

CABINET**17:35 to 18:30****9 December 2015**

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

Also present: Councillors Haynes and Wright

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS / PETITIONS

No public questions were received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2015.

5. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 – PERIOD 7

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

In response to members questions, the chief finance officer said that the overspend showing under democratic services was the result of the timing of the report. The expenditure on the 2015 combined election had been incurred and the government would reimburse costs of the parliamentary election having assessed our claim. The executive head of business relationship management and democracy said that the claim had been submitted.

RESOLVED to note the financial position as at 31 October 2015 and the forecast outturn 2015-16

6. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – MID-YEAR REVIEW 2015-16

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

RESOLVED to:

- a) note the report and the treasury activity; and
- b) approve the revised prudential indicators.

7. QUARTER 2 2015-16 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The leader of the council presented the report. He said that work was underway to identify accident hotspots to try to reduce the number of accident casualties on Norwich roads and that the Push the Pedalways scheme should see an improvement in cycling rates. The cabinet member for environment and sustainable development reminded members that the Norwich Highways Agency Committee looked at transportation figures in detail.

In response to a member's question, the executive head of strategy, people and neighbourhoods said that measure HCH3, the number of empty homes brought back into use, had seen a delay in improvement due to enforcement cases and legal action or probate issues. However, he anticipated that the overall target should be reached at year end..

He said that new house building policies were being reviewed against new government policies. A report to the scrutiny committee on 17 December would provide more detail on this.

RESOLVED to:

- a) note the quarter 2 2015-16 performance report; and
- b) ask the head of city development services to circulate details to members on the work to mitigate accidents due to icy weather

8. HERITAGE INTERPRETATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - ADOPTION

The cabinet member for environment and sustainable development presented the report. He said that adoption of the supplementary planning document allowed the opportunity for the history of an area, which may have disappeared, to be shown again.

RESOLVED to adopt the *Heritage Interpretation Supplementary Planning Document* in accordance with regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration items *10 to *12 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***10. MANAGING ASSETS (HOUSING) – KEY DECISION (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The cabinet member for housing and wellbeing presented the report.

In response to a member's question, the operations director (NPS Norwich) offered to brief political groups on the process undertaken when assessing disposal of an asset.

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) the option to resettle the council tenants (where applicable) and to dispose of the freehold interest in the assets on the open market (the method of disposal being delegated to the head of city development services),
- b) an application, where necessary, to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, for consent to the disposal of the assets detailed in the report; and
- c) the capital receipt from the disposal be reinvested in the housing capital programme for improving, repairing and maintaining city council housing stock or for enabling new affordable housing.

***11. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ICT NETWORK – KEY DECISION (PARAGRAPH 3)**

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

RESOLVED to delegate to the Executive head of business relationship management and democracy in consultation with the portfolio holder for resources and income generation the award of the contract as detailed in the report.

***12. FUTURE PROVISION OF SERVICES INCLUDING FINANCE, ICT, REVENUES
AND BENEFITS – KEY DECISION (PARAGRAPH 4)**

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

The executive head of business relationship management and democracy answered member's questions.

RESOLVED to implement the recommendations as detailed in the report.

CHAIR