

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 10 April 2013 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: Friday 12 April 2013

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Thursday 18 April 2013

The decision can be implemented from Friday 19 April 2013

Item No

8. THE FUTURE OF STOCKSBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE

8.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report seeking a decision on the funding of the centre and on possible next steps.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) withdraws the £400,000 annual subsidy from Stocksbridge Leisure Centre and serves notice to terminate the Charity Lease;
- (b) directs that officers continue to work closely with all interested parties in seeking an affordable and sustainable solution for a new build pool in Stocksbridge and continue to work with user groups at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre to identify possible alternative venues in the area in advance of potential closure or mothballing of the venue;
- (c) directs that officers urgently consider the outline business plan submitted by 4SLC in accordance with the authority delegated in accordance with recommendation (f) and to invite Stocksbridge Town Council and other interested parties to indicate by no later than 19 April 2013 whether they wished to become the sole trustee of the Oxley Park Charity effective from 1 May 2013 (or the earliest feasible date thereafter) and if so:-
 - (i) demonstrating a viable business case for the City Council to offer Stocksbridge Town Council or another interested party non-recurring revenue funding for Stocksbridge Leisure Centre in 2013/14 up to a maximum of £125,000 in order to fund EITHER the necessary security and safety arrangements required to mothball Stocksbridge Leisure Centre from 1 May 2013, through to a date no later than 31 August 2013, and to allow further time for Stocksbridge Town Council or another interested party to develop a viable business plan to operate the leisure centre from 1 September 2013 OR as a contribution to the costs of operating Stocksbridge Leisure Centre (in whole or part) from 1 May 2013

based upon the implementation of a viable business plan approved by the City Council prior to that date; and

- (d) resolves that Cabinet, on behalf of the City Council acting in its capacity as Trustee of the Oxley Park Charity resolve, in the event that Stocksbridge Town Council or another interested party communicates a desire to become a sole trustee of the Oxley Park Charity and complies with resolution (c) and (c) (i), to appoint Stocksbridge Town Council or another interested party as a trustee of the Charity and for the Council to resign as trustee of the Charity.
- (e) resolves that, in the event that Stocksbridge Town Council or any other interested party either states that it does not wish to become the sole trustee of the Oxley Park Charity or does not provide a viable business case in accordance with resolution (c) and (c) (i) :-
 - (i) to, in the event that Cabinet on behalf of the City Council acting in its capacity as Trustee of the Oxley Park Charity resolves to close Stocksbridge Leisure Centre and requests that the City Council demolish the buildings and restore the site, arrange and fund the demolition and the reinstatement of the site to parkland; and
 - (ii) to request Sheffield City Trust to conclude the necessary staff redundancy programme at the earliest opportunity with the City Council funding the redundancy payments for the relevant staff.
- (f) delegates to the Executive Director, Place in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, Director of Finance and the Director of Property and Facilities Management and the relevant Cabinet Member the authority to:-
 - (i) determine whether any proposal put forward by Stocksbridge Town Council or another interested party demonstrates a sufficient case to justify the City Council providing revenue funding to Stocksbridge Town Council or another interested party for the purpose specified in resolution (c) or (c) (i); and
 - (ii) enter into any necessary arrangements and documents to put into effect the outcomes in relation to the resolutions above.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

- 8.3.1 The Government has cut Sheffield City Council funding over the last 2 years as part of its deficit reduction programme. At the same time, the City Council has had to deal with rising costs and increased demand for its services.
- 8.3.2 The combined impact of these changes has been significant and the Council has already had to find £130m of savings to balance the books.

