CABINET
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, 13 June 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Farnell (in the Chair); Councillors Daalat Ali, Beswick, Neil Emmott, Emsley, Farnell, Martin, Williams and Iftikhar Ahmed.

OFFICERS: J. Searle (Director of Economy), S. Downey (Director of Adult Care), G. Hopper (Director of Children’s Services), A. Fallon (Director of Public Health), V. Bradshaw (Assistant Director – Finance), (D. Bowler (Assistant Director – Place), M. Robinson (Assistant Director – Planning & Development).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Brett

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES
Cabinet were advised of a required correction to the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2017, namely minute 149 (2) entitled Adult Care Commissioning Plan 2017/18. Minute 149 (2) is to be corrected to read ‘Cabinet approves the contract extensions identified in paragraphs 4.2, 4.3.1 and 4.3.4 of the submitted report.’

Decision: That subject to the amendment to minute 149 as detailed above, the minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

3 REVENUE FINANCE OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17
Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Resources which provided an update on the Council’s revenue financial position as at the end of the 2016/17 Financial Year.

Alternatives Considered:
Not reporting on financial performance puts at risk the achievement of the Council’s Medium Term Financial Plan. Effective budget management is critical to ensuring financial resources are spent in line with the budget and are targeted towards the Council’s priorities. Monitoring enables the early identification of variations against the plan and facilitates timely corrective action.

Decision:
1. That the 2016/17 Final Revenue Budget outturn position be noted;
2. That the increase in Budget of £0.845m since the position reported as at the end of December 2016 be noted;
3. That £1.4m of the in-year savings be earmarked to financially support the Health & Social Care Greater Manchester Transformation Fund (GMTF) bid in 2017/18;
4. That the proposed transfer to Equalisation Reserve of £0.820m
5. That the overall sundry debt position as at the 31st March 2017 as detailed in paragraph 4.4.of the submitted report be noted.

Reasons for Decision:
Cabinet Members should be kept updated on the final Revenue Budget position and sundry debt provision of the authority, as effective budget management is critical to ensuring financial resources are spent in line with the budget and are targeted towards the Council’s priorities. Monitoring enables the early identification of variations against the plan and facilitates timely corrective action.

The report was the fourth and final for the 2016/17 financial year and was focused on the final revenue position of the Council as at the end of March 2017.

4 CAPITAL FINANCE OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17
Cabinet considered a report from the Chief Finance Officer updating Members on the Council’s 2016/17 Capital Outturn position to enable decision making and action where appropriate in respect of that position. Members were specifically requested to approve the use of £1.000m of Capital Receipts to forward fund the M60 Junction 19 scheme, as detailed in 4.9.3. of the submitted report.

Alternatives considered:
Not funding the Junction 19 scheme would place at risk the ability to continue the scheme within identified timescales.

Decision:
1. That the 2016/17 Capital Outturn position be noted;
2. That the budget changes identified in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4. of the submitted report be noted;
3. That the re-phasing amounts identified in paragraph 4.5. of the submitted report be noted;
4. That the Housing Standards Fund Overspends identified in 4.6. of the submitted report be noted;
5. That the use of £1.000m of Capital Receipts, to forward fund the Junction 19 scheme, as detailed in 4.9.3. of the submitted report be approved.

Reason for decision:
Effective budget management is critical to ensuring that financial resources are spent in line with the budget and are targeted towards the Council’s priorities. Monitoring enables the early identification of variations against plan and supports effective decision making.

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is expected to fund the feasibility stage for the Junction 19 scheme. This funding is released when the Outline Business Case is approved. Therefore Capital Receipts of £1.000m are to be earmarked to fund the scheme until the release of funding by TfGM is approved.
5 SAVINGS OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17
Cabinet received a report from the Chief Finance Officer updating on the final outturn position as at the end of March 2017 regarding the saving proposals for 2016/17.

Alternatives considered:
That item was reported for information.

Decision:
That the Saving Proposals financial outturn position for 2016/17 be noted.

Reason for decision:
Monitoring enables the early identification of variations against the plan and facilitates timely corrective action.

6 COLLECTION FUND OUTTURN 2016/17
Cabinet received a report from the Chief Finance Officer updating on the Council’s Collection Fund outturn position for 2016/17.

Alternatives considered:
That item was reported for information.

Decision:
That the Council’s Collection Fund outturn position for 2016/17 be noted.

Reason for decision:
Monitoring enables the early identification of variations against the plan and facilitates timely corrective action.

7 DELEGATED APPROVALS 2016/17
Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer providing details of approvals of spend under delegated powers in relation to Revenue and Capital Schemes funded by additional grants or income during 2016/17.

Alternatives considered:
That item was reported for information.

Decision:
That the approval of spending under delegated powers made by Services during 2016/17 be noted.

Reason for decision:
Financial regulations require the reporting to Cabinet of schemes that have been approved under delegated powers.

8 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
Decision:
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following two items of business, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Reason for Decision:
Should the press and public remain during debate on these items there may be a disclosure of information that is deemed to be exempt under Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

9 ROCHELDE RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
Cabinet received a report from the Director of Economy in relation to the Rochdale Riverside Development seeking acceptance of a funding proposal.

Alternatives Considered:

The funding alternatives detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the submitted report were considered and noted.

Decision:
1. That the current costs and values of the scheme be noted;
2. That the recommended payments set out in Paragraph 4.3 of the submitted report be approved;
3. That the offer received from the preferred funder set out in Paragraph 4.3 of the submitted report be approved;
4. Cabinet approve the final decision on any potential adjusted funding offer be based on best value for money for the Council and delegate the approval to the Chief Executive of the Council in consultation with the Leader/Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Deputy Leader/Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Resources, and for the Head of Legal Services to be authorised to complete and substitute any necessary legal documents to give effect to this on behalf of the Council.
5. That the amendments set out in Paragraph 4.4 of the submitted report be approved.
6. That the negotiation and agreement of final terms for the legal agreements be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader/Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Deputy Leader/Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Resources and that the Head of Legal Services to be authorised to prepare, amend and execute all necessary documents to give effect to this decision.

Reason for the decision:
The Council has entered into legal agreements with its development partner to bring forward the Rochdale Riverside retail and leisure scheme. In order to progress that scheme and secure a start on site in 2017, it is necessary to satisfy a number of pre-conditions contained in the legal agreements. Cabinet approval to the preferred funding bid and structure is therefore being sought to enable the scheme to be progressed and a start on site to be made.
Signed: .....................................................

Date: ......................................................