

EXECUTIVE CABINET

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

GENERAL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2015

Approval to invite quotations for architectural services for design options for an extra care scheme

2. The Executive Member (Resources) presented the confidential report of the Chief Executive.
3. The report sets out the procurement process and allocated budget for the purchase of architectural design services for an Extra Care Scheme in Chorley, to be located on Fleet Street.
4. We approved the procurement process and agreed for the tender to be advertised on the chest. We delegated the decision to appoint the successful bidder to the Executive Member (Resources).

Proposed Sale of Freehold Reversionary Interest at Ackhurst Road, Common Bank

5. The Executive Member (Resources) presented the confidential report of the Chief Executive.
6. We granted authorisation to proceed with the disposal of the freehold reversionary interest and delegated authority to the Executive Member for Resources to agree any minor amendments to the terms of the proposed sale to include, but not be limited to, the inclusion of a clawback provision in the terms of sale. We granted authorisation to the Head of Governance to complete the documentation.

GENERAL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2015

Report of Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Neighbourhood Working

7. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the report. He commended the report and requested that the Executive Cabinet accept and approve the recommendations.
8. Councillor June Molyneaux chaired the Task Group and explained that the inquiry into Neighbourhood Working had been chosen as the current arrangements have been in place since a review of the neighbourhood working model in 2012. Up until this time, neighbourhood working had been seen as a stand-alone service or at best an extension of community development.

9. In line with the agreed definition “working with our partners to improve the quality of life, health and wellbeing of all our citizens and to improve the environment of the neighbourhoods in which they live”, neighbourhood working has started to transcend all Council delivery and integrate with Council and partners services and Members have been tasked with providing the evidence that this is starting to take place.
10. We highlighted that recommendation 10, in relation to local neighbourhood forums, aims to follow the South Ribble model, rather than the Chorley model used several years ago.
11. We received and accepted for consideration the report with a view to our recommended response to the recommendations being reported to a future meeting.

National Non-Domestic Rate Discretionary Rate Relief Policy

12. I presented the report of the Director of Customer and Advice Services. The report seeks approval for the National Non-Domestic Rate (Business Rates) Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR) policy.
13. The Council has a number of policies relating to the granting of discretionary rate relief. These have been introduced over a number of years and in response to changing legislation and new initiatives. This policy brings together the existing policies and also includes some new ones required as a result of recent government guidance. Primarily the rationale and use of the policy will be to develop business rather than hardship relief.
14. We discussed the delegation to the Council’s Section 151 Officer to continue approving the granting of relief and expressed a wish to set a limit up to which can be delegated.
15. We granted approval to consultation on the DRR policy by other precept authorities and wider community and to the adoption of the policy by the Executive Member for Resources, following a successful consultation outcome.
16. We granted approval for further changes of the Policy to be made by the Executive Member for Resources where changes are cost neutral. We delegated authority to the Council’s Section 151 Officer to continue approving the granting of relief, but requested that within the consultation response a suggestion that a level be set up to which the Section 151 Officer can grant relief.

Chorley Council Performance Monitoring Quarter Three 2014/15

17. I presented the report of the Chief Executive. The report sets out performance against the Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators for the third quarter of 2014/15.

18. Overall performance of key projects is excellent, with the majority of projects either complete or on track. One project; Market Walk has been rated amber due to slight delays in bringing the operational and financial management of the mall in house, however work is underway to bring this project back on track.
19. Overall performance on the Corporate Strategy indicators and key service delivery measures is excellent. 71% of the Corporate Strategy indicators and 90% of the key service measures are performing above target or within the 5% tolerance.
20. The Corporate Strategy measures performing below target are the number of long term empty properties in the borough and the percentage of customers dissatisfied with the way they have been treated by the council. Action plans have been developed to outline what action will be taken to improve performance.
21. The key service delivery measure performing below target is the time taken to process all new claims and change events for Housing and Council Tax benefit. Again, an action plan is included within the report which outlined what actions are being taken to improve performance.
22. We noted the report.

Appointment of Contractor for Ranglett's Recreation Ground Phase 3 (Skate Park)

23. I presented the report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
24. The purpose of the report is to appoint Canvas Spaces Ltd to deliver Ranglett's Recreation Ground Skate Park (Phase 3) under a fixed price design and build contract. The procurement approach and evaluation criteria for this project have been approved by Executive Member Decision in October 2014.
25. Following the tender evaluation process the top two designs (Canvas and Freestyle) have been shortlisted. Due to the close scoring of these two highest scoring tenderers, the designers have been invited to present their designs to the 'Design Team' of local stakeholders in January at Eaves Green Community Centre and a vote taken. Provision for this vote in the event of very close scoring tenders had been made within the Invitation to Tender Document. All three members of the design team panel voted in favour of the Canvas Spaces Ltd. design.
26. We noted that local skateboarders and BMX riders expressed a wish for a facility similar to the one at Euxton.
27. We granted approval for the appointment of Canvas Spaces Ltd. to deliver Ranglett's Recreation Ground (Phase 3) Skate Park.

Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control

28. The Executive Member (Community Services) presented the report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
29. Since the successful introduction of 'smokefree' legislation in 2007 there has been a significant impact on the prevalence of tobacco use both regionally and nationally.
30. However the cost, both in direct health impact and economics, remains high and more needs to be achieved to ensure the promotion, distribution and use of tobacco products are discouraged. This will seen as essential in order that existing tobacco users are encouraged to stop using tobacco products and new users are discouraged from starting.
31. We granted approval to the Council being a signatory to the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control.

GENERAL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2015

Joint Procurement Strategy 2009 to 2014 Performance Report and Proposals for a new Joint Procurement Strategy 2015 to 2018

32. The Executive Member (Resources) presented the report of the Chief Executive.
33. The report seeks approval for the Joint Procurement Strategy (JPS) with South Ribble Council to cover the period 2015/16 to 2018. The report provides a summary of progress and achievements achieved by the previous JPS and information on the National Procurement Strategy and Sustainable Procurement Policy.
34. The Policy incorporates changes required by new legislation. Significant savings have already been made by both authorities through the use of the Strategy and targets have been set for the future.
35. We granted approval to the adoption of the Chorley and South Ribble Councils' 2015 to 2018 Joint Procurement Strategy and that the current Sustainable Procurement Policy remains in force.

Neighbourhood Priorities

36. I presented the report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
37. The report updates on the delivery of the 24 neighbourhood priorities in 2014/15 and seeks approval for the new 24 neighbourhood priorities to be delivered in 2015/16.

38. There is a diverse range of priorities and some will require further consultation to fully understand and determine community needs. Funding for the delivery of the priorities will be through existing budgets, business as usual resources, leveraging in partner resources and approaching Parish Councils to release a proportion of their precept.
39. The attendance at the meetings is noted as positive, across the Borough, Lancashire and Parish Councillors, and the housing providers.
40. We granted approval to the 24 priorities and actions identified through the recent round of Neighbourhood Area meetings and for delivery in 2015/16 as listed in Appendix 1 of the report. We granted delegated responsibility to the Executive Member for Community Services to approve details costs for each priority as they emerge and noted the successful delivery of neighbourhood priorities in 2014/15.

Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Report 2015

41. The Executive Member (Customer and Advice Services) presented the report of the Director of Customer and Advice Services.
42. The report explains the Council's requirements in respect of the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA), advises on HECA-related activity carried out to date, and sets out the proposed HECA-related activity for the future. The Council has a statutory obligation to publish a HECA report.
43. The Council has a corporate strategy target for its Fuel Poverty rates to be below the North West average and to date this target has been met. An excellent example of the work the Council is undertaking is the Energy Switching Support Service, which helps to make customers' energy bills to be more affordable and, by generating cost savings, provides more disposable income for the household.
44. We granted approval to the proposals set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Key Partnerships Monitoring Report

45. The Executive Member (Resources) presented the confidential report of the Chief Executive.
46. The report is produced in accordance with the requirements of the council's key partnerships framework. It details the performance of the council's key partnerships against targets set for the current year, any emerging issues including whether the contract is on budget or subject to any overspend or underspend of budget and an assessment of the key partner's financial strength and stability.
47. We noted the report.

Approval for Contract Procedure and Award for Waste Collection from Council Buildings and Market Walk Shopping Centre

48. The Executive Member (Resources) presented the confidential report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
49. The report seeks approval for the award procedure and evaluation criteria for the two year contract to collect waste from Council owned buildings including the Market Walk shopping centre. The report also seeks approval to award the contract described above.
50. We granted approval to the award procedure and evaluation criteria for collecting waste from Council buildings and premises and to the award of the contract for collecting waste from Council buildings and premises as set out in the report.

Lancashire County Council: Integrated Home Improvement Services (IHIS)

51. The Executive Member (Customer and Advice Services) presented the confidential report of the Director of Customer and Advice Services.
52. The report provides an update on the Council's negotiations with Lancashire County Council, with regards to a Collaboration Agreement between LCC and the Council which will result in the Council's Home Improvement Agency (HIA) delivering Integrated Home Improvement Services (IHIS) on behalf of LCC in Chorley with effect from 1 May 2015.
53. The report seeks approval, in the form of a waiver of contract procedure rules, for the Council to enter into a partnership arrangement with a contractor to deliver the Minor Adaptations element of IHIS, for a period of eleven months from 1 May 2015.
54. This will also require a waiver of contract procedure rules on the basis that there are circumstances which are genuinely exceptional and not of the Council's making.
55. We granted approval for the Council to use a contractor to deliver the Minor Adaptations element of IHIS for an eleven month period commencing 1 May 2015.

Strategic Housing Structure

56. The Executive Member (Customer and Advice Services) presented the confidential report of the Director of Customer and Advice Services.
57. The report seeks approval to make permanent temporary staffing arrangements in Strategic Housing which have been in place since May 2014.

58. We granted approval to the structure for formal consultation and that following consultation the final decision on the staffing changes be delegated to the Executive Member for Customer and Advice Services, subject to there being no fundamental changes to the proposition.

Recommendation

59. That the report be noted.

COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR BRADLEY
Executive Leader

RR