

CABINET**17:30 to 18:50****9 MARCH 2016**

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

Also present: Councillors Schmierer and Wright

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS / PETITIONS

No public questions or petitions were received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors Harris, Driver, Stonard and Thomas.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2016.

5. QUARTER 3 2015-16 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The leader of the council presented the report.

In response to a member's question, the chief executive officer of Norwich City Council explained that the measure target for VFM5 could be refined during the coming months. She said that as more web-based forms become available via the revamped website, there would be an expectation that there would be increased traffic via this channel.

RESOLVED to note the quarter 3 2015-16 performance report.

6. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 – PERIOD 10

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

RESOLVED to note the financial position as at 31 January 2016, and the forecast outturn 2015- 16.

7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2016-18

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

In response to a member's question, the leader of the city council said that the business improvement district team had plans to expand the area of the district.

RESOLVED to:

1. approve the revised Local Development Scheme 2016-17 for publication; and,
2. give delegated authority to the executive head of services for regeneration and development, in consultation with the portfolio holder for environment and sustainable development, to make any additional minor changes necessary to the Local Development Scheme before publication and arrange for it to be published.

8. PROCUREMENT OF WORKS – VARIOUS KEY DECISIONS FOR EXPENDITURE ON HOUSING REPAIRS AND UPGRADES CONTRACTS

The cabinet member for housing and wellbeing presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) award the contract for periodic inspections and rewires to the best value supplier as determined by the direct call-off prices within the framework;
- b) approve the variations to the Eastern Procurement Ltd framework contracts as described in appendix one;
- c) approve the variations to the Norwich Norse Building Ltd contracts as described in appendix one; and,
- d) delegate authority to the interim executive head of neighbourhoods in consultation with the deputy leader and portfolio holder for housing and wellbeing, to approve awards to the best value suppliers for re-roofing, re-pointing and external wall insulation after a mini tendering exercise is complete.

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOLDSMITH STREET - KEY DECISION

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

In response to a member's question, the chief executive officer of Norwich City Council explained that it was usual procedure to deal with certain issues via the delegations detailed in the report. She said that was the most practical way to award contracts promptly, whilst stressing that essential decisions were taken by cabinet and any changes to the agreed framework would also come back to cabinet.

RESOLVED to delegate the decision to award the contract for the development of Goldsmith Street to executive head of service for regeneration and development, in consultation with chief finance officer and portfolio holder for Environment and sustainable development.

10. MANAGING ASSETS – APPROPRIATION OF HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT LAND TO THE GENERAL FUND - KEY DECISION

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

RESOLVED to delegate authority to appropriate Pilling Park (ex-area office) from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Fund to the Executive head of regeneration and development in consultation with the Deputy leader and portfolio holder for housing and wellbeing and the Portfolio holder for resources and income generation.

11. WRITE OFF OF NON- RECOVERABLE NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATE DEBT

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

RESOLVED to approve the proposed write off of £108,606 of NNDR debt.

12. AN OVERVIEW OF EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS, CONTRACTS AND GRANTS 2016-17 - KEY DECISION

The leader of the council presented the report. In response to a member's question, he explained that the success of projects is measured by monitoring the achievements of organisations in receipt of an award. Meetings also take place with key partners to review performance and use of investments.

RESOLVED to note the partnerships and business relationships and contracts registers, as well as the grants to be awarded for 2016-17.

13. PLANNING PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE – REVIEW OF CHARGES AND SERVICE STANDARDS

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

RESOLVED to:

- a) agree the new charging levels and service standards as specified in Appendix 1 and 2 from 1 April 2016; and,
- b) delegate authority to the head of planning services, in consultation with the relevant cabinet member, to agree any future minor revisions or adjustments relating to charges for planning advice by other organisations.

14. THREE SCORE PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - KEY DECISION

The cabinet member for housing and wellbeing presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) agree to enter into development agreement with Norwich Regeneration Ltd to acquire the social housing units within section 1 of phase 2 at Three Score as outlined in paragraphs 5-9 of this report and paras 2-12 of the exempt appendix; and,
- b) delegate the precise amount of funding required from the HRA, timing of payments and the detailed wording of the agreement to the interim executive head of neighbourhoods in consultation with the portfolio holder for housing and well-being.

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration items *16 to *18 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***16. THREE SCORE PHASE 2- DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPENDICES - KEY DECISION**

The cabinet member for housing and wellbeing presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the exempt appendices regarding the development agreement for Three Score phase 2 and their impact on the main report.

***17.MANAGING ASSETS - KEY DECISION**

The cabinet member for housing and wellbeing presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the disposal of the freehold interest in the assets described in the report.

***18.AWARD OF CONTRACT - KEY DECISION**

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

RESOLVED to approve the award of the multi-storey car park guarding contract to Broadland Guards.

CHAIR

CABINET**17:30 to 18:45****8 June 2016**

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

Also present: Councillors Graham and Wright

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Thomas.

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS / PETITIONS

No public questions or petitions were received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. MINUTES

Due to an administrative error, the minutes of the wrong meeting had been circulated. It was agreed to bring the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 march 2016 to the next meeting.

5. NORWICH CITY COUNCIL 'FIT FOR THE FUTURE'

The leader of the council presented the report.

In response to a member's question, the head of city development services explained that a comprehensive strategy would be developed to take into account views of differing political groups.

The chief executive added that officers were getting to the stage where ideas for saving money were beginning to run short. She said it could get to a point where the council would not be able to deliver even statutory services to the minimum level. As such, the strategy would be reviewed to provide increased focus on influencing and collaboration work.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the initiation of a process to:
 - a) work with partners in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to develop a new city vision;
 - b) develop a revised corporate plan, priorities and performance measures which reflects the council's part in supporting that vision;
 - c) determine a new blue print or operating model to guide how the council works in future which reflects available resources;
- 2) endorse the revised senior management structure shown in annex B, subject to the outcome of the formal consultation with employees impacted.

