



Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Minutes – 26 November 2013

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

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

In Attendance

Cllr Elias Mattu – Cabinet Member for
Leisure and Communities

Employees

Keith Ireland	Strategic Director – Delivery
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director – Education and Enterprise
Mark Taylor	Assistant Director – Finance
Wendy Trainor	Interim Chief Legal Officer
Andrew Merritt-Morling	Programme Manager
Peter Oakeshott	Head of Procurement
Steve Brotherton	Head of Commissioning Older People
Helen Rowney	Commissioning Officer
Liz Kiely	Democratic Support Officer
Matthew Vins	Graduate Management Trainee

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

86. Declarations of interests

Councillor Andrew Johnson declared non-pecuniary discloseable interests in:

- Agenda Item No 6: Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18 Quarter Two Review.
- Agenda Item No 13: Corporate Procurement Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services.

87. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (5 November 2013)

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 5 November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

88. Matters Arising

The Leader referred to Resolution 82 and advised that the matter which had been previously deferred had now been rectified.

RED ITEMS (Reserved to the Council)

89. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Update Quarter Two 2013/14

Resolved:

- (i) That Council be recommended to adopt the updated business plan as the approved Housing Revenue Account business plan including the capital programme for 2013 to 2017/18.
- (ii) That subject to consultation with tenants, the above- inflationary rent increases be implemented to address the shortfall in the HRA business plan noting that this would mean a rent increase of c.6.25% in April 2014, and 3.5-4% in subsequent years.
- (iii) That an indicative freeze in managing agents' allowances be put in place for the next five years.
- (iv) That Capital Expenditure Plans be reviewed and any further increases in capital expenditure be resisted except where that expenditure results in a net contribution to the plan and is affordable in the short-term.
- (v) That the forecast outturn against the 2013/14 revenue budget which is a surplus before allocations of £10.5 million compared to a budgeted surplus of £11.4 million be noted.

90. Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18 Quarter Two Review

Councillor Johnson asked for both himself and Councillor Reynolds to be provided with explanations in relation to the overspends as identified in Appendix B of the report.

Resolved:

- (i) That Council be recommended to approve the revised medium term General Fund (excluding housing) capital programme of £290.8 million for the period 2013/12 to 2017/18 including General Fund private sector housing, the total General Fund capital programme being £310.5 million.
- (ii) That virements totalling £3.8 million be approved in respect of ICT, Developments, Electric Vehicle Charging Points, i54 Travel Plan, Block 10 & 11 Wolverhampton Interchange and Youth Zone.
- (iii) That additional resources for existing schemes totalling £11.0 million be

- approved.
- (iv) That additional resources for new schemes totalling £1.6million be approved.
 - (v) That the 2013/14 updated schedules of works be approved for the following schemes:
 - Delivery ICTS Capital Programme
 - Education and Enterprise Corporate Asset Management
 - Schools, Skills and Learning Capital Maintenance and Basic Needs Grant
 - (vi) That the re-allocation of the Structural Maintenance rolling programme budget above the level of delegated authority be approved, the budget for D'Eyncourt Road will increase from £133,000 to £310,000.
 - (vii) That it be noted that a medium term budget of £232.3 million for the Housing Revenue Account and £19.7 million for the General Fund private sector housing budget is due for separate approval by Cabinet on 26 November.
 - (viii) That virements totalling £3.0 million in respect of Canalside Quarter, High Street Link and the Expansion of Primary School Places be noted.
 - (ix) That additional resources for new schemes totalling £19.4 million be noted.

91 Treasury Management Activity Monitoring – Mid Year Review 2013/14

Resolved:

- (i) That it be noted that the Council is continuing to operate within the Prudential and other Indicators and also within the requirements set out in the Council's approved Treasury Management Policy Statement .
- (ii) That it be noted that revenue savings of £870,000 for the General Fund and £2.8 million for the Housing Revenue Account are forecast from treasury management activities in 2013/14.
- (iii) That it be noted that a mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement had been undertaken and the Council was operating within the limits and requirements approved.
- (iv) That a report on charging for the use of credit cards be presented to the next meeting of the Panel.

