

REPORT OF THE LEADER ON URGENT CABINET AND KEY DECISIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the constitution, the following urgent decisions are reported to council for noting (paragraphs 3.5 of the Cabinet Procedure Rules and 18.3 of the Access to Information Rules apply). These cover the period from May 2013 -

I. CITY CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS 2014

Cabinet: 10 December 2013

(on the recommendations of Councillor Peter Smith)

Decision:

Agreed additional funding of £395,000 to support a major series of events in 2014 including the Royal Marines 350th anniversary celebrations and a major musical event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the City.

Urgent key decision

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Urgent Cabinet decision

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Reason for Urgency:

Following the decision of Cabinet on 10 December, the Council has been in discussion with a key third party promoter for the event who is insisting that in order to secure the national / international promotion of the events they require contracts signed by 18 December 2013. Accordingly, in the interests of the Council and the public, immediate action is required to sign the contract.

Agreed by Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) on 16 December 2013.

2. FUTURE ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

Cabinet: 12 March 2013

(on the recommendation of Councillor Lowry)

Decision:

To complete two property transactions as detailed in the confidential report.

Urgent key decision

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Urgent Cabinet decision

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Reason for Urgency:

The next forward plan will be published on 16 December 2013 and it is impracticable to defer the decision until the next Cabinet meeting on 14 January 2014 as the Council needs to secure negotiated property deals in the market now to secure its accommodation requirements and that means that a decision has to be taken before this date.

In the interests of the Council, immediate action is required to secure the best deals and it is therefore proposed to implement the decision immediately after Cabinet.

Agreed by Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) on 9 December 2013.

3. PREPARATION FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL'S TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

Decision date: 18 March 2014

(Taken by Councillor Evans, Leader)

Decision:

1. Endorse the expenditure and actions taken to date by officers in 2013/14 in preparation and implementation of the council's transformation programme
2. Endorse the Programme and Project Summaries for 2014-15 and Outline Business Cases for the Transformation Programme so that they can be developed into full Business Cases for further consideration
3. Endorse the Strategic Principles of the Council's Blueprint at Appendix A
4. Note that the following agreements have been incorporated within the overall transformation programme:
 - (a) Co-location with Health initiative, agreed by Cabinet in January 2013, is built into the Outline Business Case for Integrated Approach to Health and Wellbeing;
 - (b) The Redevelopment of the Civic Centre and future accommodation requirements initiative, agreed by Cabinet in September 2013, is built into the Outline Business Case for People and Organisational Development;
 - (c) The Investment in Customer Transformation and Core ICT infrastructure, agreed by Cabinet in September 2012, is built into the Outline Business Case for Customer and Service Transformation;
 - (d) The ICT Shared Services DELT proposal, agreed by Cabinet in October 2013, is built into the Outline Business Case for the Co-operative Centre of Operations
5. Asks the Co-operative Scrutiny Board to review the Programme and Project summaries and Outline Business Cases for the Transformation Programme to ensure that the Board and Panels are able to play an active part in supporting and challenging the programme as it develops
6. Notes that an independent review is being commissioned to appraise the overall status of the transformation programme including an opinion as to the achievability of the benefits, and that this work will be undertaken over the next three months

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Reason for Urgency:

Programme and Project summaries for the 2014-15 phase of the Transformation Programme have just been completed. An urgent decision is now needed to ensure that Cabinet endorses Transformation recommendations and allows the Co-operative Scrutiny Board to commence scrutiny before the end of the municipal year.

Agreed by Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) on 19 March 2014.

4. TAYLOR MAXWELL HOUSE 165-171 ARMADA WAY & 67-85 MAYFLOWER STREET, PLYMOUTH

Decision date: 21 March 2014

(Taken by Councillor Evans, Leader)

Decision:

Acquisition of long-leasehold interest of Taylor Maxwell House and amend capital programme accordingly in accordance with Council Minute 100 of 24/2/14

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Urgent Cabinet decision

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Reason for Urgency:

To meet the vendor's timescale for exchanging contracts to sell the long leasehold interest in the property at the price agreed i.e. by 24 March 2014.

Agreed by Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) on 19 March 2014.

5a. PLAN FOR THE CITY CENTRE PART I

Decision date: 21 March 2014

(Taken by Councillor Evans, Leader)

Decision:

1. Supports the initiatives set out in the Plan for the City Centre.
2. Requests the Working Plymouth Scrutiny Panel to consider including in its work programme for 2014/2015 a cooperative review of the detailed plans for the inter city coach hub at the site of the Mayflower West Car Park.

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Urgent Cabinet decision

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Reason for Urgency:

The next forward plan will be published on 31st March 2014 and it is impracticable to defer the decision until the next Cabinet meeting on 29th April 2014 because this decision needs to be made to enable discussions to be commenced urgently with third parties means that a decision has to be taken before this date. The scheme is dependent on the acquisition of a property to facilitate the new coach station and terms for this purchase have only just been agreed.

Agreed by Councillor James (Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board) on 20 March 2014.

5b. PLAN FOR THE CITY CENTRE PART II

Decision date: 21 March 2014

(Taken by Councillor Evans, Leader)

Decision:

1. To approve disposal terms for Bretonside Bus Station, the relocation of coach services to a new Inter City Coach Hub on the site of the Mayflower West car park, and city centre improvement initiatives.
2. The Council enter into an agreement with British Land Company plc that, subject to an acceptable full planning permission being obtained by the company for the proposed Drake Circus Leisure project at Bretonside Bus Station, the Council will grant a Building Lease to enable the project to be developed, followed by a freehold transfer on completion of the works.
3. Delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance to agree any additional or supplementary legal and estates issues associated with this project that may arise prior to completion of the relevant legal documentation. Supports the

initiatives set out in the Plan for the City Centre.			
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