

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor R Brett in the Chair

Councillors A Carter, J L Carter,
R Finnigan, S Golton, R Harker, P Harrand,
J Monaghan, J Procter and K Wakefield,

Councillor R Lewis - Non-Voting Advisory Member

108 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2009 be approved.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

109 Deputation to Council - The 'Time to Change' City Wide Steering Group Seeking Leeds City Council Support for the Events Planned to be held in Leeds as part of the National 'Time to Change' Campaign

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from the 'Time to Change' City-Wide Steering Group on 16th September 2009.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the Council's support for the Deputation be confirmed, and that the work of Time to Change be endorsed by promoting the campaign to a wide audience across the City.
- b) That it be noted that the Council will carry promotional materials in One Stop Centres, Libraries etc and place links to the Time to Change campaign on the LCC website and intranet.
- c) That the Board notes the Council's approach in tackling these issues, as described in paragraph 3.1.2 of the report, and agrees that the Council can lead by example in line with its Disability Employment Strategy, by ensuring that good practice is followed in supporting employees with mental health problems.

110 Deputation to Council - The Access Committee for Leeds regarding Planned Day Centre Closures

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from the Access Committee for Leeds on 16th September 2009.

RESOLVED - That the response to the deputation be noted and considered in conjunction with the accompanying report from Day Centres to Day Services: Response to the Consultation on Day Services as referred to in minute 111 below.

111 From Day Centres to Day Services - Response to the Consultation on Day Services

Further to minute 43 of the meeting held on 22nd July 2009 The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report summarising the consultation process undertaken with respect to the future role and purpose of the Council's day centres for older people, and detailing the recommendations for the development of day services for older people, following consideration of the responses received.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the outcome of the consultation and comments received be noted.
- b) That the revised proposals outlined at paragraphs 5.4 to 5.8 of the report be approved
- c) That the implementation plan outlined in paragraph 6 be endorsed.
- d) That active consideration be given to the future use of the buildings with a particular review of locally based services in the Holbeck area.
- e) That further work to publicise and promote the implementation of self directed support and personal budgets be championed through the scrutiny review of Personalisation.
- f) That supply and demand of day care services be kept under close review with further reports as required.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on this matter)

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

112 Financial Health Monitoring 2009/10 - Half Year Report

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the financial health of the authority after six months of the financial year in respect of the revenue budget and the housing revenue account.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the projected financial position of the authority after six months of the financial year be noted and that directorates be requested to continue to develop and implement action plans.
- b) That Council be recommended to approve a virement in the sum of £1,000,500 from debt charge savings to fund the early leavers initiative.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on this matter).

113 Capital Programme Update 2009-2013

The Director of Resources submitted a report providing financial details of the 2009/10 month 6 Capital Programme position and proposing a small number of scheme specific approvals which had arisen since the 2008/09 – 2012/13 Capital Programme was approved in February 2009.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the latest position on the general fund and Housing Revenue Account capital programmes be noted together with the fact that further work will take place with East North East Homes to clarify funding responsibilities.
- b) That it be noted that the general fund capital programme now takes account of £1,000,000 of additional highways maintenance costs and £1,600,000 of Building Schools for the Future development costs in 2009/10.
- c) That approval be given to the release of £844,000 from the Strategic Development Fund already earmarked for New Generation Transport to meet the Council's share of development costs in 2009/10.
- d) That approval be given to the transfer of £50,000 from the capital contingency scheme to meet the development costs on the Accelerated Development Zones pilot scheme.
- e) That the earmarking of the Wortley High School capital receipt to the Building Schools for the Future programme be approved.

- f) That the injection of additional spend of £600,000 on the City Varieties Music Hall be approved.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on this matter).

114 Treasury Management Strategy Update 2009/10

The Director of Resources submitted a report providing a review and update on the Treasury Management Strategy for 2009/10.

RESOLVED - That the update on Treasury Management borrowing and investment strategy for 2009/10 be noted.

115 Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report providing an update on the review and public consultation of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy, and presenting the revised document for the purposes of the Board's recommendation to full Council.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) reported the outcome of discussions at the meeting of the Scrutiny Board (Central and Corporate) on 2nd November 2009.

RESOLVED –

- a) That having considered the responses to the consultation carried out, including the comments of Scrutiny Board given verbally at this meeting and the Final Consultation Report at Appendix 2, this Board endorses the proposed responses to the consultation exercise and recommends to full Council that these be approved as the Council's response to matters raised in consultation.
- b) That the revised draft Statement of Gambling Policy as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be noted and that full Council be recommended to approve this as the final Policy under the Gambling Act 2005.

116 Council Business Plan 2008-11: Mid-Term Review and Refresh

The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) submitted a report outlining a number of proposed amendments to the Council Business Plan 2008-2011.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the proposed changes to the Council Business Plan 2008-11 be approved.

- b) That Council be recommended to approve these amendments at their meeting on 18th November 2009.
- c) That the Chief Executive be authorised to review and update any performance targets for the final year of the plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

117 Revised Environment Policy

The Director of City Development submitted a report presenting for adoption the revised Environment Policy, clarifying the rationale behind the Policy and identifying the core elements and the links to the Leeds Strategic Plan, Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) and other requirements.

RESOLVED – That the revised Environment Policy at Appendix 1 to the report, which will be signed by the Joint Leaders of the Council and the Chief Executive, be approved for adoption.

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

118 Remediation of Gardens in the Meanwood Area - Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy

The Director of City Development submitted a report on a proposed scheme of remediation works to 41 properties in the Meanwood area to remove contaminated soil from all garden areas, to a minimum depth of 0.6m, and replacement with clean soil; the scheme to be funded by grant from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

RESOLVED –

- a) That approval be given to a fully funded injection of £1,375,503 into the 2009/12 Capital Programme from DEFRA government grant.
- b) That approval be given to the incurring of expenditure of £1,375,503 on the construction works relating to the scheme.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

119 New Social Housing in EASEL

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report providing details of a new funding opportunity which would enable two of the EASEL phase 1 sites to be brought forward for the provision of new social housing.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the construction of a 63 unit scheme within the EASEL area be authorised and that responsibility for the appropriate negotiations within

the funding approved in this decision be delegated to the Directors of Environment and Neighbourhoods, City Development and Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance).

- b) That approval be given to an injection into the capital programme of £7,089,000 and that expenditure in the same sum be authorised for the building of 63 new social houses which will be funded from £3,509,000 of Homes and Communities Agency grant and £3,580,000 prudential borrowing funded from the Housing Revenue Account.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

120 Proposal for Expansion of Primary Provision in the Gildersome Area

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on a proposed consultation exercise with respect to permanently expanding Gildersome Primary School by one form of entry with effect from 2011, as part of the remodelling work planned through the Primary Capital Programme.

In presenting the report the Executive Member (Learning) corrected a reference to a recommendation of the report as contained in the Executive Summary by deletion of the reference to 2012 and its replacement with 2011.

RESOLVED –

- a) That formal consultation be undertaken on the proposal to permanently expand Gildersome Primary School by one form of entry to two forms of entry with effect from September 2011.
- b) That a report on the outcome of the consultation be brought back to the Board in Spring 2010.

121 Design and Cost Report - Boston Spa Children's Centre

The Acting Chief Officer of Early Years and Integrated Youth Support Service Leeds submitted a report outlining proposals with respect to the development of Boston Spa Children's Centre.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the transfer of £468,900 from the Phase 3 Children's Centre Parent (capital scheme 14778) and £100,000 from the GSSG Extended Services Parent 2008-2010 (capital scheme 14777), £100,000 from GSSG Quality and Access funding, £60,000 Section 106 monies, £105,000 Area Management funding, £20,000 of Youth Capital funding and that authority be given to incur expenditure on construction £668,300, equipment £30,000, and fees £155,600.

122 Multi-function centre: Co-Location Capital Grant

(a) Design and Cost Report: 'Wyke Beck Community Centre' Co-Location Capital Grant 2009/10 – 2010/11

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on the proposed injection of the £3,335,000 Co-Location Capital Grant funding into the Council's capital programme and seeking authority to spend the capital monies on the 'Wyke Beck Community Centre' scheme.

RESOLVED – That the injection of capital expenditure in the sum of £3,335,000 into the capital programme be approved and that authority be given to spend in the same amount as set out in section 3 of the report.

(b) Lease of Land Adjoining the David Young Academy

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on a request received from the David Young Community Academy for a lease of land associated with the Co-location scheme referred to in (b) above.

RESOLVED – That the request from the David Young Community Academy to lease the additional land on the terms outlined in the report be agreed and progressed.

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LAST DATE FOR CALL IN: 13th November 2009

(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items called in by 12:00 noon on 16th November 2009)