

CITY COUNCIL

11 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF KEY DECISION TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS

Minutes 36 and 38 of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 August 2010.

36. **ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY BUSINESS CASE**

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a written report.

This was an urgent key decision and approval had been given by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, under Paragraph 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Special Urgency), that the decision could not reasonably be deferred. To wait until September 2010 for Cabinet approval would have delayed implementation of the strategy and reduced the revenue savings achieved in 2011/12 by approximately £125,000, further increasing budgetary pressures on the Council.

The Chair also drew Members' attention to the report referred to in minute 38 below.

Agreed that –

- (1) this stage of the Accommodation Strategy is approved, i.e. vacating six satellite offices and focusing on three core office accommodation bases of Civic Centre, Windsor House and Midland House;
- (2) the capital investment and one-off revenue costs required to enable implementation of this stage of the strategy, is approved;
- (3) capital funding required is, where feasible, drawn from the council's existing investment portfolio, hence minimising further borrowing requirements;
- (4) revenue savings generated in 2011/12 are used to fund the revenue costs of exiting existing lease agreements early. Any cashflow issues in terms of timing, or net revenue shortfall in 2011/12, to be met from the council's accommodation reserve;
- (5) a corporate provision is created into which each 'invest to save' scheme is required to make future financial contributions;
- (6) from 2012/13 onwards, 10% of the revenue benefit from this invest to save scheme, (i.e. £152k per annum), is contributed to

the council's corporate invest to save provision;

- (7) that the report is referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for consideration and inclusion in their work programme as appropriate.

37. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

38. **ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY BUSINESS CASE (E3)**

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a written report.

(See minute 36 above)

The authority under special urgency provisions is attached.