

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 16 April 2014 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: Tuesday 22 April 2014

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Monday 28 April 2014

The decision can be implemented from Tuesday 29 April 2014

### **Item No**

#### **8. SCHOOL PLACES IN SHEFFIELD: PUBLICATION FEEDBACK**

8.1 The Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families submitted a report providing feedback following the publication of statutory proposals to change the number/organisation of school places in two areas across the City. It also sought permission to take the next steps in taking forward the proposals.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the proposal to increase the capacity at Hallam Primary School as described in the statutory proposals, in recognition of the concerns raised by local residents, this approval is conditional on the granting of planning permission before 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014;
- (b) approves the proposals to create a single primary school for Tinsley by closing Tinsley Nursery Infant School and extending the range of Tinsley Junior School, with a change to the timing stated in the published proposals to bring it forward to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 as requested by the two governing bodies;
- (c) agrees that the new through primary school building in Tinsley should be moved to a site away from the motorway; and
- (d) notes that a further report will be submitted to consider the different site options and that a decision will be made on the Site by July 2014.

#### **8.3 Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 Providing sufficient primary school places is a statutory duty of the Council. This will mean that Sheffield children reaching primary school age in 2014 and beyond will continue to have a school place in the area of the City in which they live. In Tinsley the proposal would secure the single management, governance and leadership structure across the primary age-range.

#### **8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 The consultation process and statutory notice period has allowed for alternative proposals to come forward. In the case of Tinsley the key alternatives were around the site and these are being considered fully before a further report back to Cabinet.

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**

Jayne Ludlam, Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families

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

Children, Young People and Family Support

9. **SHEFFIELD: AN INTERNATIONAL, COMPETITIVE, TRADING CITY**

9.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report presenting a new International Trade and Export Strategy, which had been developed with key partners and the Local Enterprise Partnership, for approval by Cabinet.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the new International Trade and Export Strategy appended to the main report as a statement of the City's trade and export priorities and ambitions;
- (b) notes the financial implications of implementing the strategy;
- (c) agrees that officers in Creative Sheffield will continue to work with the SCRLEP as part of the development of this wider export offer; and
- (d) delegates authority to the Director of Creative Sheffield to take such further steps, including the making of agreements or arrangements with third parties, as he considers appropriate to achieve the delivery of this Strategy, subject to (a) the availability of any necessary funding within a suitable approved Council budget, and (b) consultation as appropriate with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance.

9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

9.3.1 An International Trade and Export Strategy for Sheffield will launch a new international partnership and outline key strategic interventions designed to drive up export performance across Sheffield and the wider City Region.

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

##### **9.4.1 Retain our current International Strategy**

The Council's current International Strategy is 2010 to 2013/14. There has been a need for a review to evaluate the Strategy's successes. Over the lifetime of this Strategy the national and international economic climate has changed considerably following the repercussions of the 2008 financial crisis. Whilst the current International Strategy had an economic focus, it has been concluded that a stronger, more explicit economic focus is required in a new Strategy. Hence the development of this International Trade Strategy which focuses and prioritises international economic activity for the economic wellbeing of the City as a whole.

##### **9.4.2 Delivering a Sheffield Strategy without SCR**

Developing a Sheffield Strategy in isolation from the SCRLEP Strategic Economic Plan may lead to increased impact through the improved coordination of existing resources and additional limited resources. However, this would achieve limited economic benefits to the scale and flexibility of current export support. The City could miss out on significant opportunities to truly transform Sheffield's, and its wider City region's economy through harnessing the SCR SEP to negotiate increased resources and co-commission powers for UKTI resources.

##### **9.4.3 Work purely within the framework of the SCR Strategic Economic Plan**

The development of the International Trade Strategy preceded the SCR Strategic Economic Plan, with Sheffield being asked to lead on the wider international business development offer as a result of more exports and trade being identified as a strategic City region priority. To not proceed with a clear Sheffield plan and a positive commitment to trade and export, and to further partnership working, would lead to a significant delay in activity starting, a move backwards in terms of the coordination and support we have in the trade organisations in the City region and a less bold and clear ask with the SEP for future resources and support. In the short-term we will formally establish and work with the SIP to make progress on delivering the Sheffield commitment up to April 2015 during the period of SCRLEP negotiations with Government on the Strategic Economic Plan. Through this approach, Sheffield will take the lead on initial delivery, evidencing a successful track record to Government, and demonstrating a willingness and ability to deliver on a larger City region scale.

#### **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

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

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

**10. KEEP SHEFFIELD WORKING FUND: DRIVING THE LOCAL ECONOMY FORWARD**

10.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report in relation to the Keep Sheffield Working Fund.

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Cabinet Member:-

- (a) notes the economic impact and outcomes achieved through the Keep Sheffield Working Fund and its contribution toward the Competitive City strategic outcome;
- (b) notes the financial implications contained in this report; and
- (c) requests that consideration is given to the lessons learned from the fund in terms of the impact a locally managed, flexible fund can have on local growth and the implications this has for future innovation funds;

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 The objective of the Keep Sheffield Working Fund was to help the Council do all it can to support activities that will help create jobs and drive the local economy forward. The success of the projects supported by the funds has demonstrated the value of a focused but flexible programme of activity which can invest in short term growth initiatives with long term impact.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 The option of using the £800,000 set aside for the Keep Sheffield Working Fund to support other activities has been considered. However, it was felt that investing in activities to create jobs and drive the local economy forward is essential to maintaining the City's competitiveness, as well as the prosperity and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

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. **MILTON STREET/PARKWAY CLOSE PROPERTY EXCHANGE**

11.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report in relation to the Milton Street/Parkway Close Property Exchange.

11.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the proposals to exchange the properties at Milton Street and Parkway Close and lease back the Milton Street property on the terms set out in the report; and
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Capital and Major Projects to negotiate the detailed terms of the transactions and to instruct the Director of Legal and Governance to complete such legal documentation as is necessary or appropriate to give effect to the transaction.

11.3 **Reasons for Decision**

11.3.1 Officers consider that acquiring Eye Witness Works and subsequently marketing it together with neighbouring Council owned land through a development brief will be a significant way in which to partially rebalance the City Centre housing market and enhance the regeneration of the Devonshire Quarter.

11.3.2 Exchanging this property for Council owned premises at Parkway Close will enable a high quality local manufacturing company to relocate to more suitable more modern premises. This should assist the future viability of that business and protect local jobs.

11.3.3 Allowing the company to remain in the existing premises under a temporary leaseback will minimise holding costs and reduce the risk to the Council.

11.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

11.4.1 The Council could simply sell the Parkway Close property on the open market and not do anything to assist Taylors Eye Witness Ltd to sell their property and hence relocate the business and protect jobs. This approach would not achieve any of the Council's objectives in terms of either the Economic or Housing Strategies or the regeneration of the City Centre.

11.4.2 Officers have tried other initiatives to seek to help facilitate the redevelopment of Eye Witness Works by private developers but the proposals put forward have either been unacceptable in planning terms due to the amount of demolition of the listed building proposed or not been sufficiently valuable to enable the company to

acquire new property and relocate.

**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**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

**12. SCRUTINY REVIEW**

12.1 The Chief Executive submitted a report providing background information on key functions of scrutiny, the model operated in Sheffield and how Scrutiny is resourced.

**12.2 RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the findings of the Scrutiny Review and agrees changes to the ways of working, including:
  - The development of a more rigorous approach to work planning and prioritisation, including an annual Scrutiny planning event
  - Greater engagement with the public and service users in Scrutiny
  - Strengthening outcome focussed Scrutiny of City-wide issues including holding to account services delivered by other agencies across the City, as well as the changes;
- (b) agrees changes in time for the start of the next municipal year in relation to changing membership for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to reflect proportionality of Council, whilst including Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Scrutiny Committees; and
- (c) agrees that in consultation with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, officers further develop a detailed action plan based on the proposed solutions to issues identified in the Review as outlined in Section 8 of the report.

**12.3 Reasons for Decision**

12.3.1 This report on the Scrutiny Review identifies a series of recommendations which would enable the Council to improve the impact and effectiveness of Scrutiny,

within a changing context of substantial changes in budgets and new ways of working and service delivery; changes in people's expectations of local democracy and the new development of new forms of technology and communications. Scrutiny needs to adapt to these changes, to ensure local government and other organisations are accountable, help build trust with the public, and improve the effectiveness of Council services and the work of other agencies.

**12.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

12.4.1 During the course of the Review, different approaches to structures and ways of working were raised by participants in the Review. In considering these it was felt that there are a range of solutions, as outlined in Section 8 of the report, that could improve the effectiveness and impact of Overview and Scrutiny. Overall, the current structure of the committees was felt to be 'fit for purpose', though a stronger approach to co-ordination and better focus on issues that matter, including corporate health, could not be achieved without making changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

**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**

John Mothersole, Chief Executive

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

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

**13. ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: CYCLING INQUIRY REPORT**

13.1 The Chief Executive submitted a report in relation to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Cycling Inquiry.

13.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) thanks the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for its work on the Cycling Inquiry;
- (b) notes the Cycling Inquiry report; and
- (c) requests a detailed response to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

Scrutiny Committee's Cycling Inquiry report from the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development at the July 2014 Cabinet meeting.

**13.3 Reasons for Decision**

13.3.1 The Committee's Cycling Inquiry report makes 19 recommendations. The Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development is asked to respond to the Committee's Cycling Inquiry report in three months' time as this would provide the Cabinet Member and the services with time to develop a detailed response.

**13.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

13.4.1 Do nothing with the Committee's Cycling Inquiry report. However, given the time and effort spent by the Committee's Inquiry and contributions to the Inquiry from members of the public and other organisations this was not deemed a viable option.

13.4.2 Respond to the Committee's Cycling Inquiry report over a much longer timescale. However, this would be at the risk of losing some of the momentum from the Inquiry.

**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**

John Mothersole, Chief Executive

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

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

**14. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2013/14 (MONTH 10) AS AT 31/1/14**

14.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing the Month 10 monitoring statement on the City Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for January.

**14.2 RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

(a) notes the updated information and management actions provided by this report on the 2013/14 Revenue budget position;

(b) in relation to the Capital Programme:-



- (i) approves the proposed additions to the Capital Programme and procurement strategies listed in Appendix 1 of the report, and delegates authority to the Director of Commercial Services, or an Officer nominated by him, to award the necessary contracts, on such terms as the Director or nominated Officer shall agree, following stage approval by the Capital Programme Group
- (ii) approves the proposed variations and slippage in Appendix 1;
- (iii) notes the variations to the programme executed under delegated authorities or emergency approval, and notes the latest position on the Capital Programme including the current level of delivery and forecasting performance; and
- (iv) approves the acceptance of grants listed in Appendix 2 to the report, and, in doing so, approves the Council assuming the role of Accountable Body for those grants, noting the conditions of the grants.

**14.3 Reasons for Decision**

14.3.1 To formally record changes to the Revenue Budget and 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.

**14.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

14.4.1 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.

**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**

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources

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

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

