

***19. Managing assets – approach to investment acquisitions**

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report. In response to a member's question, the leader of the council explained that there were criteria to be used when decisions regarding acquisitions were

made. The delegated authority would simply allow decisions to be made expeditiously meaning that the council would not miss out on strong investment opportunities.

RESOLVED to

- a) delegate authority to the executive head of service for regeneration and development, in consultation with the section 151 officer and the portfolio holder for resources, to invest in income generating assets and as informed by the criteria for selecting assets for investment outlined in the report; and,
- b) confirm that income generating assets may be purchased over a wider area than just the council's administrative area.

***20. Lease surrender**

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to surrender the lease as detailed in the report, should due diligence prove positive.

***21. Working with the Norwich Preservation Trust**

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to lease and transfer trusteeship of the properties identified in the report to the Norwich Preservation Trust in accordance with the terms set out subject to agreement of detailed terms.

***22. Managing assets**

The cabinet member for council housing and the cabinet member for environment and sustainable development presented the reports.

The senior development officer (enabling) explained that the sites would very much be two distinct areas which would be managed separately and have separate entrances.

RESOLVED to:

- a) approve the disposal of the freehold interest in the house described in section 22a of the report on the open market;
- b) approve the capital receipt from the disposal be reinvested in the housing capital program for improving, repairing and maintaining our housing stock or for enabling new affordable housing;

- c) approve the surrender and grant of a new long lease for the commercial property in the housing revenue account described in section 22a of the report;
- d) support the proposal for the development of a site in order to meet planning obligations as detailed in section 22b of the report;
- e) appropriate the relevant land for planning purposes; and
- f) To approve the land disposal via leasehold transfer and a new lease at Swanton Road as described within section 22b of the report.

***23. Grant of right to buy one for one receipts**

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to agree to the award of £1,231,481 in retained right to buy one for one replacement receipts to registered providers to support the development of 52 new affordable dwellings as described in the report.

CHAIR