- 8.3.3 The Council has managed to find these savings without high profile and widespread service closures partly because it has cut back hard on administrative costs like ICT and training, reduced senior management costs, made savings on accommodation and invested in preventative work that reduces demand for more expensive services.
- 8.3.4 The Government announced before Christmas that public spending cuts would continue till 2018 and that Sheffield City Council funding would continue to be cut for 2 years (at least).
- 8.3.5 In 2013/14, Sheffield City Council needs to find £50 million of savings to balance the books, and the savings required to balance the budget in 2014/15 will probably be at least the same again.
- 8.3.6 The continued squeeze on budgets means that the City Council has to make some very difficult choices. The City Council priorities will focus on supporting those people who are most vulnerable; safeguarding children, adult social care and measures to support young people into employment. It is inevitable therefore that cuts to the City's sports facilities have a part to play in the Council's budget setting.
- 8.3.7 The City Council's analysis of facilities concluded that Stocksbridge Leisure Centre is a large and expensive district facility with relatively low visit levels. To achieve a similar level of saving from alternative facility closures would impact on far greater numbers of people. For example, the closure of similar sized/cost venues such as Concord Sports Centre and Hillsborough Leisure Centre would impact on 400,000 visits and 650,000 visits (respectively), as opposed to the 142,000 visits at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre.
- 8.3.8 The Citywide facility assessment has been endorsed by the independent consultants' report which did *'not find anything which would challenge the City Council (facility) assessment'* and which recognised the City Council assessment was based on making decisions *'which has (sic) the least adverse impact on the least number of residents'*. The report said that the way forward is for a new low cost pool to be built in Stocksbridge given that *'the closure would still leave demands for a local replacement'*. Whilst the report concluded it *'will be very difficult, if not impossible, to operate the current Stocksbridge Leisure Centre on a community basis'* it suggested that *'it seems prudent to first explore whether there are viable proposals and/or solutions emerging from the community'*. It therefore said that it *'may require a period of mothballing (of the existing centre) prior to a potential re-opening to allow a new management solution and business plan to be developed'*. The consultants also concluded that *'much of the dry side demand can be met from within alternative existing facilities'*.

8.3.9 It should be noted that during the consultation period to date, no alternative sources of revenue funding have been identified or forthcoming.

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0 The recommendations set out in this report reflect the conclusions of the consultants' report and note the views of 4SLC which said (in a report to SCC and the consultants dated 26 February 2013) that *'we recognise that there is a budget deficit on Stocksbridge Leisure Centre that is unsustainable'* and that *'the ideal longer term solution may be to (sic) a new build and more financially sustainable facility in Stocksbridge'*. The February report by 4SLC also called for Stocksbridge Leisure Centre to be operated on a *'reduced cost basis for a short-term period'* to allow time to *'generate a full business plan'*.

8.3.1
1 The 4SLC report dated 25 March called for the continued operation of the entire centre whilst *'an alternative business structure'* is developed. It also indicated that in 2015 work should start on planning for a *'replacement sports and leisure centre in Stocksbridge.'*

8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 The Council has assessed all facilities in terms of potential savings and the impact of any closures across the City. The conclusions of the Citywide analysis match those of the consultants i.e. that alternative facility closures (to Stocksbridge Leisure Centre), to achieve a similar level of saving would impact on a far greater number of people and therefore have greater impact on sports participation and health.

8.4.2 In addition, the independent consultants' report examined all options for alternative provision of facilities within the town. It concluded that a new build, (small) lower cost pool would be the best way forward. It also recognised that mothballing or temporary operation of the existing centre for a limited period to allow further time for development of a business may be an option.

8.4.3 4SLC has also reviewed options. It concluded in its report (February 2016) that the budget deficit for the City Council is *'unsustainable'* and that the *'ideal longer term solution may to be (sic) a new build and more financially sustainable facility in Stocksbridge'*. 4SLC also called for Stocksbridge Leisure Centre to be operated on a *'reduced cost basis for a short-term period'* to allow time to *'generate a full business plan'*. The 4SLC report (dated March 25) offered an *'outline business case'* which concluded that Stocksbridge Leisure Centre should remain open and could be operated at a considerably reduced cost. It proposes that Sheffield International Venues remains as the operator, with community management taking over within 2 years.

8.4.4 The report acknowledged that it was a *'first step in producing a viable business plan'* and *'did not set out to be a fully detailed and extensively researched document'*. Sheffield City Council has agreed to meet 4SLC at the earliest opportunity to discuss the plan as part of the on-going consultation process.

8.4.5 It should be noted that the consultation period has so far not identified any alternative revenue funding to support Stocksbridge Leisure Centre. The City Council suggested to the Town Council at the 11 March meeting that they may have to be part of any future solution to Stocksbridge Leisure Centre. To date there has been no offer of potential financial support to the Council.

8.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

8.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

8.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

8.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

9. STOCKSBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE (OXLEY PARK TRUST)

9.1 The Executive Director, Place, submitted a report recommending that, if no viable business plan is forthcoming, Cabinet, on behalf of the City Council acting in its capacity as trustee of the Oxley Park Charity close Stocksbridge Leisure Centre because the Charity has insufficient funds itself to operate the facility.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet, on behalf of the City Council acting in its capacity as Trustee of the Oxley Park Charity:-

(a) closes Stocksbridge Leisure Centre from 30 April 2013, unless a viable business plan for the continued running of the Leisure Centre, is forthcoming from the Stocksbridge Town Council or another organisation, prior to that date, that has been approved by the City Council;

(b) formally requests that the City Council, in the event that no approved business plan is produced and no funding is made

available to the Charity for the security of the buildings following the closure of the Leisure Centre, to fund and arrange for the demolition of the buildings and the restoration of the site as park land;

- (c) resolves that, if a viable business plan is put forward and approved by the City Council to appoint Stocksbridge Town Council or another organisation (subject to them being properly constituted and suitable to act in that capacity) as a trustee of the Charity and for the City Council to resign as a trustee of the Charity;
- (d) requests that, if the Leisure Centre buildings are demolished and the site restored to park land, a report from a qualified surveyor (who may be employed by the City Council) on the future use/disposal of the land in such a way as to maximise the charitable objectives of the Trust and taking into account the views of the community; and
- (e) in the event that the disposal of all or part of the land is proposed by such a report, instructs Legal Services to enter into negotiations with the Charity Commission to obtain a "Scheme" to authorise the disposal and requests that a qualified Surveyor (who may be employed by the City Council) advises upon the best method of disposal and prepares a valuation report for the land that complies.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

- 9.3.1 Oxley Park Charity cannot afford the operation or upkeep of the building without financial support. The recommendation is therefore to close the centre and in order to minimise the health and safety risk from the vacant building and for it to be demolished unless a viable alternative can be proposed.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 9.4.1 Stocksbridge Town Council and other organisations had been given the opportunity to produce a viable business plan for the continued running of the Leisure Centre, which the City Council had resolved to give due consideration to.

9.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

9.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

9.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

1.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

10. **THE FUTURE USE OF THE DON VALLEY STADIUM AND RE-OPENING OF THE WOODBOURN ATHLETICS STADIUM**

10.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report seeking a Cabinet decision on accepting the closure of the Don Valley Stadium and to declare the site surplus to service requirements. It also sought approval to re-open a refurbished Woodbourn Athletics Stadium as the new home for City athletics.

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes and accepts the Sheffield City Trust proposal to close Don Valley Stadium from 30 September 2013;
- (b) approves the demolition of Don Valley Stadium following its closure and to declare the site surplus to service requirements, enabling alternative options for the site to be fully considered;
- (c) delegates to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and Director of Finance (and where they relate to property arrangements in consultation with the Director of Capital and Major Projects) the authority to agree such amendments to or consents under the legal arrangements with Sheffield City Trust and Sheffield International Venues as well with the leasing banks as appropriate to achieve the closure and demolition of Don Valley Stadium;
- (d) notes the proposal to re-open a refurbished Woodbourn Athletics Stadium;
- (e) delegates to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, Director of Finance and the Director of Capital and Major Projects the authority to enter into such legal arrangements as appropriate to achieve the refurbishment and re-opening of Woodbourn Athletics Stadium;
- (f) notes that a separate capital approval submission will be made for the necessary authority to undertake and procure the proposed works at Woodbourn Stadium; and
- (g) delegates to the Executive Director, Place to take further steps as he thinks appropriate to achieve the outcomes outlined in the report, including entering into arrangements with third parties.

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

1.3.1 The City Council has to make savings of £50m in 2013/14, largely as a result of significant reductions in Government funding. The City's sports facilities have to take a share of the cuts and the closure of Don Valley Stadium was recommended by the Sheffield City Trust because of its high cost; its relatively low usage and the availability of an alternative low cost/high quality athletics facility at Woodbourn Road. The City's athletics clubs have indicated a willingness to relocate outdoor athletics to Woodbourn and the City is already working with Sport England and England Athletics (athletics' national governing body) on a joint approach to its refurbishment.

10.3.2 Work is also underway regarding the relocation of other activities from Don Valley to alternative suitable venues.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 Both the City Council and Sheffield City Trust have considered a wide range of options to achieve the necessary budget reductions and both have concluded that this option is the one that has the least impact on sports participation and health in the City. The alternative would be the closure of several community facilities that would have far higher adverse impact.

10.4.2 Work is on-going to review future options for the stadium and/or site beyond its closure in September.

10.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

10.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

10.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

10.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

11. **REDUCING LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES: REPAIR AND PURCHASE SCHEME**

11.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report requesting approval to establish a Purchase and Repair scheme whereby Sheffield City Council will purchase Long Term Empty Properties (LTEs) from owners, where the properties have been empty for an average of 2 years across the scheme.

The Purchase and Repair Scheme will target properties that help the Council meet its strategic housing objectives, increasing the delivery and range of quality affordable homes, in safe, sustainable places where people want to live. The Council will refurbish the properties to the Homes and Community Agency's Design and Quality Standards and they will become permanent Council housing. They will then provide affordable rented homes for the City and help to reduce the number of LTE properties on the Council Tax register.

11.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the establishment of a Purchase and Repair Scheme as outlined in the report, subject to funding;
- (b) approves the use of prudential borrowing against the Housing Revenue Account of £2,260,000
- (c) resolves that for the duration of the funding agreement with the HCA an affordable rent as set in accordance with the terms of the agreement constitutes a reasonable charge for the occupation of properties purchased for this scheme; and
- (d) notes that a capital approval submission for the expenditure has been submitted as part of the agreed monthly budget monitoring process to authorise and procure the necessary capital.

11.3 **Reasons for Decision**

- 11.3. 1 The Council has identified a strategic need to deliver more affordable housing across the City, helping to meet the demand for affordable rented properties across Sheffield.
- 11.3. 2 It will contribute towards place shaping and the regeneration of neighbourhoods, enabling the Council to improve (sometimes eyesore) properties through refurbishment. This will benefit local neighbourhoods.
- 11.3. 3 It will bring more long term empty properties back into use and reduce the number of LTEs on the Council Tax register. This will help to maximise the NHB and AHB payable to the Council by government.
- 11.3. 4 It will help reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime that can be associated with LTEs.
- 11.3. 5 The scheme will provide the Council with increased assets by increasing its housing stock.
- 11.3. 6 It has the opportunity to deliver many reputational benefits for the Council as the scheme will result in both reduction in LTEs and provision of affordable housing.

11.3. This scheme is an additional tool which can run alongside and compliment
7 the other options the Council have in place to help to bring LTEs back into use.

11.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

11.4. No Purchase and Repair Scheme:

1 Outputs

- No Purchase and Repair Scheme will see fewer LTEs brought back into use. Having fewer methods in which to tackle LTEs will potentially mean fewer LTEs brought back into use and that the Council is less likely to deliver its strategic housing objectives as effectively.
- No Purchase and Repair Scheme will also result in a potential resource of affordable housing in the City not being utilised.
- Loss of HCA grant funding.

