

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 2 JULY 2015

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Phil Bale (Chair)
Councillor Sue Lent
Councillor Peter Bradbury
Councillor Dan De'Ath
Councillor Bob Derbyshire
Councillor Graham Hinchey (Min 18-23)
Councillor Susan Elsmore
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Ramesh Patel

Observers: Councillor Dianne Rees
Councillor Elizabeth Clarke

Officers: Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Christine Salter, Section 151 Officer
David Marr, for Monitoring Officer
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

18 Minutes of the cabinet meeting held on 11 June 2015 were approved.

19 OUTTURN 2014/15

The Cabinet received details of the Council's financial position in respect of the year ending 31 March 2015. The report compared the outturn for the financial year ending 31 March 2015 with the budget for the year for both revenue and capital expenditure and provided a summary Treasury Management Statement in respect of investments and borrowing. It was reported that the final revenue outturn position showed a surplus of £1.741 million after contributions to and from reserves as compared to the balanced position reported at month nine.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the report and the actions taken in respect of the Council's accounts for 2014/15 be noted
- (2) it be noted that this report will form an Appendix to the Financial Statements report to be considered at the Council meeting in September 2015

20 2014-15 Q4 PERFORMANCE

The Cabinet received a summary of the Council's performance for Quarter 4 (January to March) of 2014/15 financial year. The report contained summaries of the 2014-15 Quarter 4 performance for each Directorate, covering delivery of Corporate Plan objectives, performance indicators for core services, financial performance, and performance of key management processes. A summary of key corporate issues such as sickness absence, and Personal Performance and Development Review compliance was also contained within the report.

RESOLVED: that the current position regarding performance and the delivery of key commitments and priorities as at the end of Quarter 4 and the action being taken to address areas of concern be noted

21 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER (YEAR END REVIEW 2014/15)

The Cabinet received the Corporate Risk register which provided a clear statement identifying the strategic risks the Authority faced together with details of controls in place to manage the risks.

RESOLVED: that the content of the Corporate Risk Register be noted

22 CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING GOVERNANCE

A report outlining proposed arrangements in relation to Corporate Safeguarding Governance was received together with a response to the Wales Audit Office proposals for Improvement.

RESOLVED: that

1. the proposals to strengthen Corporate Safeguarding governance, including the establishment of a Corporate Safeguarding Board, including the terms of reference (*appendix 3*) as outlined in the report be agreed
2. the Action Plan (*appendix 4*) to support the implementation of the new governance arrangements and to respond to the WAO Proposals for Improvement be agreed
3. the response to the WAO proposals for improvement as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report be agreed

23 EARLY HELP STRATEGY

The Cabinet considered a report containing details of the Early Help Strategy together with the proposed new approach which aimed to strengthen joint working and information sharing to ensure that children and their families are put at the centre of planning and receive the support they need at the right time and in the right way. It was recommended that the Cabinet's agree that the Council sign up to the Early Help

Strategy as a key statutory partner, with a lead role for its implementation across the Cardiff Partnership.

RESOLVED: that

1. the contents of the report and the Early Help Strategy be noted
2. the Early Help Strategy be approved and that the Directorates within the Council that deliver services to children, young people and families be required to operate within the approach set out in the Strategy document located at **Appendix 1** of the report.

24 14-16 ALTERNATIVE PROVISION TENDER

Cabinet received a report outlining progress with the tender for a 14-16 Pre-Vocational and Vocational Provision. It was reported that the tenders submitted did not meet the criteria and that a number of factors had changed which meant that the estimated value of the newly proposed procurement was under £5 million and would fall under the Director's delegated authority.

RESOLVED: that

1. Officers be authorised to abandon the 14-16 Pre Vocational & Vocational External Provision Tender originally released in May 2014 and
2. It be noted that authorisation to commence a new procurement will be the subject of a separate decision as outlined in paragraph 9 within the body of the report.

25 RIVERSIDE PLAYING FIELDS AND COMMUNITY CRICKET

The Cabinet considered a report outlining a proposal to advertise the opportunity for a lease to be offered on public open space at Riverside Park, Llanrumney for the provision of community Cricket. It was reported that demand for community Cricket had been identified, particularly within the Southern part of the City and it was envisaged that the area for lease for Cricket could potentially include an area of land to accommodate two full size Cricket tables.

RESOLVED: that

1. the advertisement of the proposed opportunity for community Cricket of public open space land at Riverside Park (Appendix 1 to the report) be approved
2. Subject to a further report being brought forward outlining the responses from the advertisement, the disposal by way of Community Asset Transfer in principle be agreed, subject to an advertisement / appropriate public consultation, Equalities Impact Assessment, a competitive selection process, and with a report being brought back to Cabinet on the preferred operator.

26 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE

The Cabinet considered applications made by Dragon Taxis and the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association to vary the current City of Cardiff Council's rate of hackney carriage fares. The report outlined details of both applications together with an assessment of each application.

RESOLVED: that

1. the issues and impacts to taxi fares set out in the report be noted
2. the application put forward by the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association be rejected
3. the application put forward by Dragon Taxis with an implementation date of 1st September 2015 be approved (provided that there are no objections).
4. the advertisement of the variation in a local newspaper be authorised

27 CARDIFF CENTRAL BUS INTERCHANGE

The cabinet received an update on the Central Square regeneration scheme and the recent progress made with the delivery of a new central bus interchange together with details of the preferred concept design for a new central bus interchange. It was proposed that an engagement process that would outline the proposals for a new bus interchange to the public be approved and views sought on a number of issues regarding the facilities to be provided.

RESOLVED: that :

1. the preferred concept design for a new Central Bus Interchange as presented in the report be approved
2. authority be delegated to the Director of City Operations and the Director of Economic Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, Section 151 Officer and the Director of Governance and Legal Services to progress with the preparation of a detailed scheme, updated development appraisal and full financial appraisal for the delivery of a new Central Bus Interchange and to return to Cabinet in October in advance of submitting a planning application;
3. authority be given to begin a public engagement process on the 3rd July 2015 for 4 weeks to present the proposals for a new bus interchange to the public and to consult on a number of issues relating to the facilities to be provided within the new bus interchange and to raise awareness of the interim arrangements in advance of the closure of the current bus station on 1st August 2015.