6. REVIEW OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MODEL AND SERVICES

The portfolio holder for neighbourhoods and community safety presented the report.

In response to a member's question, interim executive head of neighbourhoods said that the Early Help Hub was still in its early stages but agreed that a report would be brought to a later cabinet meeting to provide a progress update.

RESOLVED TO:

- 1) note progress to deliver the changes to the Council's neighbourhood model agreed by Cabinet on 7 October 2015;
- 2) grant a lease for Russell Street Community Centre to St Thomas's Church through the community asset transfer policy for a term of 5 years with the option of a further 5 years at a peppercorn rent; and,
- 3) bring an update report on the work of the Early Help Hub to a future cabinet meeting.

7. HEALTHY NORWICH INITIATIVE – PROPOSED VOLUNTARY SMOKING BAN IN PLAY AREAS

The portfolio holder for customer care and leisure presented the report.

Cabinet members agreed to pass on to the CCG the suggestion that the signs could include information on where to find help with smoking cessation.

RESOLVED to approve collaboration with Healthy Norwich partners (CCG and Norfolk County Council Public Health team) to erect signs around children's play areas that discourage smoking in their vicinity.

8. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 PERIOD 11

The portfolio holder for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the financial position as at 29 February 2016, and the forecast outturn 2015/16.

9. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 PERIOD 12

The portfolio holder for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the forecast financial position as at 31 March 2016.

10. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 – PROVISIONAL OUTTURN

The portfolio holder for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED TO:

- 1) note the provisional outturns of the 2015-16 housing and non-housing capital programme budgets and estimated carry-forwards to 2016-17.
- 2) delegate to the executive head of regeneration and development, executive head of neighbourhoods and chief finance officer, in consultation with the portfolio holder for resources and business liaison, approval of carry-forward of unspent 2015-16 capital budgets still required, to the 2016-17 capital programme.

11. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER NORWICH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND UPDATE TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The portfolio holder for environment and sustainable development presented the report.

A member raised concerns regarding underrepresentation of other political parties and also voiced concerns about Norwich City Council being swamped by other authorities. The leader of the council explained that the decisions and suggestions of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership would always have to come back through cabinet and also many other meetings of the council, before any decision is settled upon.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) endorse the re-establishment of the GNDP in accordance with the terms of reference attached at Appendix 1 to exercise political leadership for the

planning activities carried out jointly by the Greater Norwich local planning authorities, in particular in relation to the Greater Norwich Local Plan; and,

- 2) approve an updated Local Development Scheme, by substitution of the contents of Appendix 2, in place of the relevant sections of the previous Local Development Scheme, for publication under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by section 111 of the Localism Act 2011).

12. TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON THE GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT

The portfolio holder for environment and sustainable development presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve the draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Greater Norwich Local Plan and to publish it for technical consultation.

13. LANDSCAPE AND TREES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The portfolio holder for environment and sustainable development presented the report.

RESOLVED to adopt the Landscape and Trees Supplementary Planning Document in accordance with regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.

14. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - PROPOSED REVISION

The portfolio holder for environment and sustainable development presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) approve the revised draft Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation for a period of not less than six weeks; and,
- 2) authorise the executive head of regeneration and development, in consultation with the portfolio holder for environment and sustainable development, to make any minor changes necessary to the document prior to publication and to make arrangements to publish the document on the website as soon as reasonably practicable following the date of this meeting.

15. INSTALLATION OF 100 THERMODYNAMIC HOT WATER SYSTEMS

The portfolio holder for council housing presented the report.

RESOLVED to agree to award a contract for the installation of Thermodynamic hot water systems to 100 council owned homes to Impact Renewable Energy Ltd. (Impact Renewables)

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration items *17 to *19 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***17. NORWICH CITY COUNCIL 'FIT FOR THE FUTURE' ANNEXES**

The leader of the council presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the annexes to item 5.

***18. REVIEW OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MODEL AND SERVICES PHASE 2**

The portfolio holder for council housing presented the report.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) consult UNISON and affected employees on the proposed management and organisational structure changes in the Housing Service outlined in the report; and,
- 2) delegate authority to the Interim executive head of neighbourhoods, in liaison with the Deputy Leader and portfolio holder for council housing to make the necessary changes to implement the above recommendations, including the final employee structures following consultation, as part of the plan of change.

***19. MANAGING ASSETS**

The portfolio holder for resources and business liaison presented the report.

RESOLVED to approve:

- 1) the disposal of land from the general fund account and the granting of a long lease (50 years) as described in this report.
- 2) the disposal of land from the housing revenue account as described in this report.

CHAIR



Cabinet

20:45 to 20:50

28 June 2016

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

Apologies: Councillor Bremner

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. The devolution of powers and resources to East Anglia (Key Decision)

Councillors Waters, as leader of the council, introduced the report and referred to the recommendation of council earlier that evening. In reply to a question from a member of the council, he provided reassurance that, whilst constitutionally the decision was a cabinet one, the cabinet would be guided by the decision made at full council earlier that evening. All of the political groups within the council had worked on the devolution proposals together and cabinet intended that any revised government proposals would be considered at full council to enable proper debate on such weighty and substantial issues for the region.

RESOLVED, unanimously,

- (1) to reject the recommendation as set out in the report to endorse the signing of the Norfolk and Suffolk devolution agreement by the Leader and the associated recommendation;
- (2) not to continue to support the process leading to the establishment of an elected mayor and combined authority for the East Anglia region and authorises, through the Chief Executive the relevant changes to be made to the Deal Agreement, the Scheme and the Governance Review to reflect that Authority's non-participation.

CHAIR