Benefits

- There will be no need to use prudential borrowing to fund the scheme and no risk to the HRA.

Outline Costs

- By not having a Purchase and Repair scheme there will be the potential loss of the NHB and AHB that would be payable for the 31 properties brought back into use by this scheme. There would also be no HCA grant funding.
- However, no prudential borrowing against the HRA.

Risks

- Strategic, we fail to utilise on a resource to help us meet the increasing demand for housing of all tenures, but especially affordable, across the City.
- Empty properties continue to impact negatively on the success and sustainability of the City's neighbourhoods.
- Financial, it could have a negative impact on the NHB/AHB.
- Reputational, an increase in LTEs or lack of methods to deal with them has a detrimental impact on the quality of neighbourhoods.

11.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

11.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

11.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

11.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Safer and Stronger Communities

12. CORPORATE BUILDINGS STATUTORY SERVICING AND REPAIRS CONTRACT

12.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report recommending that the statutory servicing and repairs contract for the corporate estate is procured in the open market to seek a contractor to deliver this service post-2014 for a duration of 2 years with an option to extend by up to 3 years.

12.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the procurement of a single contractor – by way of OJEU competitive tender via restricted procedure, to deliver the services that form part of the corporate statutory and repairs contract from 1 April 2014 to 3 June 2016 with an option to extend by up to 3 years;
- (b) approves the proposed key attributes that will be contained in the propose contract, as outlined in Section 7 of the report;
- (c) resolves that the bidders need to comply with TUPE and the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service contracts. The transferee organization (primary service provider) will be responsible for the observance of the Code by the new employer;
- (d) approves that the contract provides the opportunity for third parties (for example School/Trusts/Public Sector Bodies) accessing the contract outside the “traded service” provisions) to have a “Call Off” arrangement based on a 2% Procurement Contribution Fee. If third parties would like Sheffield City Council to provide a contract management service this would be subject to further discussion via the ‘traded service’ provision and an enhanced fee to reflect the additional support required; and
- (e) grants delegated powers to the Director of Commercial Services or his nominated representative, in conjunction with the Director of Capital and Major Projects and the Head of Transport and Facilities Management, to ensure delivery of the stated objectives, including if required varying the scope of this contract, subject to being within approved budget limits, accept tenders and award a Contract for this Project.

112.3 Reasons for Decision

12.3. The current contract for the corporate estate for repairs and maintenance
1 expires in April 2014 and this service needs to be re-let on the open market

to secure a contract in accordance with the Council's Contracts Standing Orders and the European Union Procurement Rules (which will be adhered to throughout the procurement). The tender process will be competitive and follow the principles of transparency and non-discrimination, and delivering value for money.

12.3. The Council needs to maximise value for money and deliver an excellent statutory servicing and repairs service in the context of increasing financial constraints and spending pressures, and provide flexibility for the Council for future options.
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12.3. This service will ensure that Sheffield City Council meet their responsibilities regarding statutory obligations with respect to Health and Safety in and around buildings and ensure that repairs and maintenance are carried out with due attention to customer care, health and safety and 'right first time'.
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12.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

12.4. No alternatives were considered or rejected.
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12.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

12.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

12.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Resources

12.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Safer and Stronger Communities

13. **CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES RE-TENDER FOR SOCIAL HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

13.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report recommending that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) repairs and Maintenance service is procured in the open market to seek a contractor to deliver this service post-April 2014 for a duration of 3 years with an option to extend by up to a further 2 years depending on a value for money assessment.

