

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Cabinet

Meeting held 21 June 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Julie Dore (Chair), Olivia Blake, Ben Curran, Jackie Drayton, Jayne Dunn, Mazher Iqbal, Mary Lea, Cate McDonald and Jack Scott

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bryan Lodge.

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 MEETINGS

4.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 19 April and 17 May were approved as correct records.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 Public Question in respect of Devolution

5.1.1 Nigel Slack commented that, with Chesterfield and Bassetlaw withdrawing their applications to join the City Region 'Constituent' Councils and with Barnsley and Doncaster considering a 'Whole Yorkshire' devolution approach, where does that leave the current Sheffield City Region deal? Will it go ahead now, in the form originally envisaged in 2014? What of the Council's commitment to a 'geographically appropriate' deal? With both major parties apparently committed to dropping 'Mayors' for future deals, will we still be electing a Mayor for the City Region in 2018? The Sheffield City Region Combined Authority meeting on July 3rd appears to have disappeared. Why is that?

5.1.2 The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julie Dore, commented that there had been a meeting scheduled for 3rd July to discuss devolution. As the issue needed further clarification the meeting had been cancelled. This would allow time for officers to further discuss the issue with the Government and report back to the Combined Authority.

5.2 Public Question in respect of Park Tennis Contract

5.2.1 Nigel Slack raised a concern in respect of the Park Tennis CIC contract. Despite the potential benefits of the contract he asked 'Was there no Sheffield or City

region organisation (rather than Oxford) able to offer a similar proposal? Did the Council consider a local solution of any other type? How much of the contract price will disappear to Oxford in 'Management Fees' or Director's Emoluments?

5.2.2 Councillor Mary Lea, Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure, responded that the sites will still be owned by SCC as landlord – Parks Tennis CIC will simply operate them. Parks Tennis CIC would have to submit monthly reports to the Council which would be subject to Freedom of Information Legislation. The contract was advertised on YORtender and no other applications were received. It was not cost effective for the Council to operate. The contractor was a not for profit company. Any profit was reinvested in sites. The contractor did not make any payments to the Council and they had responsibility for maintaining the sites.

5.3 Public Question in respect of the Mental Health Action Group

5.3.1 Nigel Slack commented that, the last time a representative of the Mental Health Action Group attended Cabinet, he was publically assuaged by suggestions that an application to continue that funding would be looked on favourably. What happened? Is the Council providing any support to the Mental Health Action Group team in their crowd funding attempt?

5.3.2 Councillor Cate McDonald, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, responded that not all applicants were able to be informed of the outcome. However, the Council would continue to provide support to the Mental Health Action Group.

5.4 Public Question in respect of Tower Blocks

5.4.1 Nigel Slack commented that, after the tragedy in Kensington, he was encouraged by the statement put out by the Council in regards to fire safety in the City's tower blocks. However further questions needed to be considered. Who implemented the improvements in Sheffield (company)? What sub-contractors were used? Were insulation panels independently checked before, during or after fitting? Chancellor of the Exchequer, Phillip Hammond suggests potential illegality on behalf of the contractors, can we be confident this is not the case here? What are the blocks' status with respect to sprinklers, extinguishers, fire stairs etc? Will the fire service report be made public?

5.4.2 Councillor Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, responded that she would provide a written response to Mr Slack's questions.

5.5 Public Question in respect of Hyperloop Technology

5.5.1 Nigel Slack stated that Hyperloop transport technology was being developed. This was a technology that enabled capsules to travel at ground level at aircraft speeds and would give travel time to London of around 20 minutes. Three schemes in the UK had been successful in getting to the last round of the 'Hyperloop One Challenge', with the potential for any of these to be one of the first in the world. Mr Slack asked where Sheffield was in this conversation?

- 5.5.2 Would the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment agree to meet with Mr Slack and the individual who tried to push this idea for Sheffield to see if something could be done to rescue some level of involvement for the City in these schemes?
- 5.5.3 Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Business and Investment, responded that the bidding process for potential hyperloop schemes required a lot of detailed, technical information that needed to be provided in a short space of time, which we simply did not have. Councillor Iqbal would be happy to meet with Mr Slack to discuss these issues further.
- 5.5.4 Councillor Julie Dore commented that the City needed credible not incredible transport schemes. The focus should be on HS2 and HS3. She would be happy to meet to discuss the issue but it was not a priority for the Council. Transport for the North would be interested in the Northern Arc if it was a success. The issue had been raised at the Business Adviser Panel and the Council would keep a watching brief.

6. ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY

- 6.1 It was reported that the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability on 30 May 2017, in respect of Non-City Centre Parking Developments, had been called-in for scrutiny and would be considered at a future meeting of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.

7. RETIREMENT OF STAFF

- 7.1 The Acting Executive Director, Resources 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>
<u>People Services</u>		
Karen Bennett	Service Manager	28
Patricia Brooks	Teacher, Ecclesall Infant School	21
Maureen Chatterton	Provider Services Flexible Support	29

Jane Cheetham	Senior Teaching Assistant Level 3, Stocksbridge High School	31
Peter Hardwick	Executive Headteacher, Beck Primary School (Cascade Multi Academy Trust)	38
Margaret Leggett	Senior Teaching Assistant Level 3, Stocksbridge High School	24
Robin Morrell	Social Worker	38
Lynne Raven	Assistant Headteacher, High Storrs School	35
Teresa Woollacott	Teacher, Marcliffe Primary School	24

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Wayne Stokes	Business Improvement Manager, Strategy and Resources	33
Graham Withers	Business Manager, Planning Services	39

(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. COMMISSIONING ADULT LEARNING IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS

8.1 The Executive Director, People Services submitted a report outlining a proposal for the commissioning of a refreshed framework of adult learning activities across Sheffield.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

(a) approves the development and agreement of the procurement strategy for a refreshed framework of adult learning providers equipped to deliver accredited and non-accredited learning activity across the City, to include the necessary due diligence and quality checks; and

(b) delegates authority to the Executive Director, People Services, in

consultation with the Interim Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of Legal and Governance to:

- commission the framework in accordance with the agreed procurement strategy;
- negotiate and agree terms of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) funding and complete all necessary documentation in relation to it and for its utilisation for the purpose of the provision of adult learning by the organisations on the framework for delivery in community settings for the academic year 2017/18; and
- negotiate and agree terms of the engagement with the adult learning providers on the framework and complete all necessary documentation on the commissioning for the framework.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

- 8.3.1 The development of the revised new framework will enable the Council to effectively continue to meet its statutory duties with regard to the provision of adult learning in the City, as outlined in the report. It will provide for the Council to commission third party providers to deliver adult learning in their communities to a defined standard which meets the Council's requirements.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 8.4.1 In consultation with the Council's Commercial Services, a waiver of Contract Standard Orders which would allow an extension of the current framework with existing suppliers was considered to be inappropriate for this service because the existing framework for the delivery of Adult Community Learning (ACL) was due to expire on 31 July 2017 and there was a requirement to re-procure the service in a way which was compliant with domestic and EU procurement legislation. Therefore, the development of a revised new framework was required.

9. BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17

- 9.1 The Acting Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing the month 12 monitoring statement on the City Council's Revenue and Capital Budget for 2016/17.

9.2 RESOLVED: That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the updated information and management actions provided by the report on the 2016/17 Revenue Budget Outturn;
- (b) approves the Business Case submission contained in Appendix 7 of the report;

- (c) notes the recommendation of the Acting Executive Director, Resources that, as Statutory Finance Officer (s151 Officer), the Reserve is returned to the minimum recommended level of £12.6m or approximately 3% of net revenue expenditure during 2017/18;
- (d) approves the proposal to un-earmark and transfer £2.9m of the uncommitted New Homes Bonus reserve to the General Fund balance to achieve the recommended position; and
- (e) in relation to the Capital Programme:-
 - (i) approves the proposed additions to the Capital Programme, listed in Appendix 8.1 of the report, including the procurement strategies, and delegates authority to the Interim Director of Finance and Commercial Services, or nominated officer, as appropriate, to:-
 - (A) award the necessary contracts following stage approval by Capital Programme Group; and
 - (B) determine procurement strategies in relation to the S106 Parks Programme Additional Agreements;
 - (ii) approves the proposed variations, deletions and slippages in Appendix 8.1 of the report;
 - (iii) approves the capital grant award, detailed in Appendix 8.3 of the report;
 - (iv) approves the acceptance of the grant with the conditions detailed in Appendix 8.4 of the report;
 - (v) approves the slippage and budget variations resulting from financial year end closure procedures, as detailed in Appendix 8.6 of the report; and
 - (vi) notes the outturn position on the Capital Programme.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

- 9.3.1 To record formally 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.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 9.4.1 A number of alternative courses of action were considered as part of the

process undertaken by officers before decisions were recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represented what officers believed 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 was put within the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.