

# Cabinet

**Tuesday 16 February 2016**

## **PRESENT:**

Councillor Evans, in the Chair.

Councillor Smith, Vice Chair.

Councillors Coker, Lowry, McDonald, Penberthy, Jon Taylor, Tuffin and Vincent.

Apology for absence: Councillors Philippa Davey

The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 4.30 pm.

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## 70. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jon Taylor declared a private interest in relation to minute number 82 as an employee of the NEW Devon CCG.

## 71. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the meeting held on 12 January 2016 were agreed.

## 72. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public.

## 73. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 74. **RESPONSE TO THE BUDGET SCRUTINY REPORT ON THE INDICATIVE 2016/17 REVENUE BUDGET**

Councillor David James, Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board presented the recommendations of the review of the Indicative 2016/17 Revenue Budget.

The Leader thanked Councillor James for the work of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board and all staff involved.

The responses to the recommendations made by the Co-operative Scrutiny Board itemised in the report were agreed.

75. **DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2016/17**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the draft Revenue and Capital Budget 2016/17.

Agreed -

- (1) that a final version of (a) the Revenue and Capital Budget for 2016 / 17 and (b) the proposed Adult Social Care Council Tax Precept, are presented for approval to Full Council on 29 February 2016 to allow the setting of the 2016 / 17 Council Tax Charge;

to recommend to Council –

- (2) to approve the total capital budget of £419.1m to 2020. Any changes to the overall capital funding available to be sanctioned by the Council's Section 151 Officer;
- (3) to note the external grant funding as set out in Appendix E, as requested by The Co-operative Scrutiny Board.

76. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2016/17**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17.

Agreed to recommend to Council -

- (1) the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy (incorporating the authorised limits, operational boundaries and prudential indicators);
- (2) the change of policy in the calculation of the Minimum Revenue Provision using the annuity method with effect from 2015/16.

77. **REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 2015/16 QUARTER 3**

Lesa Annear (Strategic Director for Transformation and Change) submitted the Revenue Monitoring report 2015/16 quarter 3.

The Leader thanked officers for their hard work towards achieving a balanced budget.

The current revenue monitoring position and actions in place to reduce / mitigate shortfalls were noted.

78. **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 3 2015/16 AND PLEDGE UPDATE**

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) submitted the Corporate Performance report quarter 3 2015/16 and pledge update.

The summarised evaluation and assessment of progress towards our ambitions as a brilliant co-operative council and that the significant achievements delivered under the Corporate Plan and the pledges update were noted.

79. **PLAN FOR HOMES 2016 - 2021**

Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Housing) presented the Plan for Homes.

Agreed -

- (1) new initiatives 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 for inclusion in the Plan for Homes as set out in the report;
- (2) the City Council include the Plan for Homes within the Capital Programme from 2016 / 2021 up to an additional £30 million of resources, bringing the Plan for Homes overall provision to £80 million.
- (3) allocate up to £10 million of the Right to Buy receipts from sales following the stock transfer to support the initiatives in the Plan for Homes 2016 - 2021.
- (4) delegate to the Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure in consultation with the Housing Needs Working Group / Cabinet Member for Finance, the identification of city council-owned sites in support of the Plan for Homes.
- (5) instruct the Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure to report on progress on the delivery of the Plan for Homes to the Housing Needs Working Group / proposed Cabinet Advisory Group on Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
- (6) proceed with the acquisition of strategic housing sites with support from the Homes & Communities Agency with the Council contributing its property interests where they form part of the development site.

A short film was played during the meeting.

80. **SOUTHWEST DEVON JOINT LOCAL PLAN**

Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport and Planning) presented the Southwest Devon Joint Local Plan.

Agreed -

- (1) the principle of a Joint Local Plan covering the local authority areas of Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council;
- (2) that officers draw up a Collaboration Agreement with West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council setting out the arrangements for producing the South West Devon Joint Local Plan, and that responsibility for signing off the Collaboration Agreement is delegated to the Assistant Director of Strategic Planning and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Transport and Planning.

81. **ENERGY PROCUREMENT**

Howard Goffin (Strategic Category Manager) presented a report on Energy Procurement

Agreed that 'Buying Group' (a wholly owned business of Kent County Council) buy the Council's energy (Gas & Electricity) under the published frameworks for the Flexible Procurement and Supply of Electricity for Non-Half Hourly Metered, Half Hourly Metered and Unmetered Supplies and for Gas to Daily Metered and Non-Daily Metered sites (OJEU ref: 2014/S 222-392271 and 2014/S 222-392187 respectively).

82. **PENINSULA PLACEMENT CONTRACTS RE-TENDER BUSINESS CASE**

Councillor McDonald (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) presented the peninsula placement contracts re-tender business case.

Agreed to re-tender the Peninsula placements contracts, in partnership with Cornwall Council, Devon County Council, Torbay Council and Somerset County Council, with Devon as lead procurer.