

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER – REGENERATION AND RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Regeneration and Resources Portfolio:-

MEETING, 14th NOVEMBER, 2016

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Adia	- Executive Cabinet Member Regeneration and Resources Portfolio
Councillor Zaman	- Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration and Human Resources
Councillor J. Byrne	- Cabinet Member for Culture, Youth and Sport
Councillor Chadwick	- Cabinet Member for Special Projects, Transport and Skills
Councillor Greenhalgh	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Cox	- Major Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. S. Young	- Director of Place
Ms. S. Johnson	- Borough Treasurer
Ms. C. Owen	- Acting Head of Legal Services
Mr. K. Roberts	- Head of Service, Community Services
Mr. A. Glennon	- Corporate Financial Services Manager
Mr. D. Shepherd	- Senior Group Accountant
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

45. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

46. THE PLACE DEPARTMENT 2016/2017 QUARTER TWO REPORT

A report of the Director of Place and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which provided information relating to the quarter two financial position for Development and Regeneration (excluding Housing Services) (including Corporate Property Services) for the 2016/2017 financial year.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that in respect of the revenue expenditure Development and Regeneration (excluding Housing Services) (including Corporate Property Services) there was a projected underspend against the budget by £28,000 after reserve movements. Capital expenditure for Development and Regeneration and Property Services, as at quarter two was £2.197 million against a revised projection of £11.745 million. The department's general reserve had a projected final outturn of £66,039 for the year end.

The report also stated that the budgeted efficiency savings for 2016/2017 for Development and Regeneration and Property Services were £1,358,000 and all planned efficiencies were projected to be achieved. With regard to risk, it was explained that specific areas of financial risk related to reduction in income due to property occupancy levels and the work programme contract.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

47. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT – FINANCE REPORT 2016/2017 – QUARTER TWO

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report which provided information relating to the financial quarter two position for the Chief Executive's Department for the 2016/2017 financial year.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that in respect of the revenue expenditure there currently was an underspend of £9,000 after planned reserve movements and in terms of capital expenditure this stood at £10,000 against a revised budget at quarter 2 of £50,000. The department's general reserve had a projected year end balance of £339,412.

The report also stated that the budgeted efficiency savings for the department for 2016/2017 were £1,936,000 and all planned efficiencies were projected to be achieved. With regard to risk, it was explained that specific areas of financial risk related to loss of income due to the economic downturn.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

48. AGGREGATE FINANCIAL MONITOR – SECOND QUARTER 2016/2017

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of the outcome of the second quarter Aggregate Financial Monitoring exercise for 2016/2017.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that in terms of revenue expenditure, the outturn position was in line with the budget set in February, 2016 and capital expenditure for the 2016/2017 financial year was projected at £67.38 million.

With regard to capital prudential indicators, these were within the range approved by Council in February, 2016 and the General Fund Balances remained at £10.7 million which was in line with the Borough Treasurers Guidance.

The report also advised that there was a £44.8 million savings target built into the budget for 2015/2017 and the programme was on track.

In conclusion, it was stated that the specific areas of financial risk were detailed in the report and covered areas such as the Comprehensive Spending Review and deregulation and the actions had been identified that would help to mitigate the impact of these risks.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

49. TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER 2 MONITORING REPORT FOR 2016/2017

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report that explained that the treasury management outturn report was a requirement of the Council's reporting procedures. It covered the treasury management activity during the second quarter of 2016/17 and the associated outturn Prudential Indicators for 2016/17.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

50. HEATON FOLD SERVICE IMPROVEMENT REPORT

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out proposals to review the Heaton Fold staff structure and realign with the requirements of the service.

It was stated that the proposals would form the basis for consultation with trades unions, staff, elected members and

stakeholders. It was anticipated that final proposals would be brought back for approval after an appropriate period of consultation, with revised staffing structures in place by end of February/early March, 2017.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix C to the report.

The report had also been considered by the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Portfolio at his meeting on 14th November, 2016.

Following a recommendation by the Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration and Human Resources, the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

51. PROPOSED SAVINGS AND STAFF RESTRUCTURING AFFECTING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out proposals for consultation to identify savings across a range of areas which fell under the heading of Governance within the Council, including the Corporate Information Team and Members' pensions.

It was stated that the proposals would form the basis for consultation with trades unions, staff, elected members and stakeholders. It was anticipated that final proposals would be brought back for approval after an appropriate period of consultation, with revised staffing structures in place by 31st March, 2017.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

Following a recommendation by the Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration and Human Resources, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the proposals as detailed in the report for consultation with staff, trade unions and stakeholders.

52. WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE DEBT

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to the write-off of uncollectable debt as detailed in the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the write-off as set out in the attached schedule.