

CABINET/COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING

MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2016

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet/Commissioners' Decision Making meeting held on Monday, 15 February 2016.

1. LOCAL WELFARE PROVISION 2016/17

Resolved:- (1) That the contract with FareShare Yorkshire for "Food in Crisis" provision be confirmed and an extension to the contract be issued to March 2017.

(2) That LASER Credit Union be provided with a grant of £60,000 to continue the provision of crisis loans to residents suffering hardship for the year 2016/17. The provisions for awarding of loans and reporting to the Council to remain as in 2015/16.

(3) That the Council enter into discussions with Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) regarding the use of the £10,000 contingency budget. This funding (offered on a one off basis) would be to help to support a complementary small grants scheme alongside Food in Crisis, and the co-ordination of support to the "Food in Crisis Partnership" work. A separate contract would be drawn up for this funding with VAR, should it be supported.

(4) That further reports be presented during 2016/17 to establish future strategic direction to tackle poverty in Rotherham, making best use of the data being collected and informing recommendations for local welfare provision in future years whilst ensuring cost benefit ratio and best value.

(Councillor Wallis declared a personal interest on the grounds that she was a saver with LASER Credit Union and left the room whilst that item was discussed)

2. ROTHERHAM TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Recommended:- (1) That the Rotherham Transport Strategy 2016-2026 be adopted by Council on 2nd March, 2016.

(2) That internal consultation completed prior to public and stakeholder consultation and the comments from both incorporated where appropriate be noted.

3. ROTHERHAM'S HOUSING STRATEGY 2016-19

Recommended:- That the Rotherham Housing Strategy 2016-2019 be adopted by Council on 2nd March, 2016.

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

Resolved:- (1) That the forecast overspend and the need to maintain continuous close scrutiny of spend to significantly mitigate the current forecast overspend be noted. To facilitate this a significant corporate overview of all spend between now and the end of March would be undertaken through the Strategic Leadership Team.

(2) That any 2016/17 budget savings proposals be implemented at the earliest appropriate opportunity (i.e. subject to clearance through appropriate approval mechanisms) to both guarantee full year effect of the saving in 2016/17 and contribute to mitigating the forecast overspend in 2015/16.

5. BUDGET 2016-17 - UPDATE

Resolved:- That the update on the final Local Government settlement and the initial public and partner feedback received in respect of the Budget Proposals currently out to comment be noted.

6. CHESTERFIELD CANAL - PREPAYMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S MAINTENANCE COSTS TO THE CANAL AND RIVER TRUST

Commissioner Kenny Resolved:- (1) That the proposal be approved for the current and future maintenance costs of £517,711 payable by Rotherham MBC to the Canal and River Trust, over the period 2014/15 to 2023/24, be prepaid in full, for an agreed sum of £416,943.

(2) That the agreement of a second Supplemental Agreement between Rotherham MBC and the Canal and River Trust, to document the prepayment of the maintenance contributions by the Council, the ongoing maintenance obligations of the Canal and the River Trust and the cessation of the Council's future maintenance liabilities, be approved.

(As this is a Commissioner decision it is not subject to 'call in')

7. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORT OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Resolved:- (1) That the exemption from Standing Orders be approved.

(2) That the extension to the Home to School Transport contract for a second extension period contract period from April 2016 to March 2017 be approved.

8. PROCUREMENT OF WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES

Commissioner Ney Resolved:- (1) That the contract for the supply of 16 No. replacement refuse collection vehicles is awarded to Dennis Eagle Ltd.

(2) That the procurement of the vehicles be progressed through an Operating Lease arrangement with Siemens Financial Services Ltd. for an initial term of five years.

(3) That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment be given delegated authority to approve the acquisition of up to 4 No. refuse vehicles within a two year period under the terms of the framework agreement to meet the service requirements of the Council.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in')

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 (information relates to finance and business affairs).

10. PROCUREMENT OF ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE

Resolved:- That the contract for the purchase from Civica of annual support and maintenance for the Civica Electronic Document management and workflow system be approved and exempt from the provisions of Standing Order 48.2 (requirement to invite between three to six tenders for contracts with a value of £50k or more) for the period up to 30th September, 2019.

11. NEW HARDSHIP RELIEF APPLICATION

Resolved:- That the application for hardship relief be refused in accordance with the policy agreed by Cabinet on 24th April, 2013.