

STRATEGIC HOUSING AND PLANNING

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Strategic Housing and Planning:-

TUESDAY 14th JANUARY, 2020

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

Councillor Hewitt	- Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning
Councillor Donaghy	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Weatherby	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hornby	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Brady	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. G. Brough	- Director of Place
Ms. H. Gorman	- Borough Solicitor
Mr. P. Lamb	- Principal Project Officer
Mr. D. Shepherd	- Principal Group Accountant
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

10. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET 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.

11. DIRECTORATE OF PLACE PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 2, 2019/2020

The Director of Place submitted a report which highlighted key performance measures for the Directorate of Place during the period 1st July, 2019 to 30th September, 2019.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

12. DIRECTORATE OF PLACE – FINANCE REPORT 2019/2020 – QUARTER TWO

A joint report of the Directors of Place and Corporate Resources was submitted which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with information relating to the financial quarter two projected final outturn position of the Directorate of Place.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the revenue expenditure as at quarter two for the Directorate of Place showed a projected overspend against the budget of £977,000 after planned reserve movements and the capital expenditure for the Directorate of Place as at quarter two was £22,200,000 against a revised budget of £57,600,000.

In terms of reserves, the Directorate of Place had fully used all general reserves in year and held £1.8 million balance of earmarked reserves. The budgeted efficiency savings for 2019/2021 for the Directorate of Place were £5.7 million and all planned savings were projected to be achieved.

With regard to risk, the report advised that specific areas of financial risk related to loss of income due to the economic downturn, energy prices for street lighting and the cost of the work being identified through property condition survey's.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report and
APPROVED –**

- (i) **The revisions made to the capital programme, which fall under their portfolio, as detailed in the report; and AUTHORISED –**
- (ii) **The Director of Place to call off under any available framework(s) to enable the capital programme to progress.**

13. RIVER CROAL SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

The Director of Place submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval of the revised River Croal Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and its adoption to guide development along the river.

The Executive Cabinet Member was reminded that, in August, 2019, approval was given for the draft River Croal SPD to go out for public consultation. This consultation ran from 2nd September to 11th October, 2019 and was advertised in the press and on social media. The Council also sent out more than 670 consultation letters to interested parties including statutory consultees, consultants, agents, developers, landowners, elected members and businesses in the area informing them of the consultation period.

In response to the consultation, the Council received a total of 16 responses and, as a result of comments received amendments had been made to the SPD in the following areas, viz:-

- Water Framework Directive;
- Bee Network;
- Existing Infrastructure;
- Sustainable Urban Drainage System;
- Green and Blue Infrastructure/Biodiversity; and
- Public Art.

A summary of the amendments made to each of the above categories was provided in the report.

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With regard to the financial implications, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that opening up the River Croal to meet the Council's aspirations would inevitably require capital investment and this had been factored into the Town Centre Strategy budget with an allowance contained for the relevant intervention areas.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

A copy of the revised River Croal SPD was also appended to the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the revised River Croal Supplementary Planning Document and its adoption to guide development along the river.