

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## Cabinet

### Meeting held 27 May 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillors Leigh Bramall (Deputy Chair), Isobel Bowler, Ben Curran, Jackie Drayton, Jayne Dunn, Terry Fox, Mazher Iqbal and Mary Lea

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Julie Dore.

#### **2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 No items were identified where it was proposed to exclude the public and press.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 April 2015 were approved as a correct record.

#### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

##### **5.1 Public Question in respect of the Disposal of Assets**

Nigel Slack commented that he had been approached by a number of concerned individuals with regard to the vague and lacking communication from one company in particular, Kier.

The concerns centred around the way Kier were disposing of Council property and the unhelpful attitude that they appeared to be adopting to community groups and members of the public in respect to the plans for various community assets the Council owned.

Mr Slack therefore asked what exactly was Kier's role in the disposal of Council assets? What instructions have been given about when and how to dispose of assets in community use? And what instructions have they been given about co-operating with the concerns and questions expressed by community groups and the public?

Was any of this available in writing, either as minutes of meetings or as documentary record of decisions and meetings between Kier and the Council?

Councillor Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, responded that the Kier contract covered a number of areas. They carried out all lettings and

disposals for the Council with the Council carrying out the decision making. Councillor Curran was aware of some instances where the letting or disposal had not gone as desired. On some occasions there had been some responsibility for this from Kier. However, there were other things that were not necessarily Kier's fault which would not be immediately apparent.

The Property team at the Council were always involved throughout the process. If Mr Slack provided specific examples where he was concerned, Councillor Curran would investigate these. As the Kier contract was due to expire next Summer, the Council was looking into all available options and specific examples of practice would assist this process

#### 5.2 Public Question in respect of Devonshire Street Shops

Nigel Slack stated that the Council would be aware that a legal challenge to the decision about the Devonshire Street parade of shops was in the offing. Therefore, what would happen if the Council chose not to defend the challenge?

In response, Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Housing, commented that if the Council did not defend their position the matter would likely end up in Court. The matter had been considered at a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee and proper process had been followed, so she would be confident that the Council would be able to defend its decision.

#### 5.3 Public Question on Devolution

Nigel Slack commented that with the return of a majority Conservative Government to Westminster, what were the prospects that there will be central pressure to amend the City Region deal struck at the beginning of the year? Will we see a directly elected Mayor on the horizon again?

Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development, responded that a number of deals had been agreed with the Government in terms of devolution. The Council would expect the City Deal to be amended if it meant the Council acquiring new powers or strengthening existing ones. The City Deal did have some good elements but the Council believed that it did not go far enough, so would like to see this extended.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, was clearly in favour of Elected Mayors. The Council would be willing to talk to any Government on the matter if it meant the offer of new powers or funding. However, any agreement would need to be in the interests of the people of Sheffield and the Council would need to approach this in the right way.

#### 5.4 Public Question on Dobcroft School

Suzanne Wilde asked in the light of the spend required to make Dobcroft Infant School fit for purpose to receive the 2015 bulge class of non-catchment children, as outlined in appendix 8.1 of today's budget monitoring report, what reassurance can you give us that the Council will follow an impartial strategy for any future school

place plans using your published selection criteria, rather than seeking to maximise your return on the Dobcroft bulge investment to the detriment of South West Children?

Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, stated that the second to last sentence in the second paragraph in Appendix 8.1 in the section on Dobcroft Infant School was factually incorrect and that she had requested that this be removed. The temporary expansion would involve one class progressing all the way through the school and would be a positive addition for the school going forward.

The proposal to permanently expand Dobcroft had been paused and was currently out to consultation and there was a variety of ways in which people could be involved such as an online survey or workshops. The final proposal would be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting for consideration.

(Note. Adam Butcher submitted two questions prior to the meeting. As he had been unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that a written response would be provided to his questions).

## **6. ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY**

- 6.1 It was noted that there had been no items called-in for Scrutiny since the last meeting of the Cabinet.

## **7. RETIREMENT OF STAFF**

- 7.1 The Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report on Council staff retirements.

