

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 20 September 2017 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: Tuesday 26 September 2017

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Monday 2 October 2017

The decision can be implemented from Tuesday 3 October 2017

Item No

6. ITEMS CALLED-IN/REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY

6.1 The Policy and Improvement Officer submitted a report of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee outlining the findings of the Task and Finish Group in respect of the Western Road First World War Memorial and submitting recommendations to Cabinet.

6.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) thanks the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for its work in relation to the Western Road First World War Memorial;
- (b) notes the Western Road First World War Memorial Report that is attached as Appendix A to the report;
- (c) notes that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene provided a verbal response to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's September 2017 meeting;
- (d) agrees that a written report on progress on actions in response to the recommendations be provided to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for October 2017;
- (e) agrees that the Scrutiny Task and Finish Working Group report be shared with all members of Council, as requested by the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee; and
- (f) commissions Amey to carry out outline design work to identify solutions to retain as many highway trees on memorial streets as soon as possible to sufficient detail to enable an estimate of the additional funding needed to be provided to Cabinet.

6.3 Reasons for Decision

6.3.1 For expediency the Scrutiny Committee requested an initial response to their

recommendations for September 2017, and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene is invited to provide a verbal update at Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee meeting on 13th September 2017.

6.3.2 In order to make it clear to the Scrutiny Committee what actions the Council is committing to, the Committee requests a formal written response report to its Western Road First World War Memorial Scrutiny Working Group Report by October 2017, within the Streets Ahead core investment period.

6.3.3 The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee would like to share the report with all members of Council as appropriate course of action, to close the circle on the referring of the petition to the Committee from Full Council.

6.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

6.4.1 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 residents and interested parties, and the expectations raised by the resolution of full Council in January 2017, this is not deemed a viable option.

6.4.2 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 would welcome a fast response to its recommendations. The Committee believes an initial reporting to its September 2017 and a formal report to its October 2017 meetings strikes an appropriate balance between speed and allowing sufficient time for Cabinet Members and officers to consider the recommendations in the Western Road First World War Memorial Scrutiny Task and Finish Working Group's report, accommodating as far as possible the timeline of the Streets Ahead core investment period.

6.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

6.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Place

6.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing

8. **SOCIAL CARE RECOVERY AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

8.1 The Executive Directors, Resources and People Services submitted a joint report advising of the financial outlook for both Adult and Children's Social Care in Sheffield against the budget available over the period of the medium term financial strategy (up to 5 years)

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the challenges facing both Adults and Children's Social Care and the consequent impact on the Council's overall financial position;
- (b) approves the approach set out in the attached reports and that further work will take place as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan and 2018-19 budget;
- (c) requires the Cabinet Member for Finance, in conjunction with the Cabinet Members for Children, Young People and Families and Health and Social Care, to report back on further actions as part of the budget process; and
- (d) requests that the report be circulated to all local M.P's with a request for a meeting to discuss how national funding issues can be raised with the Government.

8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

These are outlined in the report.

8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

None.

8.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

8.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

8.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Eugene Walker and Jayne Ludlam, Executive Directors, Resources and People Services, respectively.

8.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

9. **ADDING LIFE TO YEARS AND YEARS TO LIFE: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT FOR SHEFFIELD 2017**

9.1 The Director of Public Health submitted a report outlining the Annual Report of Public Health in Sheffield for 2017.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the contents of the report of the Director of Public Health and the recommendations it makes;
- (b) requests that the report be presented to full Council on 3 January 2018; and
- (c) agrees that the report be published on the Council's website.

9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

It is good practice for DPH reports to contain recommendations aimed at improving the health of the local population, addressed to a number of partners and stakeholders as required. This year's report includes three such recommendations addressed to the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group. This year, the recommendations are based on areas for further research.

9.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (including detailed health needs assessments) and an analysis of our performance against the 159 indicators that make up the national Public Health Outcomes Framework were used to identify the three main priorities for improving health and wellbeing in the local population and these formed the basis of the report accordingly.

9.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

9.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

9.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Greg Fell, Director of Public Health.

9.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care.

10. SCC DIGITAL INCLUSION STRATEGY

10.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report presenting a Digital Inclusion Strategy for the Council and an accompanying action plan, setting out how the Council and its partners intend to tackle digital exclusion in the City.

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the Digital Inclusion Strategy shown at Appendix 1 to the report as a statement of the Council's strategic approach to digital inclusion;
- (b) approves the accompanying Digital Inclusion Action Plan;
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Business Change and Information Solutions, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to make amendments to the action plan on the basis of further development and consultation with stakeholders; and
- (d) notes that the implementation of any of the proposed actions may be subject to further decision making in accordance with the Leader's Scheme of Delegation.

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

- 10.3.1 The introduction of a Digital Inclusion Strategy and action plan will provide the City with an opportunity to build on the excellent work that is already being done to improve the digital inclusiveness of its residents by organisations such as 'The Good Things Foundation', 'Heeley Development Trust', 'Barclays Digital Eagles' and in-house activity led by Council teams and Portfolios such as Lifelong Learning, Libraries and Children's Services.
- 10.3.2 The strategy is designed to recognise that whilst the Council cannot and does not have the resource to deliver against this agenda on its own, it is uniquely placed as a community and city leader to co-ordinate and provide the strategic leadership necessary to co-ordinate both existing and planned activity across the city. It also acknowledges that there is a need for greater links to be made at the strategic level e.g. with the Digital Skills Action Plan current development by Creative Sheffield.
- 10.3.3 Increasing the number of residents who are digitally active and included will have significant benefits from an economic and social perspective, as outlined in the strategy in Appendix 1 to the report.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

- 10.4.1 The 'As-is' option: this would see no new strategy for digital inclusion adopted for the city. Much of the valuable work that currently takes place across the city to support people to access and benefit from using the internet would continue. However, the new opportunities for working together with Google Garage, Good Things Foundation, and businesses for example, to raise awareness of digital inclusion, provide digital skills training and target support more effectively would be lost. As would the potential to embed digital inclusion within the Council's approach to tackling wider social injustice such as fairness and financial inclusion.
- 10.4.2 Indeed the Council's Financial Social Inclusion Strategy makes specific mention

of digital inclusion as an important enabler in addressing poverty and financial inclusion “local intelligence also points to digital exclusion being closely linked to financial exclusion”.

10.4.3 No alternative options were therefore considered, however the Council’s approach to digital inclusion should be seen in the context of the overarching digital agenda and the Council’s ambitions and priorities in this area.

10.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

10.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

10.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources

10.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

11. **REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2017/18
MONTH 3 AS AT 30/6/17**

11.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing the Quarter 1 monitoring statement on the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2017/18.

11.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

(a) notes the updated information and management actions provided by this report on the 2017/18 Revenue Budget position; and

(b) approves the request for revenue funding in Appendix 7 of the report.

11.3 **Reasons for Decision**

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.

11.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

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 the Capital Programme.

11.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

11.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

11.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources.

11.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

12. MONTH 4 CAPITAL APPROVALS

12.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing details of proposed changes to the Capital Programme as brought forward in Month 04 2017/18.

12.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet approves the proposed additions and variations to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 1, including the procurement strategies and delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services or nominated Officer, as appropriate, to award the necessary contracts.

12.3 Reasons for Decision

12.3.1 The proposed changes to the Capital Programme will improve the services to the people of Sheffield.

12.3.2 To formally record changes to 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.

12.3.3 To obtain the relevant delegations to allow projects to proceed.

12.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

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 the Capital Programme.

12.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

12.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

12.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources.

12.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

13. **SCC TO ACT AS ACCOUNTABLE BODY FOR GRANT FOR THE CONNECTION OF THE E.ON DISTRICT ENERGY NETWORK TO THE SCC DISTRICT ENERGY NETWORK, WITH ASSOCIATED FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND HEAT PURCHASE AGREEMENT.**

13.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report requesting approval for the City Council to act as Accountable Body for grant for the connection of the E.ON district energy network to the SCC district energy network, with associated funding agreements and heat purchase agreement.

13.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the drawdown of the grant funding, totalling £2,231,250 (via a commercialisation grant for £417,500 and a construction grant for £1,813,750) from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), via Salix (its agent), for commercialisation and construction of the connection between the E.ON Lower Don Valley (LDV) Heat Network and the SCC District Energy Network (DEN);
- (b) delegates authority to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Commercial Services and Director of Legal and Governance, to negotiate final terms and approve entry into:
 - (i) back to back funding agreements for the commercialisation grant for £417,500 and for the construction grant for £1,813,750 with E.ON, with SCC acting as the Accountable Body for the funding; and
 - (ii) a Heat Supply Agreement with E.ON for the purchase of a minimum of 7.5GWh of heat from E.ON's LDV Heat Network with the possibility for both the purchase of further heat beyond the initial 7.5GWh and the sale of heat from the Sheffield DEN to the E.ON LDV Heat Network; and
- (c) subject to the terms of any agreements with E.ON being approved by the Executive Director, Place in accordance with the delegation above,

authorises the Head of Waste Management, to administer the grant agreements with BEIS and the agreements with E.ON in accordance with their terms.

13.3 Reasons for Decision

13.3.1 The grant funding through the Heat Networks Investment Project (HNIP) pilot is the only means of attracting the funding necessary to make the connection between the E.ON LDV Heat Network and the SCC DEN viable at this time.

13.3.2 This is a unique opportunity to use the grant funding that SCC has applied for to deliver a project with significant opportunities for Sheffield, and at minimal risk and cost to the Council. All funding agreements with E.ON seek to 'back off' and 'flow down' most risks, obligations and liabilities to E.ON. SCC will only draw down funding from HNIP when requested by E.ON and based on agreed milestones. The risk of any clawback is therefore minimal, but in any case that risk is also backed off to E.ON. SCC's only costs will be in administering the 'Accountable Body' role to pass HNIP funding through to E.ON who will deliver the project, but these costs will be covered by E.ON through a direct annual payment.

13.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

13.4.1 The Business Case attached to the report show that the alternatives investigated involved either SCC funding the scheme's gap or E.ON fully funding the scheme, neither being commercially viable.

13.4.2 In the situation that the project was not funded, the SCC DEN would continue to rely on gas and oil boilers to provide back-up and top-up heat into the network at times of peak demand and during the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) shut-down periods.

13.4.3 The opportunities for carbon savings and air quality improvement would be lost and the SCC DEN would remain unable to achieve significant development and expansion.

13.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

13.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

13.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Place.

13.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing