

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## Cabinet

### Meeting held 19 July 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillors Olivia Blake (Chair), Ben Curran, Jackie Drayton, Jayne Dunn, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Cate McDonald and Jack Scott

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Julie Dore and Bryan Lodge.

#### **2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 No items were identified where it was proposed to exclude the public and press.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 June were approved as a correct record.

#### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

##### 5.1 Public Question in respect of Review of Council Meetings

5.1.1 Nigel Slack commented that he was aware that a cross party group were currently looking at how to make Council meetings more effective and engaging for the public. Mr Slack suggested that he had a bit of experience in these areas and had been approached for his thoughts. He was also aware that it seemed unlikely that the proposals would be subject to public consultation. With this in mind would Cabinet be open to Mr Slack sending in some observations and suggestions?

5.1.2 The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Olivia Blake responded that an initial report had been submitted to Full Council. There would be public consultation on any changes, but some changes would be implemented from September.

##### 5.2 Public Question in respect of Devolution

5.2.1 Nigel Slack commented that, with the decision by the City Region to make no decision until September at the earliest in respect of the future of devolution, would it be possible for Sheffield and Rotherham to wish Barnsley and Doncaster farewell and proceed with the two tier Councils? If not, what are the Council's hopes for September?

5.2.2 Councillor Olivia Blake responded that a decision had been deferred until September whilst Doncaster and Barnsley looked at other possible devolution offers. However, there was no other offer on the table from the Government than the current one, so Sheffield needed to make sure that this was followed through and made to happen.

5.3 Public Question in respect of Sculptural Work at the Hallam Tower Hotel

5.3.1 Nigel Slack stated that, it had come to his attention, via the Sheffield Modernist Society, that the Hallam Tower Hotel, currently awaiting demolition, housed on its façade some potentially important sculptural works by Henry and Joan Haigh. Henry was a noted sculptor and stained glass artist and these panels were one of very few examples of his secular work.

5.3.2 Mr Slack added that it would be a shame for these modernist pieces to become so much rubble on the floor, as we tended to be less respectful of modern architectural pieces than we might. Could planning officers look into a means of securing the fate of this sculpture?

5.3.3 In response, Councillor Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Planning and Development, commented that the application referred to by Mr Slack was a live application. Retention of the sculptural works could be considered but what would help was a valuation of the works and Sheffield Modernist Society could be contacted with the same request. Any information gathered could strengthen the case for retention of the works.

5.4 Public Question in respect of the Amey Contract and Health and Safety

5.4.1 Nigel Slack submitted a question regarding the Amey contract and health and safety. As the Lead Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, Councillor Bryan Lodge, was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed that he would provide a written response to Mr Slack following the meeting.

5.5 Public Question in respect of Council Job Advert

5.5.1 Nigel Slack commented that a recent advertisement for job vacancies in Sheffield City Council read "Sheffield City Council job vacancies. Who will get the job?" and featured a series of photographs of mad, bad, insane, megalomaniac murderers, the cast from the tv programme, Game of Thrones. Mr Slack was not sure that this was something we should be encouraging in the City's staff. Would the Cabinet agree?

5.5.2 Councillor Blake stated that she was not aware of the advert referred to by Mr Slack other than in his description. She would find out the background to this and provide a written response to Mr Slack.

5.6 Public Question in respect of Public Protests

5.6.1 Nigel Slack asked a question in respect of public protests related to the Streets

Ahead Contract. As the Lead Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, Councillor Bryan Lodge, was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed that he would provide a written response to Mr Slack following the meeting.

5.7 Public Question in respect of Access to Properties during the Streets Ahead Contract

5.7.1 Nigel Slack asked a question regarding access to properties during the Streets Ahead Contract. As the Lead Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, Councillor Bryan Lodge, was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed that he would provide a written response to Mr Slack following the meeting.

5.8 Public Question in respect of Contact with Protesters regarding the Streets Ahead Contract

5.8.1 Nigel Slack asked a question regarding contact by the Council with protesters in respect of the Streets Ahead Contract. As the Lead Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, Councillor Bryan Lodge, was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed that he would provide a written response to Mr Slack following the meeting.

**6. ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY**

6.1 There were no items called-in for Scrutiny since the last meeting of the Cabinet.

**7. RETIREMENT OF STAFF**

7.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report on Council staff retirements.

**RESOLVED:** That this Cabinet :-

(a) places on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the City Council by the following staff in the Portfolios below:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Years' Service</u>
<b><u>People Services</u></b>		
Maureen Davies	Clerical Officer, Nook Lane Junior School	26
Alison Hardy	Teacher, Lydgate Junior School	37
David Pullin	Teacher, Brunswick Community Primary School	24

(b) extends to them its best wishes for the future and a long and happy retirement; and

(c) directs that an appropriate extract of this resolution under the Common Seal of the Council be forwarded to them.

## **8. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

8.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing Members with details of the forecast financial position of the Council for the next 5 years and recommending the approach to budgeting and business planning that will be necessary to achieve a balanced budget position over the medium term.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the forecast position for the next 5 years; and
- (b) agrees the approach to budgeting and business planning

## **8.3 Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 To provide a strategic framework for the development of budget proposals and the business planning process for 2018/19 and beyond.

## **8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 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 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 is put within the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

## **9. ADDITIONAL BUDGET FUNDING TO SPEND ON ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES**

9.1 The Executive Director, People Services submitted a report providing proposals for the expenditure of the additional Adult Social Care funding received by Sheffield City Council from national government between 2017-18 and 2019-20 and showing how these proposals meet national criteria and also accord with local priorities.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves proposals for the expenditure of the additional Adult Social Care funding received by Sheffield City Council from national government between 2017-18 and 2019-20;
- (b) delegates authority to the Executive Director, People Services, in consultation with the Director of Adult Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, to commit funding in line with the proposals contained within the report; and

- (c) delegates authority to the Executive Director, People Services, in consultation with the Director of Adult Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, to take all other necessary steps not covered by existing delegations to achieve the outcomes outlined in the report.

### 9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

- 9.3.1 The significant financial constraints on adult social care nationally mean this increased investment is welcome. There is a need to commit funding to sensible priorities as soon as possible, in particular to prepare for increased demand for adult social care over the coming winter.

### 9.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

- 9.4.1 The proposals set out try to achieve the best balance between the three purposes defined nationally and set out in paragraph 8.1.1 of the report.
- 9.4.2 A recent survey carried out by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) indicates that two thirds of Councils were unable to allocate any resource to supporting the local NHS, including via reducing the numbers of people delayed in hospital. Sheffield could have adopted this position, and prioritised increasing investment in existing adult social care services instead. However this would have missed an opportunity to work in a collaborative way with local NHS colleagues and also to collectively address issues within local NHS services that create poor outcomes for Sheffield citizens and themselves lead to higher adult social care costs.

## 10. **MONTH 2 CAPITAL APPROVALS**

- 10.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing details of proposed changes to the Capital Programme as brought forward in Month 2, 2017/18.

### 10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the proposed additions and variations to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 1 of the report, including the procurement strategies, and delegates authority to the Interim Director of Finance and Commercial Services or nominated Officer, as appropriate, to award the necessary contracts; and
- (b) notes the variations authorised by Directors under the delegated authority provisions and Feasibility.

### 10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

- 10.3.1 The proposed changes to the Capital Programme will improve the services to the people of Sheffield.
- 10.3.2 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.

10.3.3 Obtain the relevant delegations to allow projects to proceed.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 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 the Capital Programme.