

Cabinet

Tuesday 11 October 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowyer, in the Chair.

Councillor Nicholson, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Darcy, Downie, Jordan, Michael Leaves, Ricketts and Riley.

Apologies: Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place), Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People), Lesa Annear (Strategic Director for Transformation and Change) and Andrew Hardingham (Assistant Director for Finance).

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), Alison Botham (Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families) for Carole Burgoyne, Ruth Harrell (Interim Director of Public Health), Paul Cook (Head of Financial Planning and Reporting), Ross Jago (Scrutiny Lead Officer), Councillor Ball, Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive), Theresa Brooks (Policy and Business Planning Officer), Simon Arthurs (Senior Financial Analyst) and Amelia Boulter (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.30 pm.

Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at www.plymouth.gov.uk. At a future meeting, the Council 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.

23. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by members.

24. **Minutes**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016.

25. **Questions from the Public**

One question was submitted by the public. The question and the response were circulated and in the absence of Ms Soper, the written response would be sent to her.

Question submitted by: Jemima Soper
To the Cabinet Member for Street Scene – Councillor Michael Leaves
Question: Have risks of changing to fortnightly bin collections been evaluated? Risks to include, but not limited to, increased fly-tipping, additional emergency street cleaning due to overspill from full bins, increase in rodents. What is the estimated cost of these unintended, yet inevitable, consequences? Will you publish Council analysis of this?

Response:

The service is undergoing a modernisation of street cleansing and waste collection activities. This includes reviewing enforcement activity, reactive and planned work alongside the review of collecting domestic waste. To ensure we are more effective in dealing with reactive work such as fly tipping we are working more closely with our enforcement colleagues to gather a greater intelligence across the city and tackle offenders more timely.

26. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

27. **Efficiency Plan**

Councillor Darcy introduced the Efficiency Plan. It was reported that in March 2016, the Secretary of State wrote to all councils offering four year settlements and councils were asked to submit an Efficiency Plan by 14 October 2016. The Efficiency Plan addresses the financial risks facing the council and provides the maximum resources achievable to address key policy areas.

Councillor Ball, Vice-Chair of the Select Committee on Budget and Policy Proposals under the Medium Term Financial Strategy attended the meeting to submit the recommendations from the Joint Select Committee Review and gave thanks to officers involved in the consultation and to the public and council stakeholders who took part. This was an extremely professional piece of work, which took into account both public comments and those of stakeholders such as the business community and voluntary and community sectors was invaluable when the committee developed its lines of enquiry and recommendations.

Agreed that Cabinet approves the Efficiency Plan for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government.

28. **Delivering the Plan for Child Poverty 2016 - 2019**

Councillor Downie presented his report Delivering the Plan for Child Poverty 2016 – 19. The delivery plan activities would enable progress towards addressing the four child poverty priority areas over the next three years. Councillor Mrs Beer added that she has been involved in the Child Poverty Working Group since 2012 which continues to successfully work cross party and reported that good progress was being made against the priorities.

Agreed that Cabinet notes the delivery plan for the Plan for Child Poverty 2016 – 2019 and thank the Child Poverty Working Group on the cross party work undertaken to produce the plan.

29. **Sharing Services Group**

Councillor Darcy presented the Sharing Services Group Report. It was reported that this report sets out the opportunity to create a sharing services company to enable not for profit partners to access Plymouth ICT services, efficiently. The first partner to benefit from this would be Livewell SouthWest (formerly Plymouth Community Healthcare). This means

more money can be diverted to vital front line services within organisations such as Livewell Southwest.

This also means that DELT, the Council's IT provider would be able to grow its business through a larger contract with the Council. Furthermore, to create future opportunities the company would be set up to grow and look for future opportunities to increase the range of services and potentially increase the number of not for profit organisations that could benefit.

Agreed in conjunction with the Part II paper to -

1. Approve the setting up for the sharing services group in the form of a company limited by guarantee to enable Livewell Southwest and the Council to share ICT services.
2. Nominate the Strategic Director for Transformation and Change to represent the council as member representative and to exercise all voting rights on behalf of the council (subject to Key Decisions being reserved to the Leader/Cabinet) and take any necessary action to protect, safeguard, and effectively manage the council's interest in the company.
3. Delegate to the Strategic Director for Transformation and Change:
 - a. the decision to agree the final name for the Company;
 - b. to nominate officers of the council to act as the Executive Board Directors of the company;
 - c. to nominate an officer to fulfil the seconded role as Chief Executive for the company (approximately 3-4 hours per month).