

DECISIONS TAKEN at the meeting of Cabinet held on 13 June 2012

The last day for call-in of the following decisions is 5pm on Thursday 21 June 2012

Present: Councillors John Kent (Leader and Chair), Val Morris-Cook (Deputy Leader and Vice Chair); Victoria Holloway; Angie Gaywood; Oliver Gerrish; Barbara Rice; Andy Smith; Phil Smith; Lynn Worrall

Apologies: None

1 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CABINET HELD ON 7 MARCH 2012

The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 7 March 2012 were approved as a correct record.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Morris-Cook advised Cabinet that, in relation to Item 3 on the agenda, she was employed by a company with business associations with Serco Group Ltd

Councillor Gaywood declared a personal interest in Item 12 in that she is a governor of a local primary school and has a relative who is employed by Treetops School

3 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE LEADER

The Leader advised that, since the last meeting of Cabinet, four decisions were taken under arrangements for delegated and urgent decisions as follows:

- The award of a Media Services Contract
- The award of a Building Cleaning Contract
- Two decisions relating to the sale of Vertex to Serco.

In addition Members were advised that the decisions had been published to the Committee Management Information System and were available via the council's website.

6. BRIEFINGS ON POLICY, BUDGET AND OTHER ISSUES

**6.1 CORPORATE SCORECARD PERFORMANCE REPORT - MONTH 9/
QUARTER 3 (UP TO END DECEMBER 2011)**

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Acknowledged and commended services where there was good delivery against priorities; in particular processing of planning applications.**
- 1.2 Noted the performance in areas of concern and identifies, where it felt necessary, any further areas of concern on which to focus.**
- 1.3 Recommended the report to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 June 2012.**
- 1.4 Recommended the areas IN FOCUS to be circulated to other relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs.**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is not subject to call-in

10 DECISION 01104104 - CORPORATE SCORECARD 2012/13

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Agreed the Corporate Scorecard and targets for 2012-13, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.**
- 1.2 Noted the relationship between the Corporate Scorecard and the council's Corporate Priorities and Objectives.**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is not subject to call-in

11 DECISION 01104105 - 2011/12 General Fund Outturn

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Noted the outturn positions for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account subject to any final amendments.**

- 1.2 Agreed to carry forward £0.067m to fund Olympic celebration events.
- 1.3 Agreed to the transfer of unspent ICT funding in line with the approach taken in 2010/11.
- 1.4 Agreed to the allocation of the General Fund Balance:
- 1.5 Agreed to the creation of a Corporate Plan Reserve to support the delivery of the Council's priorities.
- 1.6 Noted that the Housing Revenue Account overspent against budget, as previously reported, but had a positive revenue balance of £0.162m as at 31 March 2012.
- 1.7 Agreed to the donation of £5K to support the Orsett Show 2012

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report

This decision is not subject to call-in

12 DECISION 01104106 - SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Noted the completed projects from Phase 1 and the progress and current position with each of the schemes in Phase 2 and the 14-19 Partnership Grant.
- 1.2 Approved the appointment of MACE as the Project Managers and the technical advisors and design team specialists for all schemes within Phase 1 & 2 of the School Capital Programme including the 14-19 Capital Programme, with the exception of Manor Primary.
- 1.3 Approved the scheme for Manor Primary.
- 1.4 Noted the findings of the recent feasibility study in relation to the need for pupil places in September 2012 and delegated to the Head of Learning & Universal Outcomes, in conjunction with the Head of Legal Services to enter into any agreements/contracts pursuant to the findings and/or as a consequence, including any Contractor for either works or services, Technical Advisor and Project Managers.
- 1.5 Approved the request for a further longer term strategic report on pupil place planning to be presented in October 2012.
- 1.6 Delegated authority to the Head of Learning and Universal

Outcomes, in conjunction with legal, to commission MACE or Europa to undertake the project management of the works arising from the feasibility studies, in order to deliver the required temporary accommodation and additional pupil places for September 2012.

- 1.7 Delegated authority to the Head of Learning and Universal Outcomes, in conjunction with legal, to commission Europa to undertake the project management of further feasibility studies, in order to develop a strategic approach for the longer term pupil place planning.**
- 1.8 Delegated authority to the Director of Peoples' Services, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Social Care, to agree the award of the main contract(s) for temporary accommodation by September 2012 through the urgency process.**
- 1.9 Agreed that any use of the urgency process to award main contract(s) be reported to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is subject to call-in

13 DECISION 01104107 - EARLY OFFER OF HELP STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND COMMISSIONING

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Agreed the Early Offer of Help Strategic Framework.**
- 1.2 Agreed to proceed to tender for the associated commissioning of:**
 - Early Offer of Help Core Services**
 - Management of Children's Centres**
- 1.3 Delegated authority to the Accountable Director in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Social Care to award the contracts subject to the completion of a tendering exercise.**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is subject to call-in

14 DECISION 01104108 - ANNUAL PARKING REPORT 2012

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Approved the publication of the Annual Parking Report for 2012, in accordance with the Traffic Management Act 2004.**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is subject to call-in

15 DECISION 01104109 - APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, STATUTORY AND OTHER PANELS

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Approve the nominations to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels as set out in Appendix A to the report.**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is not subject to call-in

16 DECISION 01104110 - PURFLEET CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Reaffirm the Council's commitment to delivering the Purfleet Centre Regeneration programme.**
- 1.2 Delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation to:
 - (a) Commence and diligently pursue a new OJEU Competitive Dialogue process to identify the most economically advantageous partner for the delivery of the Purfleet Centre Project and to conclude all necessary negotiations on behalf of the Council to reach a stage whereby a conditional exchange of Contracts with the preferred partner can be secured.**
 - (b) To return to Cabinet following the completion of the OJEU Competitive Dialogue process with a recommendation to Members as to the preferred partner for the Council. For the avoidance of doubt no award of Contracts shall take place prior to further Cabinet approval.****

- (c) Approve the Officer Programme Board recommendations during interim stages of the procurement process.**
 - (d) Make a recommendation to cabinet for the approval of a development partner at the conclusion of the procurement process.**
- 1.3 Delegates authority to the Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation to approve land/asset disposals to support the required public sector funding requirement to deliver the Project.**
- 1.4 Delegates authority to the Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation to authorise appropriate and necessary land acquisitions to support the delivery of the Project using the finances transferred from the Development Corporation for this purpose along with any other third party contributions that can be secured.**
- 1.5 Agreed that the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation to report progress on all aspects of the project to Cabinet at appropriate intervals (or at an anticipated minimum of once every 6 months)**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
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17 DECISION 01104111 - PEER REVIEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

RESOLVED

That Cabinet notes the:

- 1.1 Progress with the delivery of the Improvement Plan.**
- 1.2 Support being provided by the LGA to help the council continue its improvement journey.**
- 1.3 Success of the LG Challenge in Thurrock.**

Reason for Decision - as stated in the report
This decision is not subject to call-in

18 DECISION 01104112 - INDEPENDENT FOSTER CARE PROVISION EASTERN REGION ROLLING SELECT LIST

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Agrees that Thurrock Council joins the other local authority members of the Eastern Region (ER6) in offering the Eastern Region Rolling Select List.**
- 1.2 That a formal tendering process is undertaken to appoint providers to the rolling select list agreement.**
- 1.3 That Thurrock Council joins with the other members of the Eastern Region Select list and contracts with a number of Independent Foster Care Providers that satisfy the entry requirements for the Rolling Select List.**
- 1.4 That the Council consider if they would like to be kept informed of the progress of the procurement and selection process.**
- 1.5 That the council enters into an information sharing protocol and a Memorandum of Understanding which will be between the members of the Eastern Region taking part in the agreement**
- 1.6 That authority is delegated to make the subsequent decision to award contracts to the Director of People Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Social Care.**

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