

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 23 July 2014 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: Friday 25 July 2014

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Thursday 31 July 2014

The decision can be implemented from Friday 1 August 2014

Item No

8. SHEFFIELD NEW RETAIL QUARTER - STEPS TOWARDS DELIVERY

8.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report in relation to the New Retail Quarter and steps towards its delivery.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the decision of the Leader, taken on 6 June 2014, to approve a strategy for delivery of a new retail quarter for Sheffield City Centre;
- (b) delegates authority to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Executive Director, Resources, Director of Commercial Services, Director of Capital and Major Projects and Director of Legal and Governance to agree the procurement strategy to seek a development/investor partner for delivery of the New Retail Quarter;
- (c) subject to complying with the Council's capital approvals processes, delegates authority to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, the Executive Director, Resources, Director of Commercial Services, Director of Capital and Major Projects and Director of Legal and Governance to negotiate and award contracts following the procurement process;
- (d) subject to complying with the Council's normal budget processes and financial regulations, delegates authority to the Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Executive Director, Place to borrow, based on the Tax Incremental Financing income streams and to make other investment to support the costs of delivering the New Retail Quarter;
- (e) notes the decision of Cabinet on 1 August 2012 to authorise the creation of a Sheffield Investment Fund and to note the proposal in the report as to the proposals of using such a fund for regeneration of the City Centre;
- (f) delegates authority to the Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development and the Executive Director, Place to place any surplus Tax Incremental Finance

funding, income and investment returns from the New Retail Quarter into a Sheffield City Centre Investment Fund; and

- (g) delegates authority to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, the Executive Director, Resources, Director of Commercial Services, Director of Capital and Major Projects and Director of Legal and Governance to take such steps considered appropriate to achieve the outcomes in the report including;
 - (i) to negotiate, agree and complete legal agreements;
 - (ii) to set up a separate legal entity special purpose vehicle either as a Sheffield City Council wholly owned entity or by way of a joint venture with developer/investor partners; and
 - (iii) to determine any terms on which property assets may be transferred to a special purpose vehicle.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

8.3.1 To provide the way forward for the delivery of the New Retail Quarter.

8.3.2 It is proposed through the Capital Programme Approval process that the Council establishes the procurement of a new development partner and creates the Sheffield City Centre Investment Fund to help progress the priorities of the Corporate Plan.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 There were no alternative options presented in the report.

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. MONTH 1 CAPITAL PROGRAMME APPROVALS

9.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report seeking approval for two

additions to the 2014/15 Capital Programme and the approval of two procurement strategies for the delivery of projects in the programme.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the proposed additions and variations to the Capital Programme, listed in Appendix 1, including the associated procurement strategies and delegates authority to the Director of Commercial Services to award the necessary contracts following stage approval by Capital Programme Group;
- (b) notes that there had been no exercises of delegated authority to vary capital expenditure this month; and
- (c) notes that there had been no approvals under the emergency provisions.

9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

9.3.1 The proposed changes to the Capital Programme will improve the services to the people of Sheffield.

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

9.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

9.4.1 A number of alternative courses of action are considered as part of the process undertaken by Officers before decisions are recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represent what Officers believe 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 is put within the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

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**

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources

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

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

10. RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING

SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CYCLING INQUIRY REPORT

- 10.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report setting out the response to the vision, strategy and the 19 recommendations proposed by the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's Cycling Inquiry report from the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development.
- 10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-
- (a) endorses the response to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's Cycling Inquiry report from the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development;
 - (b) agrees that the vision for Cycling should be incorporated into the Council's overall vision for Excellent Transport in Sheffield and the recommendations implemented as proposed;
 - (c) requests that an updated Sheffield Cycle Action Plan, plan of the strategic cycle network and delivery plan be brought back to Cabinet in June 2015 along with a progress report on delivery of the Cycle Inquiry Report recommendations. Subject to identification of resources to produce it; and
 - (d) a letter be sent to the Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee thanking them for their work in undertaking the inquiry and the final recommendations which are supported by Cabinet.
- 10.3 **Reasons for Decision**
- 10.3.1 The report sets out the response to the vision, strategy and the 19 recommendations proposed by the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's Cycling Inquiry report from the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development.
- 10.3.2 In order to deliver a number of the recommendations it is proposed that a refreshed Sheffield Cycle Action Plan with a plan of the strategic cycle network and delivery plan is produced and brought to Cabinet for endorsement. At this time it would also be appropriate to update Cabinet on the progress being made in delivering the Cycle Inquiry recommendations.
- 10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**
- 10.4.1 An alternative option would have been to not support or implement the vision or recommendations of the Committee's Cycling Inquiry report. The Committee spent a lot of time reviewing evidence and engaging with members of the public and organisations and as such have produced a set of recommendations which should improve the opportunities for cycling in Sheffield.
- 10.4.2 Another alternative option would be to support the recommendations but not produce a refreshed Sheffield Cycle Action Plan, plan of the strategic cycle

network and delivery plan or incorporate the vision into the Council's Vision for Excellent Transport in Sheffield. However, this would not result in a coherent approach or enable Cabinet to approve specific actions and associated spend for delivery of the recommendations.

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

Councillor Harry Harpham
Chair
25 July 2014