



Cabinet (Resources) Panel Meeting

Minutes – 11 September 2013

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Andrew Johnson (chair)
Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Roger Lawrence
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Paul Sweet

In Attendance:-

Cllr Val Gibson – Cabinet Member Children and Families

Apologies for Absence:-

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Page

Staff

Simon Warren	Chief Executive
Keith Ireland	Strategic Director – Delivery
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director – Education and Enterprise
Mark Taylor	Assistant Director – Finance
Anthony Ivko	Assistant Director - Older People and Personalisation
Fiona Davis	Head of Service Governance and Regulatory
Liz Kiely	Democratic Services Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

24. **Declarations of interests**
 None submitted

25. **Minutes of the previous meeting (23 July 2013 and 11 September 2013)**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 23 July 2013 and 11 September 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

26. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

DECISION ITEMS (Amber – delegated to the Cabinet)

27. **Nomination to the Superannuation Joint Consultative Panel**

Resolved:

That Councillor Sweet be appointed to serve on the Superannuation Joint Consultative Panel for the ensuing municipal year

28. **FutureWorks Programme**

Resolved:

1. That the FutureWorks Target Operating Model be approved as the blueprint for the delivery of finance, HR, procurement, payroll and some support services by April 2014
2. That all necessary operational actions be taken by the Strategic Director Delivery to ensure the successful launch of Agresso and the Transactional Hub by 1 April 2014, together with the delivery of the benefits in accordance with the Final Business Case
3. That it be noted that the high level approach and timescales for implementing the Target Operating Model which will form the basis for detailed implementation plans be noted
4. That the first phase for implementing the Target Operating Model which includes the appointment of a leadership team by the Director for Delivery through delegated authority be noted
5. That the progress made by the programme since the last update report in July 2013 be noted
6. That the approach being taken to ensure that the programme benefits are identified, monitored and delivered be noted

29. **Placement of Young People with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities in Day and Residential Educational Institutions**

Resolved:

1. That the Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Learning in consultation with the Head of Service for Skills Development be authorised to confirm and sign contracts for the funding of day and residential education and training placements for 16-25 year old learners with a learning difficulty and/or disability
2. That the changes to the funding of education provision for young people aged 16-25 with learning difficulties and/or disabilities which take effect from September 2013 be noted

30. **Empty Property Strategy – Acquisition /Compulsory Purchase of 56 Church Street Bilston**

Resolved:

- 1 That the Council make the Wolverhampton City Council (56 Church Street, Bilston) Compulsory Purchase Order
- 2 That the Strategic Director for Education and Enterprise be authorised on behalf of the Council to:
 - acquire interests in the land within the Order either compulsorily or by agreement before or after making the Order
 - take all reasonable steps as soon as it is reasonably practical to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all Notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry
 - approve agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, and/or making arrangements for re-housing or relocation of any occupiers
 - approve the making of a General Vesting Declaration
 - approve the disposal of the whole and/or parts of the property under lease by auction, tender or private treaty

31. **Black Country Broadband Business Support Project**

Resolved:-

- 1 That the Wolverhampton City Council be the accountable body for the Black Country Broadband Business Support Project
- 2 That the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity in consultation with the Strategic Director Education and Enterprise and the Assistant Director Finance be authorised to sign off the bids for funding at full application stage
3. That, the collaboration agreement be entered into to enable delivery of the project and the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to execute the final collaboration agreements
- 4 That, it be noted that the Black Country Broadband Project is being developed utilising funding from the European Regional Development Funding and Growing Places with the potential to attract £1 million of grant funding into the Black Country

32. **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000**

Resolved:

1. That the political oversight function in respect to RIPA regulated activity be transferred from the Cabinet (Resources) panel to the Cabinet Member for City Services together with the associated amendment to the RIPA corporate policy

2. That the use of RIPA regulated techniques for the period 01/03/2013 to 31/08/2013 as part of the previously agreed procedures to ensure compliance with the Council's Covert Investigations Policy in delivering regulated activities
3. That it be noted that this will be the last update report to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel.

33. **Approval to Submit bid for "Tackling Rogue Landlord" funding**

Resolved:

That the submission of a bid for funding to the Department for Communities and Local Government to help tackle rogue landlord issues in Wolverhampton be approved

34. **Wolverhampton Frozen Home Delivered Meals Service**

Resolved:

1. That the proposed charges to fully recover the cost of providing a Frozen Home Delivered Meals Service to the residents of the City be approved
2. That future changes to fees and charges be implemented by a Green Decision report because charges will need to vary in accordance with any cost increases incurred for the supply of the frozen meals

35. **Open HR Improvement Programme- Policy Framework Phase 3**

Resolved;

1. That the principles of the Phase 3 policies detailed in Annex 1 – Flexible Working Policy and Annex 2 Employees' Code of Conduct be approved
2. That the consultation approach, process and timetables be noted

36. **Street Cleansing Optimisation Review Report and Proposal for Reconfiguration of the Preferred Service Delivery Model**

Resolved;

That Option 2 be approved as the preferred service delivery model that aligns cleansing cycles throughout the city and implements best practice in all areas which also allows the best utilisation of resources within programmed works deployed in areas in most need of cleansing

INFORMATION ITEMS

37. **Open Staffing Issues**

Resolved:

That the staffing establishment changes as detailed in the report be noted.

38. **Schedule of Green Decisions**

Resolved:

That the summary of open and exempt green decisions approved by the designated officer following consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member be noted.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

39. **Exclusion of press and public**

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Act set out below:

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Part 2 – exempt items, closed to the press and public

40. **Corporate procurement – award of contracts for works, goods and services**

Resolved:

1. That the contacts detailed in paragraph 1 of the report be awarded.
2. That it be noted that for each of the procurements and items within the report the appropriate Cabinet Member and Director/Assistant Director had been consulted and were supportive of the recommendations.

41. **Rating and Revenue Matters**

Resolved:

That the recommendations for the discretionary rate relief applications as detailed in the report be approved.

43. **Approval to Declare Daisy Bank Community Centre Surplus to Requirements and Disposal Methods**

Resolved:

That land and property at Daisy Bank Community Centre be declared surplus to requirements and disposed of in accordance with the strategy detailed in the report

44. **24 Hour Control Centre Grievance – Reimbursement in Respect of Underpayment for Sunday Working**

Resolved:

That the £64,000 reimbursement to staff affected by underpayments for Sunday working be funded from underspends within the Delivery Directorates approved 2013/2014 budget

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Exempt Staffing Issues

Resolved:

That the staffing establishment changes as detailed in the report be noted