

Cabinet

Tuesday 29 August 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowyer, in the Chair.

Councillor Nicholson, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer, Mrs Bowyer, Michael Leaves, Ricketts and Riley.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Darcy, Downie and Jordan.

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee – Chief Executive, Carole Burgoyne – Strategic Director for People, Anthony Payne – Strategic Director for Place, Andrew Hardingham – Interim Joint Strategic Director for Transformation and Change (Finance), Dawn Aunger – Interim Joint Strategic Director for Transformation and Change (Transformation), Alison Botham – Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families, Alison Ward – Regional Partnerships Manager, Rob Sowden – Performance Advisor and Amelia Boulter – Democratic Advisor.

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.34 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.

32. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest .

33. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2017 were approved.

34. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no Chair's urgent business.

35. **Questions from the Public**

There was one question from a member of the public. The questioner was not present at the meeting.

Question submitted by: Mr John Emery
To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Councillor Nicholson, Deputy Leader
Question:

What assurances can the Council provide to ensure Plymouth Local Access Forum (PLAF) is functioning in accordance with Statutory Instrument No.268. The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007.* Regulations 1-30 and who on the Executive/Administration is responsible for the PLAF and why is there no permanent independent secretary?

* References: Electors Question to Planning Committee, Emails to the PLAF 22 January, 6,10 July 2017

Response:

The Plymouth Local Access Forum, which falls within the Strategic Transport, Housing and Planning portfolio, operates within all relevant legislative guidelines including the referenced statutory instrument with secretarial support having been continuously provided by the council's Democratic Support Team since 2006 when the Local Access Forum was established.

36. **Establishing a Strategic Partnership with Torbay Council to Deliver Children's Services**

The Leader introduced the report and then handed over to Alison Botham, Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Families who highlighted that Plymouth City Council were invited to submit an expression of interest to create a partnership arrangement with Torbay Council to jointly deliver its Children's Services. This was following Torbay being judged inadequate for several years by Ofsted. This report seeks an 'in principle' decision and we have been clear throughout that to proceed with a full partnership due diligence would be undertaken to ensure that this partnership does not compromise our services to children and young people.

Since this report was produced Torbay Council would now consider their options at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 27 September 2017.

Cabinet –

1. Agrees 'in principle' to progress the development of a partnership with Torbay Council to run its Children's Services, working with Torbay Council and the Commissioner for Children's Services, and under the auspices of the Department for Education to develop a detailed partnership agreement.
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Leader of the Opposition the development of the detailed partnership agreement.
3. Requests the Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee to examine and debate the proposal in September 2017 and provide any feedback to the Council meeting on 25 September 2017.
4. Recommends that the Council endorses the Cabinet's 'in principle' decision at its meeting on 25 September 2017, subject to continuing support for a strategic partnership with Plymouth City Council to deliver Torbay Council's Children's Services, following the latter's Council meeting on 13 September 2017.

5. Receives a further report later in 2017 following the 'due diligence' exercise and seeks further endorsement from the Council before any binding decision is made.

37. **Capital and Revenue Monitoring Report 2017/18 - Quarter I**

The Leader highlighted that this report outlines the finance monitoring position of the Council as at the end of June 2017.

Cabinet agreed –

1. To note the current revenue monitoring position and action plans in place to reduce/mitigate shortfalls;
2. It is recommended that Cabinet approve the non-delegated virements which have occurred since 1 April 2017;
3. Cabinet are asked to recommend to Council that the Capital Budget 2017 – 2022 is revised to £836m (as shown in table 5).

38. **Corporate Performance Monitoring Q1 2017/18**

The Leader introduced the report and highlighted that this was the quarter one update of the Corporate Plan which provides an overview of activity and performance between April and June 2017. The council remains 'on track' with the majority of its activity and there has been some significant progress in quarter one. The report also highlights the challenges faced by the council.

Cabinet noted and approved the Corporate Plan Quarter I Monitoring Report.