

Cabinet

Tuesday 8 November 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowyer, in the Chair.

Councillor Nicholson, Vice Chair.

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

Also in attendance: Lesa Annear (Strategic Director for Transformation & Change), Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People), Paul Cook (Head of Financial Planning & Reporting), Caroline Cozens (Strategic Commercial Manager – Finance), David Draffan (Assistant Director for Economic Development), Andrew Hardingham (Assistant Director for Finance), Lou Hayward (Assistant Director – Street Services), Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), Anthony Payne (Assistant Director for Place), Gareth Simmons (Strategic Project Director, Economic Development) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 5.19 pm.

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30. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by members in respect of items on this agenda.

31. **Minutes**

Agreed the minutes of the meetings held on 6 September 2016 and 11 October 2016.

32. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

33. **Chair's Urgent Business**

Councillor Bowyer (Leader) provided Cabinet with an update following the recent announcement from the Secretary of State regarding the future of the Royal Marines in Plymouth, in particular the return of several units from North Devon and Somerset, and agreed to prepare a full statement to update members on this issue at Full Council on 21 November 2016.

Councillor Nicholson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Strategic Transport, Housing and Planning) provided Cabinet with an update on the Peninsular Rail Task Force (PRTF) latest position. Cabinet were advised that the PRTF interim report, published in October 2016 identified that 13 workstreams were needed to provide sufficient information to

ensure the comprehensive and credible 20-year plan could be delivered. A launch of the plan would take place on 22 November – Councillor Nicholson agreed to provide members with an update at Full Council on 21 November 2016.

34. **Capital and Revenue Monitoring Report 2016/17 - Quarter 2**

Councillor Darcy (Cabinet member for Finance and ICT) presented his report – ‘Capital and Revenue Monitoring Report 2016/17 – Quarter 2’.

Councillor Bowyer (Leader) reminded Cabinet members of the importance of keeping in close contact with their Directors and Assistant Directors to ensure they are aware of any financial pressures within their portfolio area.

Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council that the Capital Budget 2016 -2021 is increased to £475m (as shown in Table 6).

35. **Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)**

Councillor Darcy (Cabinet member for Finance/ICT) presented his report – ‘Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)’.

Councillor Bowyer (Leader) thanked Andrew Hardingham (Assistant Director for Finance) and Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) for their ongoing work on this matter.

Agreed that Cabinet approves and recommends the Medium Term Financial Strategy to Council on 21 November 2016.

36. **Corporate Fees and Charges Policy**

Councillor Darcy (Cabinet member for Finance and ICT) presented his report – ‘Corporate Fees and Charges Policy’.

Caroline Cozens (Strategic Commercial Manager – Finance) advised members that a plan would be put in place to implement any increases – and these would be done in an open and transparent way.

Councillor Nicholson advised Cabinet members that they would have the opportunity to review the fees and charges relating to their portfolio area.

Agreed that Cabinet approves the revised Fees, Charges and Concessions Policy.

37. **Plymouth History Centre**

Councillor Jordan (Cabinet member for Culture) presented his report – ‘Plymouth History Centre’.

Cabinet agreed to –

(1) note the content of this report including the risks identified;

- (2) confirm acceptance of the HLF and ACE grants along with the agreement to the terms and conditions of the grants;
- (3) indemnify our partner organisations for any potential funding clawback to allow the collections to be fully integrated into the History Centre;
- (4) confirm the delegation of the decision for award of the contract (appointment of the works contractor) to the Strategic Director for Place in consultation with Councillor Glenn Jordan, Cabinet Member for Culture.

(The reason for these recommendations is to ensure that the History Centre programme is procured in good time for the Mayflower 400 celebrations)

38. **Modernisation of Waste and Street Services**

Councillor Michael Leaves (Cabinet member for Strategic Street Scene/Environment) presented his report – ‘Modernisation of Waste and Street Services’.

Following questions, Lou Hayward (Assistant Director – Street Services), advised Cabinet that a wide range of initiatives were in place to ensure the modernisation of Waste and Street Services occurs in May 2017.

Councillor Bowyer (Leader of the Council) reminded Cabinet that the full business case had been published to ensure openness and transparency around this issue, and to ensure that the citizens of Plymouth had been provided with the full facts.

Agreed that Cabinet approves Option 2: The modernisation of Waste and Street Services as set out in the summary business case, which incorporates the citywide roll out of Alternate Weekly Collections of household waste, and associated interventions to support the increase in recycling across the city.