

CABINET**Tuesday, 30th June, 2015**

Present:-

Councillor Burrows (Chair)

Councillors	T Gilby	Ludlow
	T Murphy	Serjeant
	Blank	A Diouf
	Huckle	
Non Voting Members	Bagley	Hollingworth
	Brown	Wall

+ Attended for Minute No. 35.

*Matters dealt with under Executive Powers

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

No declarations of interest were received.

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Innes.

29 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 16 June 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period July to October was reported for information.

*** RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

31 HONORARY ALDERMEN

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report to enable the Cabinet to consider the possibility of recommending that the Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman on former Members of the Borough.

RESOLVED –

That it be recommended to Full Council:

- 1 That an extraordinary meeting of the Council be held to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Jim McManus on Monday 6 July, 2015, at 6.00pm.
- 2 That a further extraordinary meeting of the Council be held in September, 2015 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on any further former Councillors who are nominated by the Leader of the Council.
- 3 That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to make the necessary arrangements including approval to the resourcing of the two events at an estimated cost of £4,500.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To recognise the eminent services rendered to the Council by former Councillor Jim McManus and by other former Councillors.

32 REFURBISHMENT OF EBENEZER ROW – WAIVER OF STANDING ORDERS

The Housing Service Manager – Business Planning and Strategy submitted a report seeking approval for an exemption to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in order to carry out external improvement works to Ebenezer Row, Staveley.

Approval was required from the Secretary of State for the refurbishment works to be carried out on the Grade 2 listed properties owned by the Council.

Firth (UK) Ltd was approached as they were a local company with the specialist skills and knowledge to carry out the refurbishment works on the Grade 2 listed properties. The plans prepared by Firth (UK) Ltd were approved by the Secretary of State.

Based on these circumstances, approval was sought to waive Rule 9 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and to directly award the manufacture and installation of the windows and doors to Firth (UK) Ltd in accordance with their designs and specifications.

Not granting the waiver would have resulted in the need for the work to be openly tendered and could have resulted in a delay of up to six months in commencing work on site.

***RESOLVED –**

That approval be given for the work to refurbish the exterior of the ten properties at Ebenezer Row, Staveley and that a waiver to Rule 9 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules be agreed in respect of the manufacture and installation of the windows and doors.

REASON FOR DECISION

The Council would be able to maintain its 'Decent Homes' standard targets in line with the Council's vision and Council Plan objective to improve the quality of life for local people.

The condition of the public sector housing stock and its environment would be maintained and improved.

To contribute to the aims of the Housing Strategy and to deliver the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.

**33 FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
2015/16 – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

This item was withdrawn and will be considered at a future meeting.

34 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 – as they contained information relating to financial and business affairs.

35 SPORT AND LEISURE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

The Sport and Leisure Manager submitted a report to seek approval for the investment in new fitness equipment for the Council's sport and leisure facilities at the new Queen's Park Sports Centre and the Healthy Living Centre.

Existing fitness equipment was reaching the end of its lifespan and a refresh of the facilities provided was necessary to continue to provide a high quality service and to meet customer expectations.

Continuing to use existing equipment at the Queen's Park Sports Centre and the Healthy Living Centre with only a limited investment in new additional equipment for the new Queen's Park Sports Centre was not a recommended option as it would have had a negative impact in terms of maintenance costs, the quality of the equipment and the standard of service.

*** RESOLVED –**

- 1) That a refresh and investment in new fitness equipment in the facilities at the Healthy Living Centre and the new Queen's Park Sports Centre be agreed.
- 2) That it be recommended to Full Council that a supplementary budget be approved to cover the estimated funding shortfall.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To support delivery of the Council's vision and corporate priorities for Chesterfield:

- To make Chesterfield a thriving borough.
- To improve the quality of life for local people.
- To provide value for money services.