**RESOLVED:** That this Cabinet :-

(a) places on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the City Council by the following staff in the Portfolios below:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Years' Service</u>
<b><u>Children, Young People and Families</u></b>		
Sharon Abbey	Clerical Officer, Waterthorpe Infant School	29
Elaine Faulkner	Personal Assistant	30
Karen Franklin	Service Support Officer	21
Susan Haighton	Teacher, Beck Primary School	32
Linda Hambleton	Bursar, Bents Green Secondary School	30

Sandra Hawley	Supervisory Assistant, Limpsfield Junior School	31
Sue Hopkinson	Headteacher, Dore Primary School	26
Ann Hoyland	Assistant Headteacher, Stocksbridge High School	37
Janet Lee	Teacher, Beck Primary School	33
Susan Massey	Team Manager	29
Sandra Pickergill	Community Youth Team Worker	26
Pauline Smith	Supervisory Assistant, Limpsfield Junior School	20

**Communities**

Kay Bilsborough	Support Manager	30
Sandra Turner	Support Manager	21
Hazel Wilson	Housing Officer	25
Ann Wright	Support Manager	26
Lorraine Zealand	Housing Officer	24

**Place**

Stephen Pickering	Gardener	37
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**Resources**

Andrew Chappell	Markets Manager	40
Graham Rogers	Senior Clerk of Works	50

(b) extends to them its best wishes for the future and a long and happy retirement;  
and

(c) directs that an appropriate extract of this resolution under the Common Seal of  
the Council be forwarded to them.

**8. INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING OF HEALTH AND CARE**

8.1 The Executive Director, Communities submitted a report in relation to the integrated commissioning of health and care.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet supports the increased joining up of the work of the Clinical Commissioning Group and Sheffield City Council, as set out in the report now submitted, so that our pooled health and care budgets can be used to commission better, more joined-up health and care services that help more people stay independent, safe and well.

### 8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 Increased pooling of budgets and aligned incentives between health and care services should enable:

- The development of more joined-up health and care services – Sheffield people do not want to be passed from ‘pillar to post’.
- Frontline staff and managers in health and care services to spend less time on managing the system and more time on supporting Sheffield people to improve their health and wellbeing.
- Increased investment in preventative services – helping more people in Sheffield stay independent, safe and well.
- Improved medium-term planning for the health and care system as a whole – helping Sheffield cope with increased demand for health services and reduced levels of Local Government funding.

8.3.2 Achieving these benefits will require us to enter into a closer, strategic partnership with Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group. The terms of this partnership are as set out in the Section 75 Agreement.

8.3.3 The Section 75 Agreement is designed to allow us increase the depth of our partnership and the level of risk-sharing with Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group incrementally. Proposals for further joint ventures will however be taken forward within the Council’s decision-making processes.

### 8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 There were no alternative options presented in the report.

## 9. **A SECOND UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SERVING SHEFFIELD CITY REGION**

9.1 The Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families submitted a report in relation to proposals for a second University Technical College (UTC) serving Sheffield City Region.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) agrees that the implementation of the proposals contained in this report are likely to promote and improve the economic and social

well-being of Sheffield;

- (b) approves the selection of an elected member and a senior officer to represent the interests of the City Council on the governing body of the UTC;
- (c) delegates authority to the Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, in consultation with the Director of Capital and Major Projects and with the relevant Cabinet Members, to agree the steps that need to be taken to further the project and protect the Council's interests;
- (d) delegates authority to the Director of Capital and Major Projects, in consultation with the Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, to instruct the Director of Legal and Governance to negotiate and agree the detailed terms of the lease to the UTC and instruct the Director of Legal and Governance to grant a lease of the site on the agreed terms, and that this will be shared with the relevant Cabinet Member;
- (e) delegates authority to the Director of Capital and Major Projects, in consultation with the Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, to instruct the Director of Legal and Governance to take all necessary steps and enter into such documentation as is required to further the project, and that this will be shared with the relevant Cabinet Member; and
- (f) notes the current position on the development of the Olympic Legacy Park and the potential capital commitment from the Council.

### **9.3 Reasons for Decision**

- 9.3.1 The recommendations will enable the Sheffield College, as the sponsor, to move to the position of securing the UTC 2 funding agreement and thereby the procurement of the new building.
- 9.3.2 UTC 2 will help young people to exploit new opportunities in key sectors of the local economy and help employers to secure the better skilled recruits that they will need for growth in a global economy.

