

CABINET**Tuesday, 28th June, 2016**

Present:-

Councillor Burrows (Chair)

Councillors	T Gilby	Councillors	Ludlow
	T Murphy		Serjeant
	Blank		A Diouf
	Huckle		
Non Voting	Bagley		Brown
Members	J Innes		

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

39 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hollingworth and Wall.

41 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 June, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

42 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 July to 31 October, 2016 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

43 PUBLISHING CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS RELATING TO A

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive provided a verbal report to Cabinet on the delegated decision he had taken in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to endorse the publication for consultation of documents that formed the governance review and scheme for a Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority.

On 6 April 2016, it had been resolved by Full Council that Chesterfield Borough Council should apply to become a full constituent member of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. It had also been resolved, that in line with the statutory processes, authority to take further steps as necessary with regard to the devolution process should be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader (Minute No.104, 2015/16), and that details of decisions made using this authority should be reported to Cabinet.

The Chief Executive advised that the process of becoming a full constituent member of the combined authority included carrying out a review (the 'Governance Review') as well as preparing a draft scheme for the new combined authority. These documents had now been completed and that the next step in the devolution procedure, in line with the statutory processes, would be to conduct a public consultation in respect of the proposals (the review and scheme).

The Chief Executive advised that a public consultation would run for six weeks from 1 July to 12 August, and that numerous events were planned in order to engage residents and businesses in the consultation process. The Chief Executive also provided a timetable and a summary of the devolution processes that would occur after the consultation. It was also noted that the final decision on the devolution proposals would be the Secretary of State's to make.

***RESOLVED –**

That the decision taken by the Chief Executive to endorse the publication for consultation of documents that form the governance review and scheme for a Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority, be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION

To note the publication for consultation of documents that form the governance review and scheme for a Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority.

44 HOUSING REVENUE FINAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16

The Chief Finance Officer and the Housing Manager submitted a report on the Housing Revenue Final Accounts for 2015/16. The report provided explanations for significant variations from the Revised Estimates previously approved by Cabinet.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the report be noted.

2. That the revenue and carry forward request for £311,870 as detailed at paragraph 3.6 of the officers' report, be approved.
3. That the capital carry forward request for £2,460,900 and associated financing arrangements, as detailed at paragraph 4.1 of the officers' report, be approved.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

To enable the HRA revenue outturn to be included in the Council's overall Statement of Accounts.

To enable carry forward requests that will allow for the completion of the revenue and capital schemes which were not finalised during the financial year.

45 EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY

The Housing Manager submitted for approval the Chesterfield Borough Council Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2016 - 2020.

The Housing Manager noted that Chesterfield Borough Council's Housing Strategy included a strategic objective to make best use of the boroughs existing housing stock and included actions to reduce the numbers of long term empty properties in the Borough. The proposed Private Sector Housing Empty Homes Strategy, as a dedicated strategy would work towards the achievement of this objective.

The council's empty homes strategy had last been reviewed in 2004 and incorporated Private Sector, Council and Housing Association owned empty properties. Since 2004 there had been many changes to funding, legislation, housing policy and practice meaning that the strategy was in need of reviewing and refreshing in order to be effective. The report noted that with regard to empty homes, the council would always prefer to find a voluntary way forward when trying to bring a property back into use; however, on occasion this approach was unsuccessful. The report noted that in these situations the council had to consider using enforcement action, which could include compulsory purchase, enforced sale and empty dwelling management orders.

The report also requested that the Health and Wellbeing Manager and Private Sector Housing Manager be delegated authority to use the legislative powers granted to the council with regard to empty homes (as listed at appendix B of the officers' report), in order to bring empty homes back into use.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Council's Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2016 – 2020 be approved and published.
2. That the legislative powers and responsibilities, with regard to empty homes, as contained in the Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2016 – 2020, be

delegated to the Health and Wellbeing Manager and Private Sector Housing Manager.

REASON FOR DECISION

To allow the Private Sector Housing team to investigate complaints and take necessary remedial action, including authorising officers to implement a robust and practical approach towards the reoccupation of empty homes within the borough.

46 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That under Regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

47 LINACRE ROAD, ASHGATE - PROJECT UPDATE

The Kier Asset Management Team submitted a report to seek approval for the adoption of the Master plan, Revision E, for the Council's land at Linacre Road, and to provide an outline of the proposed marketing for the sale of the site.

The revised Master Plan had been designed to maximise the development potential of the land so as to be appealing to potential buyers and developers. The report provided full details of the Master plan and noted that its development had taken into account community comments received during the extensive consultation process.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Master plan Revision E, included at appendix 2 of the officer's report, be adopted as the basis for bringing forward for sale the site at Linacre Road, Ashgate.
2. That the proposed marketing strategy, for the council's Linacre Road site be agreed.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

The Master Plan will form the Council's stated planning position. It will also de-risk the site from a developer's point of view, simplify the bidding and evaluation process and accelerate capital receipt realisation.

Based on the positive comments received from developers, this is an opportunity for the Council to realise the capital receipt.

48 SPIREPRIDE D.S.O. BUSINESS PLAN 2016/17

Pursuant to Minute No.36 (2016/17), the Chief Finance Officer, the Commercial Services Manager and the Interim Environmental Services Manager submitted the Business Plan for 2016/17 in respect of the Landscape and Streetscene Services "Spirepride" D.S.O.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Business Plan for 2016/17 be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To update the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

49 BUILDING CLEANING D.S.O BUSINESS PLAN 2016/17

Pursuant to Minute No.35 (2016/17), the Chief Finance Officer, the Commercial Services Manager and the Interim Environmental Services Manager submitted the Business Plan for 2016/17 in respect for the Building Cleaning D.S.O.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Business Plan for 2016/17 be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To update the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.