



Cabinet

17:35 to 18:40

10 July 2019

Present: Councillors Waters (chair), Harris (vice chair), Davis, Kendrick, Maguire, Packer and Stonard.

Apologies: Councillor Jones.

Also present: Councillors Schmierer and Wright.

1. Public Questions/Petitions

No public questions or petitions had been received.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2019.

4. Quarter 4 Corporate Performance Report for 2018-19

Councillor Waters, leader of the council presented the report. The report highlighted positive performance achieved in a number of areas, including; hygiene ratings, installation of 20 mph speed limits in residential areas, Heartsease Healthy Living Project, Digital inclusion project, homelessness prevention and resident satisfaction. There was a strong underspend achieved in the general fund budget too.

In response to Councillor Schmierer's question the city development manager said the aspiration to make residential streets in Norwich 20mph was dependant on what was affordable. The cycle ambition programme which had funded a number of schemes was ending and other opportunities had to be investigated such as Transforming Cities. Councillor Stonard, cabinet member for sustainable and inclusive growth emphasised that the aim was to achieve a new behavioural norm to drive at 20mph. Blanket coverage in areas proved more effective than targeting smaller areas such as outside schools.

In response to Councillor Wright's question the city development manager said the private sector housing team had focussed on housing standards enforcement action. It was hoped this would be rebalanced going forward to improve performance on bringing empty homes back into use. It was dependant on having the resources to complete this time intensive work.

RESOLVED to note progress against the corporate plan priorities for quarter 4 of 2018-19.

5. Update on Corporate Performance Framework 2019-20

Councillor Waters, leader of the council presented the report. The council had approved a new Corporate Plan for the period 2019-22 at its meeting 26 February 2019. The previous Corporate Plan had five priorities which had been consolidated to three. The new framework emphasised the role for partnership working on achieving performance targets. This was represented by the Norwich 2040 Vision work, a conference for which was scheduled in the autumn.

The senior strategy officer advised that under the 'a healthy organisation' priority, two financial indicators; the outcome indicator CIPFA financial resilience measure and the output indicator HRA financial resilience were to be removed. One indicator on the environmental strategy was yet to be completed and new indicators would be developed in new performance area over the year.

RESOLVED to endorse the Corporate Performance Framework for 2019-20.

6. Home Energy Conservation Act Report 2019 - 2021

Councillor Davis, cabinet member for social inclusion presented the report. Whilst Norwich was the economic and cultural capital of the region many residents still struggled with rising fuel costs and fuel poverty in the city had increased. The report outlined the work completed and planned to challenge fuel poverty and energy efficiency in the city.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the cabinet member for sustainable and inclusive growth said that the third iteration of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) was being worked on and would go out for public consultation. This document would consider targets on renewable energy in new developments.

RESOLVED to note the progress made against addressing energy efficiency within the city.

7. Scrutiny committee recommendations

Councillor Wright, chair of scrutiny, presented the report. A challenging work programme had been set by the committee, with many items related to climate change. In response to Councillor Wright's request for an update on the establishment of a climate and environment scrutiny committee the leader of the council said that a proposal would be taken to full council this month and he and the cabinet member for safe and sustainable city environment would be pleased to speak with group leaders in relation to this.

RESOLVED to consider in relation to the Norwich Economic Strategy, how Norwich could transition to a carbon neutral economy.

8. The award of contract for bus lane enforcement – key decision

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

RESOLVED to award the contract for bus lane enforcement services to Bramble Hub Ltd for the period 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2024 with an option to extend for two additional one year periods.

9. Proposed disposal of long term investment – key decision

Councillor Waters, leader of the council presented the report. The city council currently received no dividends from its shares in the airport and was unlikely to do so in the foreseeable future. The county and city councils agreed to explore the option to sell shares at the request of Regional and City Airports Limited and an independent valuation was undertaken to ensure best value for money. If a sale was agreed the agreement allowed for two meetings a year with the airport and the leaders of the two councils. It was noted that the council retained its powers as a planning authority in relation to the airport.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) approve the sale of Norwich City Council's shares in Norwich Airport Limited to Regional and City Airports Limited; and
- 2) subject to agreeing to the sale of the city council's shares in Norwich Airport Limited to agree to enter into a 15-year ongoing engagement agreement with Norwich Airport Limited.

10. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items *11 to *12 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***11. Proposed disposal of long term investment (exempt appendix) – key decision (para 3)**

Councillor Waters, leader of the council presented the exempt appendix to the report.

RESOLVED to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

***12. Managing assets (housing) – key decision (para 3)**

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

RESOLVED to approve:

- (1) disposal of the freehold interest in the asset on the open market; and
- (2) reinvestment of the capital receipt from the disposal in the housing capital program for improving, repairing and maintaining the housing stock and/ or for building or enabling new affordable housing.

CHAIR