

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 20 November 2019 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Tuesday 26th November 2019.

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Monday 2nd December 2019.

The decision can be implemented from Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

Item No

8. JOINT COMMISSIONING: THE SHEFFIELD RESPONSE TO THE NHS LONG TERM PLAN

8.1 The Director of Public Health submitted a report setting out Sheffield City Council's (SCC) support to the ongoing development of arrangements for implementing the priorities in the NHS Long Term Plan (LTP). It described several key principles that Cabinet were asked to endorse, then explained how, through the various joint arrangements already in place, Sheffield is responding to the challenges set out in that Plan. It identified a number of areas where the LTP's aspirations are considered to be too weak, set out the Council's response to those areas, and described SCC's aspirations for how the health and care system should work at neighbourhood, city and 'Integrated Care System' (ICS) geographies.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes and endorses the Council's response to the NHS Long Term Plan, as set out in the report;
- (b) endorses the direction of travel set out in the next steps section of the report; and
- (c) requests that the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care engages in a dialogue with South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SY&B) ICS to ensure that the position set out in this report is given due consideration.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

Following consultation with the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council, the report is the agreed way forward.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

To not accept the recommendations in the report.

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

Greg Fell, Director of Public Health

8.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee if Decision Called In

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care

9. TACKLING INEQUALITIES IN THE CITY THROUGH INVESTING IN GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR 2020-2021

9.1 The Executive Director, People Services, submitted a report seeking permission to agree a grant aid budget, at a value of £1.437m, for a period of one financial year (2020-2021) for the purposes outlined in the report, and to extend the majority of existing grant aid funding arrangements for 12 months up to 31 March 2021, to allow for a full and thorough review of Voluntary Sector Grant Aid to be undertaken to (a) understand outcomes achieved from grant aid funding, (b) understand the impact on Council priorities of not funding the voluntary and community sector (VCS) and (c) gain an overview of total Council investment in the VCS.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet agrees an extension to the existing Grant Aid Strategy (2017-20) for 12 months from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, as outlined in the report, and in particular:-

- (i) approves the Grant Aid budget for the extension period of £1.437m for the financial year 2020-2021, as detailed within the report;
- (ii) approves the individual grant awards as detailed within the report and delegates authority for signing the necessary variations to the existing multi-year Grant Agreements to the Head of Communities where no such authority exists under the Leader's Scheme of Delegation;
- (iii) agrees that the Tackling Inequality Fund be re-launched for applications; and where no such authority exists under the Leader's Scheme of Delegation, delegates authority to the Head of Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, to award and manage such grant awards in line with the report;
- (iv) awards existing Lunch Clubs a 12 month extension for 2020/21, subject to a delegated approval of the Head of Communities in line with the report;
- (v) approves the extension of the Lunch Club Development Support for 12 months in line with the report, and where no such authority exists under the

Leader's Scheme of Delegation, delegates authority to the Head of Communities to manage such Development Support in line with the report;

- (vi) where no existing authority exists under the Leader's Scheme of Delegation, delegates authority to the Head of Communities to:-
 - (A) agree the amounts, purposes and recipients of any individual grants awarded in-year from the Grant Funds including any additional sums received, returned or unpaid and to carry out such management and award and withdrawal of such funding as necessary and in line with the report;
 - (B) to allocate any other additional sums that may be received in-year from other parts of the Council or other partners as part of the Voluntary Sector Grant Aid process to fund local voluntary sector activity;
 - (C) to vire the budgets between the stated grant funds if an underspend is identified during the financial year; and
 - (D) to make changes to the 'outcomes and delivery' of grants for 2020/21 in line with the objectives of the report.

9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

- 9.3.1 Extending existing arrangements for a year into 2020/21 allows us to continue to support the valuable work of the VCS, tackling inequalities in Sheffield in the most cost effective way, whilst we undertake a thorough review of the Council's investment in grant aid, how we can link to other funding streams and gain a greater understanding of the overall impact to its citizens.
- 9.3.2 The City Council wishes to continue to fund the voluntary sector through grant aid whilst understanding the financial constraints. We want to show the voluntary sector we value the excellent and wide ranging support they provide to a wide and diverse range of Sheffield residents.
- 9.3.3 Relaunching the Tackling Inequalities Fund, part of the overall Grant Aid monies, allows us to invite new organisations in the city to bid for funding to allow for innovative support to the City's diverse communities.

9.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

9.4.1 Make no reduction to the Grant Aid fund

A strong voluntary and community sector is the foundation for a thriving society, and is invaluable in supporting the Council's priority to reduce inequalities across the City of Sheffield, e.g. health, poverty.

9.4.2 Reduction applied to Citizens Advice Bureau grant only

Reducing the largest grant, the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) grant, means only one grant recipient receives a cut in 2020/21. CAB also receives funding from

other services within the Council. However, this may lead to a reduced service to a particular community or loss of a post.

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

John Macilwraith, Executive Director, People Services.

9.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Safer and Stronger Communities.

10. MONTH 6 CAPITAL APPROVALS

10.1 The Executive Director, Resources, submitted a report providing details of proposed changes to the Capital Programme 2019/20, as brought forward in Month 6.

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the proposed additions and variations to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 1 of the report, including the procurement strategies and delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services or nominated Officer, as appropriate, to award the necessary contract; and
- (b) approves the making of grants as identified in Appendix 2 of the report, and where the identity of any recipients is not known or to be confirmed, delegated authority be given to the Head of Strategic Transport and Infrastructure to determine grant award in line with the objectives of the Clean Bus Technology Fund project, where no existing authority within the Leader's Scheme of Delegation exists.

10.3 Reasons for Decision

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

10.3.2 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.

10.3.3 Obtain the relevant delegations to allow projects to proceed.

10.4 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.

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 2019/20 - AS AT 30/09/2019

11.1 The Executive Director, Resources, submitted a report providing the outturn monitoring statement on the City Council's Revenue and Capital Budget 2019/20, as at the end of Month 6.

11.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the updated information and management actions provided by the report and the attached appendices on the 2019/20 Revenue Budget Outturn;
- (b) in relation to the Capital Programme, notes the forecast Outturn position described in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (c) notes the review of the Treasury Management Strategy and prudential indicators in Appendix 4 of the report; and
- (d) approves the requests in the Sheffield City Trust section of this report relating to operational subsidy funding and additional grant financing to support capital maintenance and approves the request for approval of funding for the Council's own additional costs for developing a long term leisure strategy.

11.3 Reasons for Decision

To record formally changes to the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.

11.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

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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. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT SMITHFIELD AND CROSS SMITHFIELD

12.1 The Executive Director, Place, submitted a report seeking approval for Sheffield City Council to enter into an agreement for the disposal of freehold land at Smithfield and Cross Smithfield within the city centre.

12.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the proposals set out within the report and the terms of the proposed agreement as explained in the appendix to the report, and declares the land identified surplus to the requirements of the Council;
- (b) delegates authority to the Chief Property Officer to agree the terms of the disposal and the terms of any other documentation required; and
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Chief Property Officer, to negotiate and complete such legal documentation as they consider necessary, on such terms as they may agree, to give effect to the proposals set out in the report.

12.3 Reasons for Decision

12.3.1 The intended outcome of the proposal is to deliver new private housing in a designated housing growth area and help assist with the continued regeneration of the St Vincent's Quarter. The development proposes to deliver a mix of housing tenures which are non-student and will include a significant number of affordable units.

12.3.2 The proposals will relocate existing businesses to other commercial sites within the city which are more sustainable and repurpose older commercial use buildings which are inefficient.

12.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

12.4.1 The Council could do nothing; this may result in the site remaining in its current use for several more years. As existing buildings deteriorate, levels of occupation may fall and parts of the site may become derelict, as has been experienced with other sites within St Vincent's Quarter.

12.4.2 It is feasible that individual parts of the site may be brought forward for redevelopment in isolation; this could result in a compromised scheme or restrict the future redevelopment of other/adjacent sites.

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

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Place.

12.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing.

13. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT 210 ROCKINGHAM STREET

13.1 The Executive Director, Place, submitted a report seeking approval for Sheffield City Council to dispose of freehold land at 210 Rockingham Street to enable the assembly of a larger site to be redeveloped for student housing.

13.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

(a) approves the proposals set out within the report and the terms of the

proposed disposal as explained in the appendix to the report, and declares the land identified surplus to the requirements of the Council;

- (b) delegates authority to the Chief Property Officer to agree the terms of the disposal and the terms of any other documentation required; and
- (c) delegates authority to the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Chief Property Officer, to negotiate and complete such legal documentation as they consider necessary, on such terms as they may agree, to give effect to the proposals set out in the report.

13.3 Reasons for Decision

13.3.1 The intended outcome of the proposal is to deliver new purpose built student accommodation within the city centre and repurpose existing commercial sites where older buildings are inefficient and would benefit from redevelopment.

13.3.2 The development proposals will help attract additional footfall in the retail core which will be of benefit to the city. The disposal will also deliver a significant capital receipt, New Homes Bonus and CIL contribution for the Council.

13.3.3 The proposals will deliver the economic and financial benefits as outlined within the report and its appendix.

13.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

The Council could do nothing. This may result in the site remaining in its current use for several more years. Other parts of the site may be brought forward in isolation which may result in a compromised scheme. This could also have a negative impact on the continued or future use of the Council owned land.

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