

**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