



Cabinet (Resources) Panel Meeting

Minutes – 24 September 2013

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Andrew Johnson (chair)
Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Phillip Page
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Paul Sweet

In Attendance:-

Cllr Elias Mattu – Cabinet Member Leisure and Communities

Apologies for Absence:-

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Roger Lawrence

Staff

Simon Warren	Chief Executive
Keith Ireland	Strategic Director – Delivery
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director – Education and Enterprise
Mark Taylor	Assistant Director – Finance
J McElligott	Assistant Director - Education and Enterprise
Helen Price	HR Specialist Strategy and Policy
Liz Kiely	Democratic Services Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

46. **Declarations of interests**
 None submitted.

47. **Minutes of the previous meeting (11 September 2013)**

Resolved:

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

48. **Matters arising**

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

DECISION ITEMS (Amber – delegated to the Cabinet)

49. **Empty Property Strategy – 18 Woodland Crescent, Merry Hill, Wolverhampton**

Resolved:

1. That the property known as 18 Woodland Crescent, Merry Hill Wolverhampton identified under the Empty Property Strategy 2010-2015 be noted.
2. That officers enter into formal negotiations with the owner of 18 Woodland Crescent, Merry Hill, Wolverhampton with a view to acquiring the property by agreement.
3. That the use of Compulsory Purchase action be approved in principle.

INFORMATION ITEMS

50. **Open Staffing Issues**

Resolved:

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

51. **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

52. **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

53. 2014 Primary School Expansion- Funding Strategy

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet (Resources) Panel recommends the Council to approve:-
 - the funding strategy for the 2014 Primary School Expansion Programme
 - the use of capital receipts, including both sites ring-fenced to the BSF Programme and sites not ring-fenced to any particular programme to support the 2014 Primary School Expansion Programme's funding strategy
 - the establishment of a new capital budget to support the funding strategy for the 2014 Primary School Expansion Programme
 - the need for the Council to underwrite the costs of prudential borrowing prior to receipts being realised in the event that these costs cannot be charged to schools' budgets and the impact on the Council's budget.

2. That the need to undertake a 2015 Primary School Expansion Programme to ensure that the Council can continue to meet its statutory duties be noted.

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

Resolved:

1. That the contacts awarded using the ESPO framework for the supply of street lighting lamps and column commodities for an additional period of up to two years until 31 August 2015 be approved.
2. That the existing contracts with One Voice and Age UK be varied to ensure the continuity of provision of advocacy services for a three month period, whilst a tender is undertaken.
3. That an exemption to the Contracts Procedure Rules be approved to allow the Council to utilise the framework managed by the Football Foundation for the procurement of an artificial grass sports pitch for Our Lady and St Chads School and Sports College.

55. **Rating and Revenue Matters**

Resolved:

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

56. **Domestic Homicide Review – PCC Funding for Learning Lessons Across the West Midlands**

Resolved:

1. That the ring-fenced financial allocation made to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership from the Police and Crime Commissioner following a joint business case submission from the seven Community Safety Partnerships within the West Midlands be noted.
2. That Wolverhampton be the Lead Authority for financial accounting and commissioning purposes.
3. That the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Communities be authorised to approve the appointed commissioned service for this work.

57. **Thompson Avenue Development Update**

Keith Ireland reported that he had been in contact with Kier to discuss their history together with their status currently. They had confirmed in writing that as far as the housing element of their work was concerned they had not used the Black List.

Resolved:

1. That the affordable housing element be increased to a third of the total number of housing.
2. That the capital contribution to Kier be increased to fund the additional affordable units.
3. That the funding of additional costs arising from site abnormalities and scheme specific design requirements on Thompson Avenue be approved.
4. That approval be given to fund an increased quantum of photovoltaic panels on the new affordable housing to increase the renewable energy contribution.
5. That the rear access from the existing Thompson Avenue properties be removed, retaining access for owners or occupiers in so far as necessary providing alternative front hardstanding where it is not already in place and compensating Council tenants for abortive gating costs.
6. That it be noted that the Thompson Avenue scheme proceed with the benefit of the Council acquiring an additional site on Silver Birch Road.

58. **Bid to be Nominated as a Host City for the FIFA Under 20 World Cup 2017 event**

Resolved:

1. That in the event that Wolverhampton is selected as a potential host city, the Council enter into a contract with the Football Association to provide the necessary commitments to enable a bid to be submitted on behalf of Council.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Governance and Performance in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to approve any such contract on behalf of the Council.
3. That it be noted that the Council has submitted an expression of interest in Wolverhampton being a host city for the FIFA Under 20 Football World Cup should England be selected as the host nation.

59. **Provision of Electoral Management Services to South Staffordshire District Council**

Resolved:

That it be approved in principle for the Council to enter into any agreement with South Staffordshire District Council for the provision of electoral management services subject to clearance by the Council's insurers.

60.

Exempt Staffing Issues

Resolved:

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