13.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the procurement of a contractor, by way of a competitive tender and advertised in the OJEU via the restricted procedure, to deliver the services that form part of the housing repairs and maintenance contract, as outlined in paragraph 1.2 of the report, from 1 April 2014;
- (b) delegates to the Director of Commercial Services, Executive Director, Place and Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration the authority to agree which option to proceed with in terms of providing overall value for money;
- (c) approves the proposed key attributes to be contained in the proposed contract as outlined in section 6 of the report;
- (d) requests that the statutory leaseholder consultation by Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 as amended by the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act is adhered to and approved;
- (e) resolves that the bidders need to comply with TUPE and the Sheffield City Council Code of Good Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service Contracts. The transferee organisation (primary service provider) will be responsible for the observance of the Code by the new employer. The contract should provide the opportunity for Third Parties (for example School/Trusts/Registered Social Landlords to have a "Call Off" arrangement based on a "% procurement contribution fee;
- (f) requests that the Council undertake an independent and concurrent quality assurance review of the process majoring on how best to minimise risk and to ensure that we deliver the desired outcome; and
- (g) grants delegated powers to the Director of Commercial Services or his nominated representative, in conjunction with the Director of Resources and Director of Housing, to ensure delivery of the stated objectives, including if required varying the requirements of this contract in relation to the outcome of the independent quality assurance review (subject to being within approved budget limits), accept tenders and award a Contract for this Project.

13.3 **Reasons for Decision**

- 13.3.1 The current contract for housing repairs and maintenance expires in April 2014 and this service needs to be re-let on the open market to secure a new contract in accordance with the Council's Contracts Standing Orders and the European Union Procurement Rules (which will be adhered to throughout the procurement). The tender process will be competitive and follow the principles of transparency and non-discrimination, and facilitate the achievement of value for money.

13.3. To maximise value for money and deliver an excellent repairs and
2 maintenance service in the context of a challenging housing financial
regime and current economic climate.

13.3. To provide a future opportunity to in-source this service and develop a fully
3 integrated Housing and Repairs Service.

13.3. This service will contribute to making neighbourhoods a great place to live
5 by ensuring that repairs and maintenance are carried out with due attention
to customer care, health and safety and 'right first time'.

13.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

13.4. No alternatives were considered or rejected.
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13.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

13.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

13.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

1.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision
Called In**

Safer and Stronger Communities

14. **AN ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY FOR SHEFFIELD**

14.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report setting out the strategy
and 2020 vision for Sheffield's economy

14.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet endorses the Economic Growth Strategy as a
statement of the City's economic priorities.

14.3 **Reasons for Decision**

14.3. By setting out the City's future economic priorities this growth strategy aims
1 to establish the right conditions in the City for long term economic success
to the benefit of Sheffield residents and businesses.

14.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

14.4. 1 The difficult economic climate has many social, environmental and economic impacts and economic growth is essential to addressing these impacts on the City's wellbeing, both in the present and the future. In the face of reduced availability of both public and private sector finance the City must have a clear economic strategy to enable partners to prioritise activities. Without an economic strategy, partners could not combine their collective strength to effectively address the right issues to drive growth – causing delivery to be uncoordinated and for the City to miss new opportunities.

14.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

14.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

14.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

1.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

15. **REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2012/13 (MONTH 10)**

15.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing the month 10 monitoring statement on the City Council's Revenue and Capital Budget for 2012/13.

15.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

(a) notes the updated information and management actions provided by the report on the 2012/13 budget position;

(b) In relation to the Capital Programme:-

(i) approves the proposed additions, cancellation and variation to the capital programme listed in Appendix 2, including the procurement strategies and delegations of authority to the Director of Commercial Services or Delegated Officer, as appropriate, to award the necessary contracts following stage approval by Capital Programme Group;

(ii) approves the proposed variations in Appendix 2 of the report within their delegated authority; and notes

(iii) the latest position on the Capital Programme including the current level of delivery and forecasting performance.

15.3 Reasons for Decision

15.3. To formally record changes to the Revenue Budget and the Capital
1 Programme and gain Member approval for changes in line with Financial Regulations and to reset the Capital Programme in line with latest information.

15.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

15.4. A number of alternative courses of action were considered as part of the
1 process undertaken by Officers before decisions were recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represented what Officers believed to be the best options available to the Council, in line with Council priorities, given the constraints on funding and the use to which funding was put within the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.

15.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

15.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

15.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Resources

1.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee