

CABINET/COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING

MONDAY, 14 MARCH 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, 14 March 2016.

1. 2015 EDUCATION PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

Resolved:- That the contents of the report and latest education outcomes be noted.

2. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS TO CONTINUE AND EXTEND THE SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE AND HOSTING FOR SYNERGY FIS (TRIBAL)

Resolved:- (1) That an exemption under Standing Order 38 from the provisions of Standing Order 47 be granted.

(2) That the support, maintenance and hosting of the Synergy FIS contract for a three year contract be approved with the option to extend for a further two years.

3. ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (REPORT HEREWITH)

Resolved:- (1) That public consultation on the draft Rotherham Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document be approved.

(2) That should any minor amendments to the draft Supplementary Planning Document be required, these be considered by Councillor Lelliott and Commissioner Kenny, prior to undertaking public consultation.

4. REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Resolved:- (1) That the contents of this report and the progress made to date in refocusing the priorities of the directorate as it changed from Environment and Development Services to the Regeneration and Environment Directorate on 1st April, 2016 be noted.

(2) That the proposals for strengthening enforcement and public protection services be noted.

(3) That the timeline for reviewing delivery of street cleaning, parks,

and grounds maintenance services be noted.

(4) That any advice or comments to shape the future direction of the Directorate be provided.

5. LIBRARY STRATEGY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTATION PLAN

Resolved:- (1) That the draft Library Strategy 2016 – 2019 and public consultation plan, attached as Appendix A and B, be endorsed.

(2) That the public consultation on the Library Service be approved which would inform the final version of the Library Strategy 2016 – 2019 and the future service delivery model.

6. REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE - FEES AND CHARGES 2016-17

Resolved:- (1) That the proposed fees and charges for the Planning Service as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

(2) That the proposed fees and charges for Leisure and Green Spaces as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

(3) That the proposed fees and charges for Highways Services as set out in Appendix 3 be approved.

(4) That the proposed Building Regulation charges as set out in Appendix 4 be approved.

(5) That the proposed Parking Services charges as set out in Appendix 5 be approved.

(6) That the proposed Community Protection charges as set out in Appendix 6 be approved.

(7) That the proposed Library, Customer Services, Theatre Services and Heritage Service charges as set out in Appendix 7 be approved.

7. USE OF 'WARRANT FOR ENTRY' UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (1990) TO SERVICE GAS APPLIANCES WHICH HAVE BECOME NON-COMPLIANT DUE TO TENANT NON ACCESS (REPORT HEREWITH)

Resolved: (1) That the Council use powers under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) to allow forced entry to service gas appliances/cap off gas supplies for properties with internal meters only, when all other reasonable avenues to gain access for the annual gas service have been exhausted.

(2) That gaining approval to utilise the Environmental Protection Act

(1990) be approved where the property was abandoned and/or where the Council's tenant was in prison/otherwise incapacitated so long as all other reasonable attempts to service the gas appliance and make it safe have failed.

(3) That the Assistant Director of Housing, Asset Management and Neighbourhood Services be authorised (under delegated power) to nominate officers to seek a warrant from the Magistrates' Court which was required to gain entry into the tenant's home to allow the Council to carry out the necessary gas safety check/service.

8. PETITION RESPONSE TO DISPOSAL OF RMBC LAND AT CATCLIFFE

Resolved:- (1) That the area of land currently leased to the Catcliffe Parish Council be approved for extension to incorporate the larger grassed area identified as shown edged red and blue at Appendix 1 of the report through an Asset Transfer Lease.

(2) That the contents of the Cabinet report on the 4th February 2015, attached as Appendix 4, be noted, as it set out the programme for house building on multiple HRA sites and the slight impact that recommendation 1 has on the programme.

(3) That the lead petitioner be advised of the outcome of the investigation and the action to be taken.

9. LONGER TERM POST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) SUPPORT SERVICES

Commissioner Newsam Resolved:- (1) That the current post child sexual exploitation support service contracts be extended for three months to the 30th June, 2016.

(2) That pursuant to Standing Order 38, the contract extensions referred to in recommendation 1 above, be exempt from the provisions of Standing Order 48 which would ordinarily require the invitation of between three to six tenders prior to the granting of a contract.

(3) That a further report be presented to Cabinet/Commissioners in June, 2016 about the outcome of the tender evaluation with an update on the needs analysis for post child sexual exploitation support.

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

10. EARLY EDUCATION FUNDING RATES 2016/17

Resolved:- (1) That the hourly rate paid to early education providers be increased as per Option A (with the exception of Nursery Schools) from April, 2016 (see Appendix 3 for increase options).

(2) That additional funding be approved from the Schools Dedicated Schools Grant Block to be allocated to the Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant block to enable an increase in the hourly rate paid to providers.

(3) That a review of the Early Education Funding allocated to the three nursery schools be approved to identify whether the funding rate was appropriate ensuring that they remain sustainable and exploring whether the budgets could then be reduced in year.

11. ROTHERHAM RAIL CONNECTIVITY STUDY - NEXT STEPS

Commissioner Kenny Resolved:- (1) That the findings of the Rotherham Rail Connectivity study be endorsed whilst noting that SYPTE presented the findings of the study to the SCR Transport Committee on 12th October 2015 (attached at Appendix A).

(2) That any comments on the further work to be undertaken and the suitability of the project board be provided.

(3) That it be noted that the new railway station be one of the Development Pool projects included within the Capital Strategy that had been identified as part of the development of the Council's capital programme (2016-2021), with a provisional cost of £15.1m.

(4) That the proposal for officers from the Transportation and Highways Project Group to work as part of the project board be endorsed, to develop the further detail of the scheme, noting that the Department for Transport were expected to announce a 'New Stations Fund' in 2016.

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

12. VISION AND STRATEGY FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Commissioner Kenny Resolved:- (1) That the vision and strategy for adult social care (appendix one) be approved.

(2) That the current progress on the adult social care development programme (appendix 2) be noted.

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

13. IN-HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE CHARGES 2016/17

Commissioner Kenny Resolved:- (1) That the information contained in this report be received.

(2) That there be no increase to the weekly maximum charge for In-House residential care for the elderly for 2016/17.

(3) That the charges for non-elderly in-house residential and respite provision be approved as shown in Appendix A.

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

14. NON-RESIDENTIAL CARE CHARGES 2016/17

Commissioner Kenny Resolved:- (1) That the information contained in this report be received.

(2) That there be no increase to the charge for domiciliary care for 2016/17.

(3) That the maximum charge be increased in line with any increase in the fee for Older People Independent Residential Care.

(4) That the proposed charges for day care and transport be increased on a phased basis towards achieving full cost recovery and that service users and carers are consulted on the proposed increases for both 2016/17 and 2017/18 as set out in the report including identifying a reasonable cost.

(5) That there be no increase in the charge for day care meals in 2016/17.

(6) That there no to charge for Carers services in 2016/17

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

15. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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.

16. TENDER REPORT FOR REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT BEEVERSLEIGH RESIDENTIAL TOWER BLOCK, CLIFTON LANE

Resolved:- That the tender submitted by Contractor A dated 18th January, 2016 be accepted and works commence accordingly.

17. COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT OF ADVOCACY SERVICES 2016

Commissioner Kenny Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) That Option 2 be approved and that the budget provision for this option be met as set out in Section 7.

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

18. PROPOSAL TO COMMENCE CONSULTATION FOR THE FUTURE OF INTERMEDIATE CARE

Commissioner Kenny Resolved:- (1) That an eight week formal consultation be commenced on the proposal to absorb the intermediate care provision currently provided at Netherfield Court into Lord Hardy Court and Davies Court.

(2) That it be noted that the recommended decision on the future of Netherfield Court may change as a consequence of this consultation.

(3) That the information in the context of wider developing discussions around the overall future provision of intermediate care within Rotherham be noted.

(4) That the second sentence in paragraph 4.2 be omitted.

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

19. SHORT BREAKS PROVISION - RECOMMENDATION OF PROVIDERS

Commissioner Newsam Resolved:- (1) That the successful provider be awarded a contract for the delivery of short break services for disabled children for a two year period commencing April 2016.

(2) That an internal recharge of £5,945 be made to the Council's Autism Communication Team, for the period 1st April, 2016 to 30th June, 2016, to transition service users from the unsuccessful Chat 'n' Chill groups to the successful service provider, or to other support which meets their needs using a personal budget.

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

20. ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT FOSTERING FRAMEWORK - COMMISSIONING AND TENDER OUTCOME

Commissioner Newsam Resolved:- That the invitation of the successful providers identified in Sections 4.4 and 4.5 to join Rotherham's Fostering Framework be approved.

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