DECISION ITEMS (Amber – Delegated to the Cabinet)

92. Empty Property Strategy – Compulsory Purchase of 8 Mandale Road, Fallings Park

Resolved:

- (i) That the Wolverhampton City Council (8 Mandale Road, Fallings Park, Wolverhampton) Compulsory Purchase Order 2013 be made.
- (ii) That the Strategic Director for Education and Enterprise on behalf of the Council:
 - 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

- acquire interests in the land within the Order either compulsorily or by agreement before or after making the order
- Approve agreements with landowners 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 to the making of a General Vesting Declaration
- Approve the disposal of the property by auction, tender or private treaty

93. Regional Growth Fund and European Regional Developments Fund – Approval of Collaboration Agreements

Resolved:

- (i) That specific collaboration agreements be approved where funds are in the process of being secured to enable delivery of the Growing Priority Sectors and Growth Factory projects and the Chief Legal Officer to be authorised to execute the final collaboration agreement
- (ii) That the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity in consultation with the Strategic Director for Education and Enterprise and the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to approve the terms of future collaboration agreements in conjunction with other Black Country Local Authorities and Black Country Consortium.

94. Funding Transfer from NHS England to Social Care 2013/14

Resolved:-

That the Council enter into an agreement under Section 256 of the National Health Act 2006 with the relevant National Health Service Body setting out that the relevant National Health Service body will provide the sum of £4.922 million to the Council which will be ring fenced for the provision of adult social care.

INFORMATION ITEMS

95. Schedule of Green Decisions

Resolved:

That the summary of open and exempt green decisions approved by Cabinet Members, following consultation with the appropriate employee, be noted.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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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:

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Applicable paragraph</i>
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services

14	Rating and Revenue	3
15	Community Hubs Programme	3
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Part 2 – exempt items, closed to the press and public

97. Corporate Procurement – Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services

Resolved:

- (i) That the contract for the provision of African, Caribbean and Dual Heritage Community Support Service be awarded to the African Caribbean Community Initiative of Whitmore Reans for a three year term commencing April 2014
- (ii) That the contract for Preventative Services be awarded to Walsall Housing Group of Walsall for a term of up to four years
- (iii) That the contract for Long Term Reablement Support for People with Mental Ill Health be awarded to Midland Heart of Birmingham for a term of five years with the option to extend by a further year
- (iv) That the contract for maintenance and repair of patient handling equipment for social care establishments be awarded to Medequip Assistive Technology of Middlesex for a term of three years plus an option to extend for up to one year
- (v) That the contract for maintenance and repair of patient handling equipment for Independent Living Service be awarded to NRS Healthcare of Leicestershire for a term of three years plus an option to extend for up to one year
- (vi) That the contract for the provision of gully cleansing and ancillary services be awarded to Gwynedd Environmental Waste Services Ltd T/A GEWS Ltd of Shrewsbury of a term of two years with an option to extend for a further two years
- (vii) That the contract for maintenance of land and highway drainage be awarded to Drainage and Civil Engineering Ltd of Wolverhampton for a term of two years with an option to extend for a further two years
- (viii) That the contract for an Urban Traffic Management and Control Common Database be awarded to Cloud Amber of Bristol for a term of ten years.
- (ix) That the existing agreement with Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council for the provision of support to self-help groups be varied to include the empowerment and enablement group for an annual fixed

term sum this payment would be in addition to the current annual contract.

- (x) That the existing contract for the provision of a highways asset management service with Pitney Bowes Systems of Hatfield be extended and varied for a period of two years to include an asset management service for the grounds maintenance service.
- (xi) That the Sub Regional Foster Care Contract be extended for a twelve month period from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 to facilitate a full service review at an unknown contract value due to the demand led nature of the service provision.
- (xii) That it be noted that for each of the procurements and items within the report the appropriate Cabinet Member and Director/Assistant Director have been consulted and are supportive of the recommendations.
- (xiii) That the new format report to assist in proper governance and decision making as and where necessary be noted.

98. **Rating and Revenue Matters**

Resolved:

That the recommendations for discretionary rate relief applications be approved.

99. **Community Hubs Programme**

Resolved:

- (i) That the following Individual Decision Notices be endorsed:
 - Acceptance of Tender Phase One Community Hubs Ashmore Park (16 July 2013)
 - Acceptance of Tender Phase One Community Hubs Long Knowle (16 August 2013)
 - Acceptance of Tender Phase One Community Hubs Pendeford/Priory Green(16 August 2013)
 - Acceptance of Tender Phase One Community Hubs Wednesfield (21 October 2013)
- (ii) That the execution of the individual agreements by the Chief Legal Officer following the Individual Decision Notices be endorsed.
- (iii) That the cessation of the Parkfields element of the Community Hubs be endorsed

100. **Changes to Employee Establishment**

Resolved:

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