

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

17 July 2017 at 7.30 pm

MEMBERS: Councillor Ruth Dombey (Chair), Councillor Simon Wales (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Manuel Abellan, David Bartolucci, Richard Broadbent, Marlene Heron, Jayne McCoy, Wendy Mathys, Jill Whitehead, Tim Crowley, David Hicks and Neil Garratt

ABSENT Councillors Sunita Gordon, Steve Penneck and Colin Stears

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Steve Penneck (Councillor Nick Emmerson attended as substitute member), Councillor Sunita Gordon and Councillor Colin Stears.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. ANY ITEMS THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

7. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 April and 22 May 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

8. ORDER OF ITEMS

The Chair announced that the item "School development at Sheen Way, Beddington" would be brought forward on the agenda and heard after Item 7.

9. QUARTER FOUR PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT 2016/17

The Assistant Director, Chief Executives Directorate - Customers, Commissioning and Governance and Assistant Director, Resources - Finance, introduced the report.

Members enquired whether there was an update to Paragraph 3.6 of the report with regards to 'The Better Connected Rating,' which the Assistant Director confirmed to be 3*.

Resolved:

1. That performance against Corporate Plan indicators, be noted.
2. That performance against 2016/17 Strategic Commissioning plan, be noted.
3. That the top five corporate risks as set out in Appendix A, be noted.
4. That the Cumulative Equality Impact Assessment in Appendix C, be noted.

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5. That the outturn position of a net overspend of £2.5m (1.7%) against an approved net budget of £144.9m, be noted.
6. That the carry forward £125,400 of unspent revenue budgets for public realm and neighbourhood grants, to be funded from reserves (paragraph 7.5) be approved.
7. That the proposed reserve transfers as set out in Appendix E, be approved.
8. That the proposed net reduction of £1.843m to the capital programme 2017/18 summarised in Appendix F, mainly due to expenditure being brought forward into 2016/17 and new capital funding, be approved.

10. PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT - PERIOD 1 2017/18

The Assistant Director, Chief Executives Directorate - Customers, Commissioning and Governance and Assistant Director, Resources - Finance introduced the report.

The Chair requested that the Strategic Director - Resources brief Members on waste vehicle finance outside of the meeting.

Resolved:

1. That performance against Corporate Balanced Scorecard indicators be noted.
2. That the projected revenue outturn position provided via Covalent be noted.
3. That the projected capital position provided via Covalent be noted.
4. That the proposed revenue budget adjustments, including the proposed use of the additional social care grant funding, and proposed additional revenue expenditure funded from reserves (Paragraphs 6.7 to 6.8) be agreed.
5. That the capital programme adjustments, including additional expenditure on highways maintenance and improvements be agreed.

11. COMMISSIONING AND FINANCIAL PLANNING 2018/19 TO 2020/21

The Assistant Director, Chief Executives Directorate - Customers, Commissioning and Governance and Assistant Director, Resources - Finance introduced the report.

An error was highlighted in Paragraph 8.1 of the report which should have read £16.8million. The sentence which followed should have read "This is expected to fall to £11.8m in 2018/19."

Resolved:

1. That the Medium Term Financial Forecast to 2020/21 summarised in Appendix A, showing a cumulative budget gap of £11.5m by 2020/21 be noted.
2. That the initial savings options targets for Directorates be agreed.
3. That The Sutton Plan, attached as Appendix C, be adopted as a place-based public policy framework and to endorse the vision, priorities and work proposed for 2017-18 that have been developed and agreed with local partners.

Councillors Tim Crowley, David Hicks and Neil Garratt abstained.

12. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AT SHEEN WAY, BEDDINGTON

The Head of Asset Management introduced the report.

Upon the invitation of the Chair, a resident, Ms Buchanan, briefly spoke to the Committee on behalf of the Residents of Sheen Way and the High View Estate. The resident believed that the report was premature in coming to committee and that there were shortcomings to the proposal against the best interests of the children concerned as well as the residents of High View Estate. The resident concerns related in particular to infrastructure, extra traffic, general upheaval and compulsory purchase. It was made clear to the Committee however, that there was no fundamental objection to the building of a special needs school. In response, Officers clarified the recommendations of the report, and their timeline, as well as the relationship to any planning application procedure.

Following discussion, an additional recommendation was added to those in the report.

Resolved:

1. That the principle of a 125 year lease for school development as described in this report be approved, at a peppercorn rent being a disposal at less than best consideration obtainable for the site.
2. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director - Resources, acting in consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, and subject to planning consent and consultation with residents and Ward Members, to agree final terms and instruct solicitors to enter into legal agreements including a long lease of land at Sheen Way for development as described in this report.
3. That it be noted that the final boundaries for the school and site layout are yet to be agreed, consequently, to delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Resources, in consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, to undertake and conclude such negotiations and instruct solicitors to incorporate the outcome as necessary into the lease and any legal agreement required to document interests in the land.
4. That it be requested that the ESFA conducts early feasibility work with residents' involvement on transport and access issues and the feasibility of constructing the school on this constrained site.

13. INTEGRATION OF SUTTON HEALTH AND CARE

The Assistant Director, People Services Directorate (Wellbeing) introduced the report.

Resolved:

1. That it be agreed to allocate a maximum of £40k from transitional grant funding, as a contribution to the appointment of a Joint Integration Programme Director for Sutton, initially for a one year period.
2. That the principles of the joint governance changes, which will enable further progress with the integration of health and social care partners and services, described in paragraphs 4.6 to 4.9 of this report be agreed and authority delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader, to make a final recommendation on membership and proceedings of the Health and Wellbeing Board and subsequent constitutional amendments, to Council.

14. COUNCIL DIGITAL STRATEGY

The Strategic Director - Resources introduced the report.

Resolved:

1. That the Digital Strategy, attached at Appendix A, be approved.
2. That the development of the Web Strategy, be noted, as part of the overall digital work.

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15. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AT ROSEHILL PARK

The Head of Asset Management introduced the report.

Resolved:

1. That the principle of a 125 year lease for school development on the land edged red on the plan at Appendix A be approved, subject to planning consent, at a peppercorn rent being a discounted disposal value in line with sections 4.8 and 4.9 and section 6;
2. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director - Resources, in consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, to approve final terms and legal agreements for the new school and revised lease arrangements with the existing tenants at this location as necessary to give effect to recommendation 2.1.

Councillor Marlene Heron abstained.

16. ORDER OF ITEMS

The Chair announced that the items "Review of Appointments to Outside Bodies 2017" and "Review of Committee Terms of Reference - Role and Effectiveness of the Audit Committee" would be brought forward on the agenda.

17. REVIEW OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2017

The report was taken as read.

Resolved:

1. That it be agreed to appoint to the list of outside bodies as set out in Appendix A.
2. That the names of those appointed as set out in Appendix A be agreed.
3. That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to authorise the appointments of named representatives which are still to be confirmed, as set out in Appendix A.

18. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The report was taken as read.

Resolved:

1. That proposed revised recommendations as set out in Appendix D are recommended as a constitutional change to Council.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The following motion was moved and approved:

"That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972."

20. WALLINGTON PUBLIC HALL - SITE DISPOSAL

The Assistant Director, Resources Directorate (Asset Planning, Management & Capital Delivery) introduced the report.

Resolved:

1. That, subject to achieving planning consent, Sutton Living be granted a 125-year lease for a mixed use development consisting of 27 residential units and a ground floor commercial unit, for the land described as Site A on the attached site plan at the former Wallington Public Hall.
2. That the commercial shop unit is acquired by the Council and added to its Investment Property Portfolio.
3. That it be agreed that disposal to Sutton Living is to be on the basis that 40% of the residential units on the scheme are developed for affordable housing and that the Council is granted nomination rights to the affordable housing units.
4. That, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, the Strategic Director for Resources be delegated authority to agree a revised sale price if required by any amendments to these proposals for the scheme that obtains planning consent, with the agreed price based on a valuation by an independent firm of chartered surveyors.
5. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director for Resources to negotiate and agree terms for the lease and complete all legal documents for the transfer to Sutton Living, including any changes required to the boundaries of Site A to fit with the consented scheme.

The meeting ended at 10.23 pm

Chair:

Date: