

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 16 JULY 2020

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Huw Thomas (Leader)
Councillor Peter Bradbury
Councillor Susan Elsmore
Councillor Russell Goodway
Councillor Graham Hinchey
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Michael Michael
Councillor Lynda Thorne
Councillor Chris Weaver
Councillor Caro Wild

Observers: Councillor Keith Parry
Councillor Adrian Robson
Councillor Rhys Taylor (Min 105-109)
Councillor Emma Sandrey (Min 110)

Officers: Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Chris Lee, Section 151 Officer
Sarah McGill, Corporate Director
Davina Fiore, Monitoring Officer
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

105 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON 19 MARCH, 11 AND 24 JUNE 2020

The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 19 March, 11 and 24 June 2020 were approved

106 ESTABLISHMENT OF A RACE EQUALITY TASKFORCE

Further to the commitment given at Council, the Cabinet considered a report outlining proposals for the establishment a Race Equality Taskforce which would focus on addressing racial inequality in Cardiff. Cabinet was advised that a public appointment process would be carried out to establish the Taskforce's membership and a consultation would be undertaken to confirm priority workstreams for the taskforce.

RESOLVED: that

1. the proposal to establish a new Race Equality Taskforce with the objectives set out in paragraph 16 of the report be approved

2. the appointment of Cllr Saeed Ebrahim as Chair of the Race Equality Taskforce be agreed.
3. Authority be delegated to the Head of Performance & Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair of the Race Equality Taskforce and Leader of the Council and with advice from the Director of Governance and Legal Services, to finalise detailed Terms of Reference for the Race Equality Taskforce, to be confirmed at the inaugural meeting of the Taskforce.
4. Authority be delegated to the Head of Performance & Partnerships, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Race Equality Task Force, to undertake a public appointment process for membership of the Race Equality Taskforce.
5. authority be delegated to the Head of Performance & Partnerships, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Race Equality Taskforce to commence a public consultation exercise to inform the initial priorities for the Race Equality Taskforce's work programme.

107 **MUTUAL INVESTMENT MODEL (MIM) STRATEGIC PARTNERING AGREEMENT**

Cabinet considered approving the Strategic Partnership Agreement with Welsh Education Partnership Co which would enable the delivery of education and community facilities through Welsh Government's Mutual Investment Model (MIM). The agreement set out how the Council and Welsh Education Partnership Co would act together over the long term in a collaborative partnering, non-adversarial and open manner to support the effective planning, procurement and delivery of education and community facilities in Cardiff and the delivery of infrastructure services. This would be a 10 year agreement with a potential to extend a further 5 years between WEPCo and all participating local authorities and further education institutions.

RESOLVED: that

- (a) the outcome of the Preferred Bidder Stage of the Competitive Dialogue Procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as outlined in this report be noted
- (b) Subject to recommendation (c) and (d), the execution, delivery and performance of the Strategic Partnering Agreement with the Welsh Education Partnership Co in Autumn 2020 to facilitate the delivery of a range of infrastructure services and the delivery of education and community facilities be approved;
- (c) the Strategic Partnering Agreement linked to this report and summarised in **Appendix 1** of this report be approved so as to give effect to recommendation (b), subject to recommendation (d) below;
- (d) authority be delegated to the Director for Education and Lifelong Learning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills, Director of Governance and Legal Services and s151 Officer:

- i) To agree any minor amendments to the Strategic Partnering Agreement approved here as may be necessary, for reasons including but not limited to finalising any outstanding areas and to reflect advice provided; and
 - ii) To approve any further deeds and documents which are ancillary to the Strategic Partnering Agreement approved here
- (e) It be noted that the Chief Executive will use his delegated authority to make the appointment of the School Organisation Programme Director or Director for Education and Lifelong Learning as 'Participant Representative' to sit on the Strategic Partnering Board (SPB);
- (f) It be noted that in agreeing to the Strategic Partnering Agreement, Cabinet is not being asked to decide to proceed with any project. Any decision to proceed with a projects will be reported back to Cabinet in future report(s) for decision.

108 **OUTTURN 2019/20**

The Cabinet considered the outturn report for the financial year ending 31 March 2020 against the budget for the year for both revenue and capital expenditure. It was reported that since the finalisation of the outturn position, the financial impact arising from the Council's response to the COVID 19 crisis had emerged and that whilst the information within the report was broadly unaffected by the crisis as the full lockdown was not implemented until close to the end of the financial year, certain directorates would have incurred additional expenditure and loss of income. Therefore some assumptions had been made regarding the extent to which these costs and income losses can be recovered via the Welsh Government Hardship Fund for local authorities and were reflected within the figures and directorate positions reported, where relevant.

It was reported that a balanced revenue position for 2019/20 had been achieved, reflecting the fact that the Council had maintained its spending within its overall net budget of £623.589 million in 2019/20, after contributions to and from earmarked reserves. Whilst there had been a number of directorate overspends these had been offset by various factors including the use of the general contingency fund and savings in some areas.

The Council spent £164.417 million on capital expenditure compared to a budget of £224.740 million, which primarily related to slippage of schemes in to 2020/21.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the report and the actions taken in respect of the Council's accounts for 2019/20 be approved.
- (2) it be noted that this report will form an Appendix to the Financial Statements report to be considered at a Council meeting in the autumn of 2020.

109 **RE-PROCUREMENT OF FORMER NATIONAL PROCUREMENT SERVICE (NPS) COLLABORATIVE CONSTRUCTION AND CIVILS CONSULTANCY FRAMEWORKS**

It was reported that Cardiff Council spent in excess of £2.2m per annum on Construction related consultancy and required an efficient value adding procurement vehicle, therefore the Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the Council to commence the re-procurement of the current National Procurement Service (NPS) Construction and Civils Consultancy Framework and take on the hosting arrangements.

RESOLVED: that

1. agreement in principle be given to the commencement of the re-procurement of the current National Procurement Service (NPS) Construction and Civils Consultancy Framework and take on the hosting arrangements for the subsequent arrangement (as detailed in this report) and
2. authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance, to carry out all aspects of the procurement, (including setting the evaluation methodology, commencing procurement and award of successful consultants to the framework) and thereafter to host and deal with the operation of the framework arrangements, including any ancillary matters relating thereto.

110 **HOMELESSNESS - THE RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 CRISIS AND DELIVERING THE FUTURE SERVICE MODEL**

Appendices 1, 2 and 4 are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14 and 21 (Appendix 1 and 4) and paragraph 16 (Appendix 2) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Councillor Rhys Taylor declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting

The Cabinet received a report outlining the impact that of the COVID19 crisis on the delivery of services for single homeless people in Cardiff together with a new model of provision of support for homeless people in Cardiff. The new model was based on learning from a strategic review of services which had been undertaken prior to the pandemic and from the experience of the response to COVID19 and had four key components. These included preventing homelessness wherever possible, delivering an assessment approach to those presenting as homeless using a multi-agency approach, the introduction of new pathways to rehousing and to recognise that those with complex needs would need longer term specialist accommodation.

RESOLVED: that

1. the steps already taken to secure additional permanent homeless accommodation to replace temporary provision and ensure that no service user

will experience a reduction in service availability as lockdown measures are relaxed be noted

2. the way forward for homeless services as set out in the report including the need to make representations to Welsh Government for ongoing funding to ensure the “No Going Back” strategy for single homeless people is sustainable be agreed
3. it be noted that in the event grant funding is not at the levels assumed within the report, options for schemes will need to be reviewed and revised to achieve lower operational costs and within available budgets, this will impact significantly on the overall effectiveness of the approach.
4. a direct award contract to Beattie Passive to deliver 50 temporary accommodation units at the Gasworks site be approved for the reasons outlined in this report.
5. responsibility for the leasing of private domestic properties under the Welsh Government Leasing Scheme be delegated to the Assistant Director for Housing and Communities following appropriate advice from Strategic Estates.