

Cabinet

Tuesday 10 November 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Smith, Vice Chair in the Chair.

Councillor Lowry, Vice Chair for the meeting.

Councillors Philippa Davey, McDonald, Penberthy, Jon Taylor, Tuffin and Vincent.

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), Lesa Annear (Strategic Director for Transformation and Change), David Draffan (Assistant Director for Economic Development), Kelechi Nnoaham (Director of Public Health), and Nicola Kirby (Senior Democratic Support Officer (Cabinet)).

For part of the meeting: Mark Brunsdon (Head of Strategic Development Projects), Jerry Clough (Managing Director Western Locality, NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group), Jonathan Dean (Director, Roney Sharman Project Consultants Limited), Darin Halifax (City of Service Chief Officer), Peter Honeywell (Transformation Programmes Manager), Craig McArdle (Assistant Director for Strategic Co-operative Commissioning), Andy Netherton (Service Manager, Public Protection Service) and Chris Randall (Head of Finance Operations).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Evans (Leader), Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People) and Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place).

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.30 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Cabinet 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.

44. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in respect of items under consideration at this meeting –

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Coker	Minute 48 – Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy	Licensee of a public house	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Jon Taylor	Minute 49 - Integrated Commissioning Strategies	Employee of the Clinical Commissioning Group	Private

45. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2015.

46. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

One question was submitted by a member of the public for this meeting, in accordance with Part B, paragraph 11 of the Constitution. Councillor Casey attended the meeting and asked the following question. Councillor Smith responded on behalf of the Leader as set out below

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Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
3 (15/16)	Ms A Casey	Councillor Evans, Leader	Responses to public questions
Asking, receiving and responding to questions takes up time, energy and other resources of the electorate, officers and cabinet members. Why then do most of the questions receive a statement by way of an answer and even then the answers do not always fit the thrust of the questions submitted?			
Response: Cabinet Members respond in the most appropriate manner to questions submitted.			

CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

47. **Order of Business**

Agreed that the order of the agenda is changed as reflected by these minutes.

48. **GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Kelechi Nnoaham (Director of Public Health) submitted a report providing details of the three year review of the City Council's Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy together with a draft policy to commence from 31 January 2016.

Councillor Philippa Davey (Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities) introduced the proposals and reported that following approval of the draft policy, a further review would be undertaken during the following 9 to 12 months to take account of local area profiles.

Andy Netherton (Service Manager, Public Protection Service) attended the meeting for this item.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

The City Council is Recommended to adopt the Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy contained in Appendix A with effect from 31 January 2016.

(Councillor Coker having declared an interest, withdrew from the meeting for this item).

49. **INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING STRATEGIES**

Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People) submitted a report seeking approval of the four Integrated Commissioning Strategies which would drive commissioning activity across Plymouth City Council and the Western Locality of NHS Northern, Western and Eastern Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NEW Devon CCG) over the next five years. The following documents were appended to the report –

- (1) Commissioning an Integrated System for Population Health and Wellbeing (overview);
- (2) Draft Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy;
- (3) Draft Community Based Care Commissioning Strategy;
- (4) Draft Children and Young People's Commissioning Strategy;
- (5) Draft Enhanced and Specialised Care Commissioning Strategy.

Councillor Tuffin (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care) and Councillor McDonald (Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Public Health) introduced the proposals.

Jerry Clough (Managing Director Western Locality, NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group) and Craig McArdle (Assistant Director for Strategic Co-operative Commissioning) attended the meeting for this item and addressed Cabinet. Cabinet was advised that the work involved to deliver the strategies would be immense and that the proposals were another significant step towards driving change and integration. Jerry Clough welcomed the opportunity to continue to work with the Council.

Kelechi Nnoaham also reported.

Cabinet Members thanked all the staff for their work on achieving this significant milestone.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed that the following Integrated Commissioning Strategies are approved –

- (1) Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy;
- (2) Community Based Care Commissioning Strategy;
- (3) Children and Young People's Commissioning Strategy;

- (4) Enhanced and Specialised Care Commissioning Strategy.

(Councillor Jon Taylor declared an interest in the above item).

50. **BRETONSIDE UPDATE**

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) -

- (a) informed Cabinet Members that the Bretonside development was progressing to delivery on the ground which would provide an exciting landmark leisure scheme including a 4D cinema and restaurants;
- (b) welcomed the £42m investment in the city by the British Land Company;
- (c) reported that when completed the city would receive an annual business rate of £700k from the scheme;
- (d) advised Cabinet Members that the latest projections were for the scheme to commence in August 2016 with completion in July 2018;
- (e) welcomed Jonathan Dean (Director, Rowney Sharman Project Consultants Limited) to the meeting and invited him to update Cabinet Members on scheme.

Jonathan Dean (Director, Rowney Sharman Project Consultants Limited) –

- (f) gave apologies from David Pollock (Retail Development Director, The British Land Company PLC) who had intended to be present but had been taken ill;
- (g) presented a video of the proposals;
- (h) thanked the officers in the planning and economic development teams for their assistance;
- (i) reported that the British Land Company had an environmental and sustainability policy which incorporated measurable targets for engaging with the community with targets for local procurement, jobs and materials.

Mark Brunson (Head of Strategic Development Projects) attended the meeting for this item and also addressed Cabinet Members.

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) and Cabinet Members -

- (j) thanked the British Land Company for investing in city;

- (k) welcomed the high quality development which would create jobs and businesses;
- (l) welcomed the work on the public realm which would enhance the gateway to the city and Barbican;
- (m) thanked everyone who had worked extremely hard to achieve this outcome.

The progress report was noted.

(Councillors Philippa Davey and McDonald left for the remainder of the meeting)

51. **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT: CORPORATE PLAN QUARTER TWO AND PLEDGES UPDATE**

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) submitted the Quarter Two, 2015/16, Corporate Performance monitoring report which provided a summarised evaluation and assessment of progress towards the Council's ambitions as a brilliant co-operative council, using revised key actions (and their milestones) and revised performance indicators. The report also provided an update on the pledges as at 16 October 2015.

Councillor Smith (Deputy Leader) introduced the report.

Peter Honeywell (Transformation Programmes Manager) attended the meeting for this item and reported that 6 of the 10 priority areas had now been completed.

Councillor Lowry reported that –

- (a) that although the Council had achieved many successes, he would not be signing off pledge 2 (beginning to deliver the new plan for the City Centre to attract shoppers and visitors) until a solution had been found for the Colin Campbell Court development;
- (b) since the introduction of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) previous bad behaviour in his ward no longer existed and he expressed concern about the potential removal of the officers and also the impact of changes to the working family tax credits.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed that –

- (l) the summarised evaluation and assessment of progress towards the Council's ambitions as a brilliant co-operative council are endorsed and that the significant achievements delivered under the Corporate Plan are noted;

- (2) the progress of pledges to date is noted;
- (3) the officers investigate the impact of the potential loss of Police Community Support Officers across the city and any changes to the working family tax credits which could impact on the Council's budget in future years.

52. **CAPITAL AND REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 2015/16 SECOND QUARTER**

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report on the Council's finance monitoring position as at the end of September 2015, detailing how the Council was delivering against its financial measures using its capital and revenue resources, seeking approval of relevant budget variations and virements, reporting new schemes in the capital programme and proposing increases to the capital financing envelope.

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) introduced the proposals.

Cabinet Members were advised that -

- (a) an additional borrowing requirement of £10m was being sought for regeneration initiatives;
- (b) it was anticipated that 170 people would be leaving the Council under the Enhanced Voluntary Release Scheme this year and that since April 2012 the headcount had been reduced from 4158 to 2781 as at October 2015, of which 764 staff had transferred to other undertakings under the TUPE provisions;
- (b) Councillor Lowry hoped to recommend a freeze of the Council tax for 2016/17 to Cabinet but that the recommendation would depend on the Autumn Statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer;
- (c) there were concerns about -
 - the impact of any changes to the working family tax credit which could increase both support required under the Council Tax Support Scheme and Council tax arrears;
 - the loss of Police Community Support Officers and the impact on anti-social behaviour and vandalism which could put further pressures on the Council's resources.

Chris Randall (Head of Finance Operations) attended the meeting for this item.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed –

- (1) that the current revenue monitoring position and action plans in place to reduce/mitigate shortfalls are noted;
- (2) the non-delegated revenue budget virements (shown in Table 4);
- (3) that the new schemes added to the Capital Programme totalling £1.063m are noted (as shown in Table 6);
- (4) further to recommendation (3) in minute 51 above, the investigations to include the impact of the proposals on communities and also consider any changes of the working family tax credits having regard to other welfare reform cuts with the outcome to be reported as part of the draft budget report.

The City Council is Recommended to increase the Capital Programme 2015 - 2020 to £287m (as shown in table 5).

53. **CITIES OF SERVICE UPDATE**

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) submitted a report on the progress of the current Cities of Service projects since the local launch of the scheme in October 2014 and the future plans for the programme.

Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Housing) –

- (a) introduced the progress report;
- (b) reported on two further projects planned to be launched in November 2015: Right to Read and Pledge Plymouth and undertook to consider a suggestion that primary school children taking part in the Right to Read Scheme should be encouraged to join a library;
- (c) the funding for the Cities of Service Chief Service Officer post would cease on 31 May 2016 and that to date there had been no indication of future funding;
- (d) thanked members of Cabinet, One Plymouth, partners, funders, volunteers for their work and support and Darin Halifax for his passion which had made the initiative such a success.

Cabinet Members were advised that a further report would be made to Cabinet at the end of the campaigns.

Darin Halifax (City of Service Chief Officer) attended the meeting for this item and reported examples of the impact of the scheme.

Cabinet paid tribute to Darin Halifax and Councillor Penberthy and stated that funding needed to be identified to support the projects.

Councillor Coker also paid tribute to Sandie Morrison who had unexpectedly passed away and had worked tirelessly for the Keyham Community.

Agreed that -

- (1) the report is noted;
- (2) the Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Housing writes to the Prime Minister expressing concerns about the lack of a commitment on future funding for the Cities of Service Chief Officer posts.