

Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 25 July 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

in Conference Room 2 at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Bird	Leader of the Council
Councillor A. Andrew	Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor Arif	Business support services
Councillor I. Shires	Community engagement and voluntary sector
Councillor Towe	Finance and personnel
Councillor Harris	Leisure and culture
Councillor Ali	Public protection
Councillor McCracken	Social care and health
Councillor Ansell	Transport and environment

2821 Apology

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor R. Andrew.

At this point in the meeting, the Leader advised that the Head of Property Services, Kevin Kendall, would be leaving to take a promotion with another authority and asked Mr. Kendall to join the meeting table. The Leader and members of the Cabinet thanked Mr. Kendall for his hard work and the exceptional help he had given to them on property matters. Members wished him well for the future and success in his new career. The Chief Executive concurred and thanked Kevin for his dedication and professional service.

2822 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting 20 June 2012 copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as a correct record.

2823 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2824 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items set out in the private part of the agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

2825 **Forward plan**

The forward plan as at 9 July 2012 was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the forward plan be noted.

2826 **Fair Society, Healthy lives, applying the findings of the Marmot review in Walsall**

Councillor Bird presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved to recommend to Council

(1) That a set of core priority objectives be included within the Corporate Plan for 2011-12 to 2014-15 that reflect the key objectives of the Marmot Review in addressing deprivation and health inequalities within the borough. These are as follows:

- Give every child the best start in life
- Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create fair employment and good work for all
- Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention

This is consistent with the learning from Working Smarter Reviews to date. Going forward, Working Smarter Reviews will help to ensure that the Marmot Principles are at the heart of the Council's work.

Resolved

That all partners be encouraged to adopt the same set of objectives for partnership working going forward by including core priority objectives within the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

2827 **Darlaston Strategic Development Area Access project**

Councillor A. Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That approval be given to the making and publication of a Compulsory Purchase Order substantially in the form of the draft Order in Appendix B under sections 239, 240 and 250 of the Highways Act 1980.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Regeneration in consultation with the portfolio holder, to make any minor amendments required to the draft Order, to prepare all necessary documentation for the compulsory purchase order, to publish and serve all notices of the making and the confirmation of the Order, including notices of making of a general vesting declaration and notices of entry, to serve invitations to treat and all other notices necessary to give effect to the order, including service of High Court Enforcement Officer notices where necessary, to submit the order to the Secretary of State for Transportation for confirmation and to take all steps including appearance at any public local inquiry to secure confirmation of the Order.
- (3) That, in accordance with the accountable body approval matrix (Appendix f of the Council's grant manual), approval be given for Walsall Council to act as the accountable body to administer DfT and Centro Grants whilst ensuring all relevant grant terms and conditions are adhered to.

2828 **Developing and sustaining a low carbon economy in Walsall**

Councillor A. Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet note the contents of this report and the aspirations for, and work currently underway to, improving energy efficiency in Council buildings including schools and the housing sector, our approach to the Green Deal, sharing best practice.
- (2) That progress made against the 30% CO2 reduction target in the Carbon Management Plan be noted.
- (3) That it be noted, if the target is to be met further invest to save initiatives will be necessary before implementation of the Action Plan for Year 3 can take place.

2829 Updated statement of purpose for the Adoption Service

Pauline Pilkington, Executive Director presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the amendments to the statement of purpose for the adoption service in Walsall summarised at 3.2 of the report be approved.

2830 Statement of purpose: children's homes

Pauline Pilkington, Executive Director presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the Statements of Purpose for each of the five Children's Homes operated by Walsall Council be approved.

2831 Strengthening community based services

Councillor I. Shires presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approves the principle of community hubs and the process for supporting these as set out in section 3 of the report.
- (2) That a pilot project be undertaken with the Moxley Peoples' Centre and Ryecroft Neighbourhood Resource Centre to develop the concept and to inform a report back to Cabinet after the results have been evaluated.

2832 Corporate financial performance 2012/13

Councillor Towe presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Cabinet:

- (a) Note a net projected revenue underspend of £1.20m, c1.1% of the net Council tax requirement. As we are only in quarter 1, it is difficult to predict with certainty that this underspend will actually occur at year end.
- (b) Note the forecast underspend on the mainstream capital programme after re-phasing of £0.49m.
- (c) Note and approve the amendments to the capital programme.
- (d) Note the financial health indicators for quarter 1, as summarised in Appendix 1 of the report.

2833 Contract for the supply of library stock

Councillor Harris presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Neighbourhood Services, in conjunction with the portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture, to undertake the commencement of a new procurement process for the appointment of suitable library stock suppliers by Walsall on behalf of the Black Country Purchasing Consortium (BCPC), subject to following all appropriate legislation and Walsall's Contract Rules 2010.
- (2) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Neighbourhood Services, in conjunction with the portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture, to accept tenders on behalf of the BCPC from bidders for future library stock supplies and to award contracts of values in excess of £4.8 million to suitable library stock suppliers selected upon completion of the procurement process.
- (3) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Neighbourhood Services, in conjunction with the portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture, to sign or authorise sealing of any deeds, contracts and other related documents in relation to the re-tendering of library stock supplies

2834 Walsall Community Safety Plan

Councillor Ali presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the Year 1 refresh of the borough Community Safety Plan as set out in Appendix A, be approved.

2835 Civil enforcement of bus lane contraventions

Councillor Ansell presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the standard level of penalty charged to be applied for bus lane contraventions be set at £60 in accordance with the framework approved by the Secretary of State for Transport.

2836 Review of safeguarding services for disabled children

Pauline Pilkington, Executive Director presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the recommendations of the working group be accepted.
- (2) That the recommendations be incorporated into the 'working smarter for disabled children change programme' which is being established following the transition of the disability service to the Council. This will be informed by the findings of the recent Ofsted inspection of children's services once received.

2837 The New Art Gallery

Councillor Harris presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the full response to the recommendations made by the Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel as set out in section 3.3 of the report, be approved.

2838 Private Session

Exclusion of public

Resolved

That during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda, the Cabinet considers that the item for consideration is exempt information by virtue of the appropriate paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and accordingly resolves to consider the item in private.

2839 Black Country University Technical College – business case

Councillor A. Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Regeneration to:

- (a) agree the commencement of a procurement process outlined in the Education Funding Agency (EFA) Contractors' Framework (the "Framework") for the appointment of a suitably qualified building contractor to carry out works at the UTC (formerly Sneyd Community College) site;
- (b) approve sign off of the Memorandum of Understanding and Confidentiality Agreement with the EFA to enable access of the Framework;
- (c) approve sign off of the Feasibility Study and the Final Business Case under the Framework;
- (d) accept tenders from bidders from the EFA framework for undertaking the relevant design, development and renovation works;
- (e) approve sign off of the Future Schools Agreement, the long term lease and the Development Agreement (including a license to occupy) with the UTC;
- (f) award a contract of value in excess of £500,000 being circa £5,900,000 to a building contractor selected from the Framework panel upon completion of the procurement process; and

- (g) sign or authorise the sealing of any deeds, contracts and other related documents in relation to the project works.

[Exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]

The meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.

Leader:

Date: