

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 12 NOVEMBER 2015

Cabinet Members Present:	Councillor Phil Bale (Chair) Councillor Sue Lent Councillor Peter Bradbury Councillor Dan De'Ath Councillor Bob Derbyshire Councillor Susan Elsmore Councillor Sarah Merry Councillor Ramesh Patel
Observers:	Councillor Dianne Rees Councillor Judith Woodman
Officers:	Paul Orders, Chief Executive Christine Salter, Section 151 Officer David Marr, for Monitoring Officer Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office
Apologies:	Councillor Graham Hinchey

61 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2015

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2015 be approved

62 CARDIFF BUSINESS COUNCIL UPDATE

The Cabinet received an update on the findings of an independent review of the Cardiff Business Council. The Cabinet noted current budgetary pressures and emerging opportunities presented by the new City Region governance structures for a potential new approach to strategic business engagement at City Region level with funding potentially coming from a broader number of local stakeholders including Welsh Government and all of the local authorities of South East Wales. A letter from the Chair of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee and the Leader's response on the report were circulated to the meeting.

RESOLVED: that:

- (1) the recommendations of the report presented at Appendix 1 on the way forward for the Cardiff Business Council be agreed

- (2) authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Development, in consultation with the Leader of the City of Cardiff Council, the Section 151 Officer and the Director of Legal and Governance to:
- (i) Put in place a plan to enable the transition from the current Cardiff Business Council arrangements to the recommended new organisation at a regional level.
 - (ii) Agree a funding package with South East Wales local authorities and the Welsh Government to identify resources to support the new regional arrangement.

63 REVIEW OF NON OPERATIONAL ESTATE

The Cabinet received a report proposing a way forward for the management of the Council's Non Operational Estate which would establish a governance structure that would protect key assets and help maximise the value of the assets that are held wholly for income generating purposes.

RESOLVED: that :

1. the principle of all commercial income producing properties to be held corporately, managed by Strategic Estates, with associated budgets to be realigned accordingly be agreed
2. the establishment of a new Investment Estate be approved as detailed in Appendix 2 and to approve the proposed governance and operational arrangements set out in paragraphs 11-17 of the report.
3. As part of (2) above the principle of ring fencing and reinvesting all capital receipts generated from the disposal of assets in the newly formed Investment Estate to improve the yield of existing assets or to purchase better quality and better yielding assets be agreed
4. authority be delegated to the Director Economic Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Section 151 Officer and the Director of Legal and Governance to take all decisions in regard to the management of the Investment Estate and to provide an annual report as part of the Corporate Asset Management Plan.

64 UPDATE OF COUNCIL'S NO SMOKING POLICY

The Cabinet considered an updated No Smoking policy for the Council. The policy had been revised to reflect changes in case law and to clarify the agreed approach to be taken in relation to the use of e-cigarettes. The opportunity was also being taken to rebrand the document as a Smoke Free Policy to better reflect the focus now being taken by employers.

RESOLVED: that

1. The changes to the policy and rebranding as Smoke Free policy (attached as Appendix 1) be approved.
2. that the revised policy be commended to School Governing Bodies for adoption.
3. that the revised policy be brought to the attention of all employees, elected members, visitors, contractors, etc. by relevant means.

65 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REPORT 2015/16

Annexes A&B to Appendix 1 to this report are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description in Paragraphs 14 and 21 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

This Cabinet received an update on the Council's Treasury Management activities highlighting the Mid-Year position at 30 September 2015. It was reported that during the financial year to date, the Council had operated within the treasury limits and prudential indicators set out in the annual Treasury Management Strategy in February 2015.

RESOLVED: that Council be recommended to

1. note the Treasury Management Mid Year Report 2015-16 (Appendix 1)
2. note the final position on Housing Finance reform that allowed the Council to exit the Subsidy system following acceptance of a voluntary agreement between the Council and Welsh Government.

66 BUDGET MONITORING - MONTH 6

The Cabinet considered the Budget Monitoring position for month 6. The overall position indicated a potential surplus of £309,000 as compared to the balanced position previously reported at month four. Financial pressures and shortfalls against budget savings targets in directorate budgets continue to be offset by projected savings on capital financing, an anticipated surplus on Council Tax collection and by NDR refunds on Council properties. Directorate budgets are currently projected to be overspent by £6.1 million however it is anticipated that management actions taken during the year will enable this to be reduced by the year end.

RESOLVED: that

1. the potential outturn position based on the first six months of the financial year be noted
2. the requirement for all directorates currently reporting overspends as identified in this report to put in place actions to reduce their projected overspends be reinforced

3. approval be given in principle, to the projected surplus of £309,000 being transferred to the Council's General Fund Balance at the year end.
4. the virement of £400,000 from existing capital budgets for Group Repair schemes and Discretionary Renovation grants to the Disabled Facilities Service be approved

67 CITY OPERATIONS - BROADENING ENFORCEMENT POWERS TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC REALM

The Cabinet considered a report outlining proposals to make use of new powers and set fine levels in order to tackle environmental crime in Cardiff. This included details of proposals for the introduction of wider enforcement powers in relation to controlling distribution of free literature (such as flyers and posters), consideration of dog controls across Cardiff and policy and operational guidance on Fixed Penalty Notices for Highway and Environmental Offences.

It was also proposed that a 12 month commission based trial be explored with an external partner for the issuing of fixed penalties such as littering, highways and dog fouling fines, to enable officers to focus on waste presentation and increasing recycling.

RESOLVED: that

1. authority be delegated to the Director of City Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability to develop and undertake these new wider powers to deliver a cleaner environment across Cardiff, in particular to begin the consultation proposals on the Public Space Protection Order and Distribution of Free Literature controls in accordance with the relevant legislation before presenting for formal adoption by the Council.
1. the fixed penalty amount be set at £100 for failure to comply with a components of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act and Highways Act.
2. authority be delegated to the Director of City Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to explore a 12 month commission based trial, at no additional cost to the council. The third party will undertake a range of fixed penalty notice activity to supplement existing enforcement activities and pay the Council a proportion of the fines income obtained.

68 CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL DAY OPPORTUNITIES STRATEGY

The Cabinet considered a report containing proposals for a new day opportunities strategy for Cardiff. The aim of the Day Opportunities Strategy was to prevent social isolation and enable older people to achieve their chosen outcomes based on individual level of need through a three tier strategy involving providing information, advice and assistance, providing assistance to those people who need it through targeted intervention and supporting people with the highest care and support needs

through high quality specialist day centre based services. It was proposed that consultation take place on the proposed strategy.

RESOLVED: that consultation be carried out upon the draft Day Opportunities Strategy (a copy of which is attached to Appendix A to the report), with the matter to be brought back to Cabinet in order to report upon the outcome of the consultation.