

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 18 June 2014 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: Friday 20 June 2014

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Thursday 26 June 2014

The decision can be implemented from Friday 27 June 2014

Item No

8. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2013/14 MONTH 12 (AS AT 31/3/14)

8.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing the full year outturn statement on the City Council's Revenue and Capital Budget for 2013/14.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

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

(b) in relation to the Capital Programme:-

(i) approves the proposed additions to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 4, 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 and slippage in Appendix 4 to the report; and

(c) notes the year end position to the Capital Programme.

8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 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.

8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 A number of alternative courses of action were considered as part of the process undertaken by officers before discussions are 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.

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

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources

8.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee if Decision Called In

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

9. SHEFFIELD FOOD STRATEGY

9.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report in relation to the refreshed Food Strategy.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet accepts the refreshed Food Strategy.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 The actions specified in the original Food Plan do not reflect the current position with regards to diminishing resources and emerging priorities. Therefore, a refresh is required that also includes plans for implementation and clear governance arrangements.

9.3.2 Public consultation has told us that issues such as food poverty; cooking skills; food growing and the links to environmental sustainability and an understanding of where our food comes from; and the impact of takeaways on neighbourhood 'feel' and healthy eating are all important to the people of Sheffield. A Food Strategy for Sheffield will make clear the response that Sheffield City Council, and partners, will make in order to address these important issues.

9.3.3 The six chosen priorities are informed by research evidence and also by the experiential evidence and local intelligence gathered through the consultation process. By taking action in these key areas we will have an impact on the 3 key outcomes – environmental sustainability, health and reduced health inequalities and a strengthened role of food in the economy.

9.3.4 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Board have already signed up to this policy.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 **Do nothing/Keep existing Food Strategy**

The risk of this approach is that the actions specified in the original Food Plan do not reflect the current position with regards to diminishing resources and emerging priorities. There is also the risk that due to the wide ranging nature of the original Food Plan and lack of clear governance in place that there will be little measurable progress.

9.4.2 **Accept the refreshed strategy**

The refreshed Food Strategy has similar aims in terms of addressing the major food priorities in the city but focuses on a smaller number of key areas that can be delivered in partnership within current economic constraints. There is also now a clearly established governance structure and a clear lead within Place portfolio, working in partnership both within and outside of Sheffield City Council. This option will allow more tangible progress to be made and monitored.

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. OUTDOOR SPORTS STRATEGY

10.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report in relation to the Outdoor Sports Strategy

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) agrees the core principles and strategic priorities set out in the report;
- (b) notes the financial implications;
- (c) agrees the Playing Pitch Strategy and facilities assessment outlined in Appendix 1 of the report as a guide to inform the development and implementation of planning policy and inform the assessment of planning applications; and
- (d) delegates authority to the Executive Director, Place in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance, Director of Finance and Director of Capital and Major Projects to enter into such legal and financial

arrangements as appropriate and take such further steps as appropriate to achieve the delivery of this strategy.

10.3 Reasons for Decision

10.3.1 The recommendations reflect the consensus of key partners and will be used to shape the future decision making and investment of the City Council and its partners.

10.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

10.4.1 This strategy is based on a joint programme of work with Sport England and extensive consultation with governing bodies and local clubs. The three core principles set out in the report closely reflect the thinking of the City Council and its partners and there is also significant consensus on the strategic priorities set out in this report.

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. DECISION BY CABINET AS TRUSTEES OF THE FIRTH PARK CHARITY - GRANTING OF A LEASE TO PROVIDE CHILDCARE FROM THE FIRST START CENTRE

11.1 The Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families submitted a report in relation to proposals to grant a lease to provide childcare from the First Start Centre.

11.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet on behalf of the Council in its capacity as trustee of the Firth Park Charity:-

(a) notes the principle Cabinet decision from February 2013 to cease the management and delivery of Local Authority managed nurseries and that this will be implemented by the First Start Nursery being operated and managed by the Hucklow Primary School; and

(b) delegates authority to the Director of Capital & Major Projects to negotiate

the terms of the licence and instructs the Director of Legal & Governance to prepare and complete all the necessary legal documentation subject to there being sufficient safeguards to ensure the existing and future usage of the nursery to both maintain existing services and retain the status of the building as a public asset.

11.3 Reasons for Decision

11.3.1 This option:

- Allows the retention of the building as a public asset with present and future usage safeguarded.
- Minimises impact on other services in the building.
- The Council has already successfully transferred two of these YCC nurseries to schools
- Provides continuity of and safeguards future delivery of good quality services to children in Firth Park.
- Makes a positive contribution that is within the charitable objects of The Firth Park charity.

11.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

11.4.1 Closure

This was not considered a viable option as it would be counter to the charitable objects of The Firth Park charity and create an unsustainable building and could impact on other service provision from the building

11.4.2 Continue with the present provision

This would not have been consistent with the Council's decision to withdraw from direct delivery and counter to the 27th February 2013 report.

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

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

11.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Children, Young People and Family Support

12. DECISION BY CABINET AS CHARITY TRUSTEES OF THE OXLEY PARK CHARITY - PROPOSED LEASE OF STOCKSBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE

12.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report in relation to the proposed lease of Stocksbridge Leisure Centre.

12.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet acting for the Council as trustee of the Oxley Park Charity in accordance with the powers given to the Council as Trustee under the provisions contained in the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996:-

- (a) declares the former Stocksbridge Leisure Centre surplus to the requirements of the Oxley Park charity;
- (b) approves the 25 year lease of the Stocksbridge Leisure Centre to 4SLC in accordance with the terms of this Report and a Surveyor's Report in compliance with Section 119(1) Charities Act 2011;
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Capital & Major Projects to instruct the Director of Legal & Governance to prepare and complete all the necessary legal documentation in accordance with the agreed terms and Charity Commission requirements to conclude the lease;
- (d) delegates authority to the Director of Legal & Governance to contact the Charity Commission and take such steps and enter into such documents are required by the Charity Commission in order to give its consent to the lease; and
- (e) delegates authority to the Director of Capital & Major Projects or the Director of Legal & Governance to give public notice in accordance with Section 121 Charities Act 2011, in the local press to notify people within the beneficial area of the charity that the Charity Trustees intend to dispose of the leasehold interest in the Stocksbridge Leisure Centre.

12.3 **Reasons for Decision**

12.3.1 The disposal of the surplus property will benefit the Charity and the local community by :

- removing a long term maintenance liability
- providing a new local social enterprise opportunity
- continuing to provide leisure facilities for local people

12.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

12.4.1 The property is surplus to the Council's and Charity's requirements.

12.4.2 The cost of the demolition of the leisure centre would have to be met by the Council at the request of the charitable trustees and would also remove any prospect of this type of leisure facility being provided for the local community for the foreseeable future.

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**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

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

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing