

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