

Cabinet

Tuesday 12 March 2013

PRESENT:

Councillor Evans, in the Chair.

Councillor Peter Smith, Vice-Chair.

Councillors Coker, Lowry, McDonald, Penberthy, Vincent and Williams.

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), Anthony Payne (Director for Place), Paul Barnard (Assistant Director for Planning Services), Richard Bara (Urban Planning Co-ordinator), Kathryn Deeney (Green Infrastructure Team Leader), James Watt (Head of Land and Property), David Draffan (Assistant Director for Economic Development), Patrick Bowes (Urban Project Manager), Nick Carter (Housing Strategy and Development Manager), Adam Broome (Director for Corporate Services), Carole Burgoyne (Director for People), Pam Marsden (Assistant Director for Joint Commissioning and Adult Social Care), Claire Hodgkins (Project Manager), and Katey Johns (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 2.05 pm and finished at 2.55 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Cabinet will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

149. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made by members in accordance with the code of conduct –

| Name | Minute | Reason | Interest |
|----------------------|--|---|----------|
| Councillor Penberthy | Minute 155 – Urban Enterprise – New Enterprise Units at Millfields Trust | Millfields Trust Board Member Chair of Millfields Inspired | Personal |
| Councillor McDonald | Minute 155 – Urban Enterprise – New Enterprise Units at Millfields Trust | Lifetime Vice-President of the Millfields CEDT | Personal |

150. MINUTES

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2013.

151. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

One question was submitted by a member of the public for this meeting, in accordance with Part B, paragraph 11 of the Constitution, as set out below.

In the absence of Mr Sharpe, the question and the response were circulated and the written response would be sent to him.

| Question No | Question By | Cabinet Member | Subject |
|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 13 (12/13) | Mr F E Sharpe | Councillor Peter Smith, Deputy Leader | Plymstock Swimming Pool |
| <p>Plymstock residents have been waiting years for a public swimming pool nothing is happening at Sherford. Please can Plymstock residents be consulted regarding a swimming pool in central Plymstock where the majority of residents want one, suggestion Downhorn Park.</p> | | | |
| <p>Response:</p> <p>A swimming pool still forms part of the development proposals for Sherford and it is anticipated that this strategic project will still go ahead. There are no proposals for a swimming pool on the Downhorn Park site there is no specific or deliverable project on which to consult.</p> | | | |

152. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

153. **CENTRAL PARK MASTERPLAN**

The Director for Place submitted a written report seeking adoption of a Masterplan for Central park. The Masterplan updated the Council's approach and commitment to the enhancement of the park and set out a framework for investment in the park totalling £11.24m.

Councillor Vincent (Cabinet Member for Environment) presented the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed –

- (1) to adopt the Central Park Masterplan of Environmental Enhancement;
- (2) continued support for the Central Park Community Forum;
- (3) that a business case is prepared to ensure the financial sustainability of the ongoing operational costs, maintenance and upkeep in line with capital developments at Central park;

- (4) that funding equivalent to the value of any future capital receipts, gained as a result of enabling development in the Park, are utilised to support the delivery of the environmental enhancements as set out in this Masterplan.

154. **TRANSFER OF FREEHOLD OF DEVONPORT MARKET HALL BUILDING**

The Director for Place submitted a written report on a proposal to accept the transfer of the freehold of the Devonport Market Hall building to the City Council from the Homes and Communities Agency, together with a dowry sum of £2.57m by 31 March 2013.

The Assistant Director for Planning Services presented the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed to accept the offer from the Homes and Communities Agency to transfer the former Devonport Market Hall building and associated land together with a dowry sum of £2.57m to enable the transfer by 31 March 2013.

(Councillor Coker was absent for consideration of the above item).

155. **URBAN ENTERPRISE - NEW ENTERPRISE UNITS AT MILLFIELDS TRUST**

The Director for Place submitted a written report seeking approval to the Council acting as guarantor for Millfields Trust for repayment of the balance of the Trust's loan from the Local Enterprise Partnership outstanding to a maximum of £2.1m.

The Assistant Director for Economic Development and the Urban Project Manager presented the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed -

- (1) subject to a favourable outcome to both the ERDF and GPF applications, that the Council acts as guarantor for Millfields Trust for repayment of the balance of the Trust's loan from the LEP outstanding to a maximum of £2.1m in accordance with an agreed Heads of Terms between Plymouth City Council and the Millfields Trust which mitigates the potential financial impact upon the Council;
- (2) to delegate approval of the Heads of Terms to the Director for Place.

(Councillors McDonald and Penberthy declared personal interests in respect of the above item).

(Councillor Coker was absent for consideration of the above item).

156. **REVENUES AND BENEFITS PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Director for Corporate Services submitted a written report providing an update on the performance of the Revenues and Benefits Service.

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the report along with a proposal that, as he was now content with the service's direction of travel, it was no longer necessary to submit monthly updates to Cabinet and it would, therefore, be more appropriate for the service's performance to be monitored by the Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Cabinet noted the progress made by the service since the implementation of a new structure in November 2011 and agreed that future performance monitoring would be undertaken by the Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

157. **THE PENINSULA FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT SECTOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLACEMENTS**

The Director for People submitted a written report seeking renewal of the current Peninsula wide arrangements for the commissioning of independent sector children and young people's placements in: foster care; children's homes; special schools; and supported accommodation to help young people achieve independence.

Councillor Williams (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) presented the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed -

- (1) to renew the membership of Plymouth City Council as a contracting body eligible to call off individual placement contracts from providers signed up to the Peninsula Framework Agreements for Independent Sector Children and Young People's Placements. In 2013/14 the children's social care independent sector placement budget will be £6,473,601;
- (2) that the lead authority, Devon County Council, enters into Framework Agreements with providers appointed under the Peninsula Framework Agreements for Independent Sector Children and Young People's Placements on behalf of members of the Peninsula Commissioning and Procurement Partnership. Plymouth City Council is a member of this partnership.

158. **YOUNG PERSON'S (AGED 16 - 25) ACCOMMODATION COMMISSIONING PLAN**

The Director for People submitted a written report proposing to remodel services to provide a living environment that enables young people to successfully transition into adulthood equipped with independent living skills. The expiration of the current contracts during the 2013/14 financial year provided an opportunity to –

- Align services along the pathway and make the HUB the single point of access into supporting accommodation so that young people were accessing the service most appropriate for their needs;
- Increase supported provision at the high support 'front end' of the pathway to provide more intensive support to a greater number of young people;
- Remodel provision for young parents to ensure that services are able to support young parents and families;
- Remodel provision for young people with high support needs to ensure that there are robust, secure, appropriate accommodation options in order to decrease the likelihood that young offenders will be remanded into expensive custody placements unnecessarily;
- Increase the provision available for young people on a low income, to reduce bottlenecks in supported accommodation and homelessness as a result of insufficient independent accommodation.

Councillor McDonald (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care) presented the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed the Young Persons (Aged 16-25) Accommodation Commissioning Plan.

159. **ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER FOR SITE OF FORMER ERNESETTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Director for Place will submit a written report seeking approval of an offer from Aster Housing Group for the site of the former Ernesettle Community Centre for the provision of a 40 unit affordable extra care housing scheme for older people with associated community facilities.

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed that, to meet the city's agenda of accelerated and increased new and affordable housing delivery and the aims of the Charter for Older People, the site is declared surplus as per the Surplus Property Declaration No. 227 and the offer of £1 from the Aster Group for the former Ernesettle Community Centre is accepted.

160. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.