

**Cabinet****17:30 to 18:37****12 October 2016**

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

**1. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**2. Public questions / petitions**

There were no public questions or petitions.

**3. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Minutes of the meetings held on 16 September 2016**

**RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meetings held on 16 September 2016.

**5. Revenue budget monitoring 2016-17 – Period 5**

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

**RESOLVED** to note the financial position as at 31 August 2016 and the forecast outturn 2016-17.

**6. Council tax reduction scheme and discounts 2017-18**

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

**RESOLVED** to:

- a. consult with the public and preceptors on the working groups recommendations for changes to the CTRS and discounts for 2017-18
- b. delegate to the director of business services, in conjunction with the director of customers and culture, the final wording of the consultation questions.

## **7. Proposed variations to car parks fees and charges**

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

The cabinet member for resources and business liaison emphasised that the changes represented only modest increases, designed to keep pace with the market position. He added that car parks were a vital component of what Norwich has to offer as a destination.

In response to a member's question, the cabinet member for environment and sustainable development explained that the timing of the changes was not selected specifically to target Christmas visitors to the city. He emphasised that there were always large-scale events taking place in the city and that a decision needed to be taken and put into operation. The head of city development services also explained that the decision had always taken place at this time of year and that prices are always fairly and properly reviewed – and had not always led to price increases.

**RESOLVED** to:

- a. approve the revised fees and charges as set out in Appendix C and Appendix D of the report, to take effect from 14 November 2016; and,
- b. authorise the head of city development services to instruct NPLaw to undertake the necessary statutory procedures to introduce the new fees and charges, by means of a variation under Section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## **8. Update to the private sector financial assistance policy**

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

It was also agreed that in future, reports and discussion should refer to 'delayed discharge' rather than the phrase 'bed-blocking' which was considered de-humanising.

**RESOLVED** to approve two further financial assistance grants (hospital discharge and safe at home) to be included in the council's existing private sector financial assistance policy for home repair, improvement and adaptation.

## **9. Future arrangements for the operation of Norwich Enterprise Centre**

The leader of the council presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve extension of the existing operational agreement for Norwich Enterprise Centre and its continued operation as a hub for enterprise and business support centre in Norwich by Norfolk & Waveney Enterprise Services Limited (NWES).

## **10. Award of various contracts for structural repairs to council homes**

The cabinet member for council housing presented the report.

### **RESOLVED to:**

- a. approve the award of the structural repair and improvement contract for Heathgate Phase 3 – Concrete repairs and walkway membrane replacement; and,
- b. delegate to the director of neighbourhoods the authority to award the following three contracts in consultation with the cabinet member for council housing:
  - i. Derby Street Phases 3 and 4 – Concrete stair repairs and walkway membrane replacement
  - ii. Godric Place – Concrete stair repairs
  - iii. West Pottergate - Concrete repairs and walkway membrane replacement.

## **11. Contract award – Drain and sewer renovation and repairs, and water main replacement**

The cabinet member for council housing presented the report.

### **RESOLVED to:**

- a. note the award of the contract to UKDN Water (LG) Ltd for the drain and sewer renovation and repairs, and water main replacement service for a four-year period and;
- b. commit to spend up to £1,127,890 over the four-year period through this contract from within existing housing revenue account.

## **12. Procurement of structural repairs to St Giles multi-storey car park**

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

**RESOLVED** that delegated authority to award the contract be given to the director for regeneration and development in consultation with the portfolio holder for resources and income generation, following completion of the tender evaluation.

### **13. Healthy Norwich and reducing inequalities action plans**

The cabinet member for fairness and equality presented the report.

In response to a members question, the strategy manager explained that the city council can use its assets – such as parks – but since partnership working was vital to the work, the City Council was not the only player. As such it was vital to understand which outcomes sit within the control of the council and metrics should be focused around these areas.

Tracy Williams, chair of the Norwich clinical commissioning group, explained that the work of healthy Norwich makes measurable difference to the health of the city.

**RESOLVED** to approve the continued implementation of the Healthy Norwich and reducing inequalities action plans.

### **14. Exclusion of the public**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration items 15 (a) and (b) (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

### **15. Managing assets**

The cabinet member for council housing presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve the:

- a. disposal of the freehold interest in the assets on the open market; and,
- b. capital receipt from the disposals be reinvested in the housing capital program for improving, repairing and maintaining our housing stock or for enabling new affordable housing.

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