



Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Minutes - 8 July 2014

Attendance

Members of the Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Cllr Andrew Johnson (Chair)
Cllr Peter Bilson
Cllr Steve Evans
Cllr Phil Page
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Paul Sweet

Employees

Robert Baldwin	Lead Lawyer, Delivery
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director, Education and Enterprise
Kathy Roper	Head of Young Adults Commissioning
Mark Taylor	Assistant Director, Finance
Tessa Johnson	Graduate Management Trainee

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lawrence.
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 4 **Matters arising**
There were no matters rising.
- 5 **Grant agreement with the Education Funding Agency for 16 - 19 Education and Training funding**
Cllr Page introduced the report.

Resolved:

To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Learning, in consultation with the Assistant Director Finance, to confirm and sign the Grant Agreement with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as soon as it is received by the Council for the funding total detailed in the EFA Payment Schedule for local authority maintained schools' sixth forms, the Adult

Education Service (AES) and special schools with sixth form provision, for the academic year 2014/15, which will be approximately £7 million. The actual amount will be confirmed by the EFA in the Grant Agreement

6 Special Educational Needs and Disability Reform

Cllr Gibson introduced the report and reiterated that the grant was from the government and incurred no additional cost to the Council. This report outlined how the grant will be spent, with additional capacity added to enable delivery of changes introduced by central government.

Resolved:

To approve the expenditure of £188,000 to be funded from the SEND Reform Grant to fund the Implementation of the Children and Families Act 2014 in relation to disabled children.

7 Schedule of Individual Executive Decision Notices

Resolved:

To note the summary of Individual Executive Decisions approved by the appropriate Cabinet Member or Cabinet Members, following consultation with relevant senior employees.

8 Exclusion of the 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 items 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>
9	Land at Proud's Lane, Bilston (Former Bilston Leisure Centre)	3
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9 Land at Proud's Lane, Bilston (Former Bilston Leisure Centre)

Cllr Bilson introduced the report. There was a discussion regarding the potential implications for the capital budget.

Resolved:

To approve the termination of negotiations between the Council and Heantun Housing Association for the sale of the site of the former Bilston Leisure Centre, Prouds Lane, Bilston and approve the remarketing of the site.

10 **Bowman's Harbour Monitoring and Landfill Gas Specialist**

Cllr Reynolds introduced the report.

Resolved:

1. To approve a dispensation from the Council's tendering requirements as set out in the Contract Procedure Rules in relation to the gas monitoring/maintenance contract at Bowman's Harbour.
2. To approve the appointment of Enitial as environmental monitoring and landfill gas specialists for the Bowmans Harbour site, for a period of two years.
3. To authorise the execution of the contract by the Chief Legal Officer.

11 **Low Hill Pods - Pod Properties**

Cllr Bilson introduced the report and added that this report was part of a wider complex issue. Cllr Sweet acknowledged that there had been a lot of work to solve this issue.

Resolved:

1. Agree to proceed with a second phase of consultation with private owners on a revised set of options based upon those originally proposed in order to obtain a final decision from the private owner.
2. Agree to re-house tenants from conjoining council owned pod properties and award Band 1 priority together with the Home loss and disturbance payments set out in the report.
3. Agree to ring-fence void properties on the Low Hill estate for transfers from tenanted pod properties conjoined to privately owned properties. This will permit these residents to have access to local refurbished voids, and provide an incentive for them to move.
4. Agree to relax the allocations eligibility rules for tenants in pod properties conjoined to privately owned properties where the owner has refused to sell. This will permit residents to have access to properties equivalent in size to those which they are leaving, and provide an incentive for them to move.
5. Agree to give delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Regeneration to consider the future use or disposal of Low Hill conjoined pod properties purchased and any Low Hill Council-owned conjoined pod properties that become vacant.

12 **Utilisation of Rocket Pool Youth Centre for Children Centre's Provision**
Cllr Gibson introduced the report.

Resolved:

1. To agree to remove Rocket Pool Youth Centre from public sale and reduce the capital receipts requirements from the disposal programme in 2014/15.
2. To transfer the use of the building to the Governing Body of Bilston Nursery School for the operation of Children's Centre services on a peppercorn rental basis
3. To seek to recoup the loss of capital receipt and refurbishment costs from St Martin's Primary School
4. To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Strategic Director for Education and Enterprise for approval of the capital expenditure on the children's centre facilities