

## **EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD**

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 1st November, 2016 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Thursday, 3rd November, 2016

With the exception of Decision 1 'Youth Justice Plan 2016/17' which is subject to Full Council approval, the end of the call in period is 5.00 p.m. on Monday 14th November, 2016 and therefore, the decisions can be implemented on Tuesday 15th November, 2016

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework)

Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor and Portfolio holder for Adult Social Care and Equalities)

### **Cabinet Member for:**

Councillor Joe Blackham	Portfolio holder for Regeneration and Transportation
Councillor Nuala Fennelly	Portfolio holder for Children, Young People and Schools
Councillor Pat Knight	Portfolio holder for Public Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Chris McGuinness	Portfolio holder for Communities, the Voluntary Sector and Environment
Councillor Bill Mordue	Portfolio holder for Business, Skills, Tourism and Culture
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Portfolio holder for Housing

Apologies:-

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tony Corden

## **PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS**

### Public Questions and Statements

There were no public questions or statements made at the meeting.

Decision records dated 18th October, 2016, be noted.

## DECISION 1.

### 1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Youth Justice Plan 2016/17.

### 2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet endorsed the Youth Justice Plan and referred it to Full Council for final approval.

### 3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet received a report which presented a new statutory, strategic Youth Offending Service Plan (YOSP) for 2016/2017 for the Youth Offending Service in Doncaster where responsibility for the discharge of the Plan lays. It was noted that the Plan set out the resourcing and value for money, challenges to future provision, structure and governance, partnership arrangements and risks to future delivery for the service. In relation to these, actions and timescales were set to develop the service and ensure the best service for the children and young people of Doncaster.

Members were advised that for the first time young people had contributed to the contents of the Young People's Youth Justice Plan which as a result was thought to be more accessible and understandable for our young people and their families. It was also noted that the Plan had been identified by the Youth Justice Board as a national example of good practice.

Councillor Nuala Fennelly stated that it was good to see that the Youth Offending Service were out of intervention early and thought that the Plan was excellent and easy for our young people to understand. She also made comment with regard to the work of the EPIC team stating that she had visited the team and the project was working well and good progress was being made.

Cabinet welcomed the report and stated that it was clear that a lot of hard work had gone into producing the Plan and they were pleased to see that it was seen as a good example of best practice.

### 4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There were no other alternatives considered or rejected

### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

### 6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

### 7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Damian Allen, Director of Learning Opportunities and Skills (DCS)

## DECISION 2.

### 1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

7. Construction of Willow Estate, Thorne Phase 3.

### 2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved the build of 35 affordable houses on the Willow Estate, Thorne. The units will form part of Doncaster Council's affordable housing stock and be allocated and managed by St Leger Homes of Doncaster (SLHD). The appointment of the construction contractors will be via the SCAPE framework; and
- (2) approved the drawdown of financial resources for this development from the funding earmarked in the capital programme.

### 3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for the development of 35 affordable houses at the Willow Estate, Thorne.

It was reported that in 2011 Cabinet approved the disposal of the whole Willow site to the Stonewater Housing Association who had completed phase 1 and 2 of the development. However, due to changes in the Government's budgets in 2015, it was announced the Social Housing Providers would face a 1% rent reduction year on year for the next 4 years. As a result of this, Stonewater pulled out of phase 3 and the land returned to DMBC.

Members were advised that discussion took place with the Housing Community Agency (HCA), St Leger Homes (SLHD) and the Housing Portfolio Holder to start work on the Council's own proposal to construct Phase 3 and complete the Willow Scheme.

It was stated that the Council would work in partnership with Willmott Partnership Homes Ltd through a SCAPE framework. The house types would be a mix of 1-4 bedroomed properties for local residents. It was noted that the proposal meets all DMBC's key objectives for the provision of affordable homes and the scheme was fully funded and all costs had been profiled in the 2017/18 budget.

Consultation had taken place with Ward Members and the local residents on the proposals and Planning for this development had been agreed and formally approved. It was also advised that on-going discussion were taking place with the HCA in relation to extra funding of £12.5k per unit. Once fully developed the site would generate an annual rent receipt of approximately £149k.

Cabinet welcomed the report and commended all officers involved with the project for all their hard work. Councillor Joe Blackham stated that the land had been subject to anti-social behaviour and stated that the new development was what was

needed in the community and local residents welcomed the scheme. Councillor Blackham commented that it was excellent to see the Council investing in new Council housing, providing good quality affordable housing for people despite the budget cuts facing the Council. The Mayor said that she believed that the new development would enhance the existing Housing Stock within the Borough and was delighted to recommend the scheme for approval.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

##### Option 2

Do nothing. This option would leave the site unfinished and untidy. It would undoubtedly lead to fly tipping and other forms of anti-social behaviour. This would put extra pressure on the local neighbourhood teams.