### **9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

- 9.4.1 UTC 2 to proceed without LA support – UTC 2 is widely seen as having the potential to make an important contribution to the city's economic growth and is supported by key local employers accordingly. This is a key objective for the Local Authority and merits the active engagement and support of the City Council.
- 9.4.2 Sheffield City Council to deliver the programme – a local authority is not allowed by DfE regulations to lead on the establishment of a UTC Trust. However, the City Council was instrumental in creating the conditions and partnerships that has allowed the Sheffield College to make an application and it is proposed in this Cabinet paper that the City Council maintains its influence and support by making

an appointment to the UTC 2 Trust as a Governor.

**10. ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSE BUILDING**

10.1 The Director of Policy, Performance and Communications, submitted a report presenting the Environmental and Economic Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's Task Group report outlining the work it undertook on private sector house building in the City.

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) thanks the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for its work on Private Sector House Building;
- (b) notes the Private Sector House Building Report that is attached as Appendix A to the report;
- (c) agrees that a joint response from the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources is provided to a meeting of this Committee as soon as practicably possible after the Summer; and
- (d) agrees that a further report to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on progress on implementing the recommendations be provided to the Committee by the end of 2015.

**10.3 Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 In order to make it clear to the Scrutiny Committee what actions the Council is committing to, the Committee requests a joint response to its Private Sector House Building report.

10.3.2 To enable the Committee to scrutinise progress made in implementing the recommendations, the Committee requests a further report back on implementation.

**10.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 An alternative option in relation to the recommendations would be to do nothing with the Task Group Report. However, given the time and effort spent by the Task Group and contributions to the work from external organisations, this is not deemed a viable option.

10.4.2 An alternative option in relation to the recommendations would be to respond to the Committee's report over a much longer timescale. However, the Scrutiny Committee wishes to see a fast response to its recommendations. The Committee believes a report to its July meeting strikes an appropriate balance between speed and allowing sufficient time for Cabinet Members and officers to consider

the recommendations in the Private Sector House Building report.

## **11. REVENUE AND CAPITAL YEAR END POSITION 2014/15**

- 11.1 The Interim Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing the Outturn monitoring statement on the City Council's Revenue and Capital Budget for 2014/15.
- 11.2 Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families, commented that the second paragraph in relation to the section on Dobcroft Infants – 1 Year Expansion in Appendix 8.1 of the report was incorrect and should be removed.
- 11.3 Councillor Isobel Bowler, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, requested that the title of the M1 Gateway section in Appendix 8.1 of the report be amended to 'Tinsley Art Project'.
- 11.4 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet, subject to the above amendments:-
- (a) notes the updated information and management actions provided by the report on the 2014/15 Revenue Budget Outturn;
  - (b) approves requests in respect of Access to Grants and Portfolio Carry Forwards as shown in Appendix 1.1 and Appendix 1.2 respectively;
  - (c) approves £600k of the 2014/15 underspend to be carried forward into 2015/16 in order to be used on a number of priority projects and notes that the Leader will decide specifically how the amount carried forward will be allocated, in consultation with Cabinet colleagues;
  - (d) approves the project to replace the Finance and eProcurement System, as detailed in Appendix 7 of the report;
  - (e) in relation to the Capital Programme:-
    - (i) approves the proposed additions to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 8.1 of the report with the exception of the Public Art allocation of the Grey to Green scheme which is not approved, including the procurement strategies and delegations of authority to the Director of Commercial Services or nominated Officer, as appropriate, to award the necessary contracts following stage approval by Capital Programme Group;
    - (ii) requests a report back to a future meeting on the Public Art allocation of the Grey to Green scheme;
    - (iii) approves the proposed variations and slippage as detailed in Appendix 8.1 of the report;



- (iv) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and the Director of Legal and Governance to finalise, and, if satisfactory, accept, the conditions of the grant listed in Appendix 8.2 of the report;
- (v) delegates authority to the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to finalise the approved budget amounts to be slipped forward into 2015/16;
- (vi) notes the outturn position on the Capital Programme; and
- (vii) notes the emergency approvals taken under delegated authority, as set out in Appendix 8 of the report

## 11.5 **Reasons for Decision**

- 11.5.1 To formally record changes to the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme and gain Member approval for changes in line with Financial Regulations and to reset the Capital Programme in line with latest information.

## 11.6 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

- 11.6.1 A number of alternative courses of action are considered as part of the process undertaken by officers before decisions are recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represent what Officers believe to be the best options available to the Council, in line with Council priorities, given the constraints on funding and the use to which funding is put within the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.