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

#### **6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Appendix 1 to the report contains exempt information under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information.

#### **7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment.

### **DECISION 3.**

#### **1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**

8. Bristol Grove, Wheatley (Howards) Construction Phase.

#### **2. DECISION TAKEN**

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved the build phase of the Bristol Grove Regeneration Scheme to deliver 80 affordable rented units in Wheatley and Intake Ward as outlined in the report. The scheme will form part of the Council House Build Programme and the appointment of the construction contractors will be via the SCAPE framework; and
- (2) approved the drawdown funding for both phase 1 and future phases as required, earmarked for this development in the Capital Programme.

#### **3. REASON FOR DECISION**

As members were aware, in July 2015, Cabinet approved the clearance of all non-

traditional properties on and around Bristol Grove, Wheatley.

The report sought approval for the delivery of 80 new council houses for rent that would form part of the Council House Build Programme, Phase 3, on the site known as the Bristol Grove Regeneration Scheme at a cost of approximately £9.5m.

It was reported that if approved the Council would work in Partnership with Willmott Partnership Homes Ltd to demolish and build properties through the SCAPE framework and demolition and construction would take place in 4 phases. It was stated that the new homes would provide modern, lifetime homes that would be allocated and managed by St Leger Homes. The house types would be a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedrooed properties for local families. It was advised that the scheme was fully funded and all costs had been profiled in the budgets 2016/17 through to 2019/20. Consultation had taken place with Ward members and local residents on the proposed layout and a Planning application would be heard at the next Planning Committee in November.

It was highlighted that there was a possibility of £700k being allocated by HCA funding and the proposal would help to meet the above average demand for the Wheatley area. It was also advised that there would be an annual rent receipt of approximately £362k.

Councillor Joe Blackham commended the report and officers for all their hard work and stated that this was another example where affordable housing was being provided within local communities despite the Council facing Government cuts. Councillor Nightingale pointed out to Members that the 80 houses and the 35 within the previous report were extra to the 120 the Council had already committed to within its Build Programme. The Mayor welcomed this proposal and the previous agenda item echoing Councillor Blackham's comments.

Cabinet welcomed the report and were delighted the scheme was progressing despite Government cuts.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

##### **Option 2 – Do Nothing**

To leave the site as a brownfield site would not be recommended as it would create an area of wasteland which detracts from the street scene and could attract fly tipping and other anti-social behaviour.

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

#### **6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

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## **7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment.

### **DECISION 4.**

#### **1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**

9. Commuted Sums for Highway Drainage Assets Policy.

#### **2. DECISION TAKEN**

Cabinet supported the adoption of the Commuted Sums for Highway Drainage Assets Policy subject to all other South Yorkshire Local Authorities adopting comparable policies.

#### **3. REASON FOR DECISION**

Cabinet considered a report which stated that any highway constructed as part of a new development can be adopted by Doncaster MBC under Section 38 or 278 of the Highways Act 1980. The adoption agreement would also include any drainage asset which serves the public highway.

It was noted that Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) were being used more frequently by developers to facilitate the drainage of new public highways (eg permeable paving, soakaways etc) and as such, require more regular and specialist maintenance, which would be undertaken by Doncaster MBC.

Members were advised that the commuted sum, paid by the developer through a Section 38/278 agreement (Highways Act 1980) will ensure the authority had sufficient monies available to maintain that Highway Drainage Asset to an acceptable standard, for the lifetime of the public highway.

Cabinet welcomed the report although they expressed some concern regarding the feasibility of sites within deprived areas of the Borough. Councillor Joe Blackham also stressed that he would not want the scheme to make sites in Doncaster become uncompetitive compared to sites in our neighbouring boroughs. Councillor Blackham therefore asked whether the other South Yorkshire Councils were adopting similar policies. It was reported that although no direct comparisons had been made, it was stated that Sheffield and Rotherham were in the process of adopting a similar policy.

Cabinet felt that an amendment to the recommendation was needed to ensure that comparable policies were being adopted by all Local Authorities within South Yorkshire so that sites in Doncaster did not become uncompetitive.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Option 2 – Do not support and adopt the commuted sums for highway drainage policy

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

**6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt

**7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker