

# **Executive Committee**

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26<sup>th</sup> August 2009

## **Notice of Decisions**

### **Present:**

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors P Anderson, J Brunner, B Clayton, W Hartnett, N Hicks, C MacMillan and M Shurmer

### **Also Present**

M Collins (Standards Committee)

### **Officers:**

E Baker, L Brockett, S Hanley, A Heighway, R Kindon, A Marklew, S Mullins, S Skinner, Jackie Smith, L Tompkin and S Powell

### **Committee Services Officer:**

D Sunman

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hartnett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6 (Strategic Housing – Selection of Registered Social Landlords – Preferred Development Partners) as he was a Board member of a Registered Social Landlord (Redditch Co-op Homes).

#### **3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following items of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this meeting, had been rescheduled to a later meeting:

- Former Covered Markets;
- Quarterly Monitoring of Budget Savings;
- Quarterly Budget Monitoring;
- Benefits Service Improvement Plan;
- Street Naming Policy; and

- Student Council – Review of Service Level Agreement with Worcestershire County Council

The Chair also advised that she had accepted the following matter as Urgent Business:

Item 18 – Arrow Valley Social Club – Asset Management Options.

(Not meeting the publication deadline)

#### 4. MINUTES

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27th July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

#### 5. OLDER PERSON'S HOUSING AND SUPPORT STRATEGY - MY HOME, MY FUTURE, MY CHOICE

*RECOMMENDED that*

- 1) **the Older Person's Housing Strategy, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved; and**
- 2) **subject to community consultation, Officers implement the Strategy for the Housing and Support of Older People as detailed in the Action Plan, attached at Appendix 3 of the report.**

(Officers were requested to arrange a visit for Members to all the Council's Sheltered Housing Schemes as part of the consultation process.)

#### 6. STRATEGIC HOUSING - SELECTION OF REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS - PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

*RECOMMENDED that*

- 1) **the recommendation of the Member Officer Selection Panel held on 30 June 2009 be adopted and that the following organisations be duly appointed as Preferred RSL Development Partners of the Authority:**

- a) **Accord Housing Association/Redditch Co-Operative Homes;**
  - b) **Festival Housing Group;**
  - c) **West Mercia Housing Association/Bromsgrove District Housing Trust;**
  - d) **Rooftop Housing Group;**
  - e) **Sanctuary Housing Association.**
- 2) **Officers and Preferred RSL Partners produce a preferred partnership agreement outlining the terms of reference of the Partnership.**

(Prior to consideration of this item, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillor Hartnett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in view of him being a Board Member of Registered Social Landlord (Redditch Co-op Homes) and left the meeting.)

**7. WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY - PHASE III**

**RESOLVED that**

**the response to the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be approved.**

**8. CONSTITUTION - NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS / WHOLE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

*RESOLVED that*

- 1) **the legislative position regarding the governance models for executive arrangements from 2010 be noted;**
- 2) **subject to approval of the recommendations below by the full Council, a further report be received to consider the outcome from the consultation at 3) below and to draw up the Council's proposals for a change in governance; and**

RECOMMENDED

that

- 3) **authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services to consult electors and other interested parties in respect of the two potential governance models and a change to whole council elections;**
- 4) **a report be received at a specially convened meeting of the Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to determine proposals for a change in the Council's governance model and make the necessary formal Resolution for this to take effect from the 3rd day after the 2011 local elections; and**
- 5) **a report be received at the specially convened meeting of the Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to consider, subject to the consultation outcomes, whether or not to opt for whole- council elections, to take effect for the 2011 local elections.**

**9. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - ADOPTION OF WRITTEN MEMBER ROLES**

*RECOMMENDED that*

**the draft Member Roles, attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted.**

(Officers were requested to amend the Members' Roles, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, as suggested.)

**10. IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS - MARKET KIOSKS**

*RESOLVED that*

- 1) **the debts totalling £44,560.03 detailed in Appendix 1, attached to the report, be written off as irrecoverable.**
- 2) **the debts of £26,595.63 detailed in Appendix 1, attached to the report, be not pursued.**

(During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was, therefore, agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any further debate on the grounds that information might be revealed that related to an individual or which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information.)

There is nothing exempt, however, in this record of the proceedings.)

(Officers to investigate whether the information in Appendix 2 of the report could be made available to the public.)

### 11. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 July be received and noted;
- 2) the Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) guidance for the Council be approved; and

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 3) the Council establish a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel to undertake the scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Partnership; and

### 12. FLAG FLYING POLICY - REFERRAL FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

*RESOLVED that  
the amendments to the Council's Flag Flying Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.*

### 13. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS, NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS ETC.

There were no minutes of referrals under this item.

### 14. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

(It was noted that a briefing on Abbey Stadium would be made to the Leisure Contracts Advisory Panel on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at

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5.30pm. It was also noted that a meeting of the Church Hill District Centre – Members' Panel had been arranged on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009.)

**15. ACTION MONITORING**

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

**16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that**

**under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.**

**Item 10 – Irrecoverable Debts – Market Kiosks; and**

**Item 18 – Arrow Valley Social Club – Asset Management Options.**

**17. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES / REFERRALS (IF ANY)**

There were no Confidential Minutes / Referrals for discussion.

**18. ARROW VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB - ASSET MANAGEMENT OPTIONS**

During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was, therefore, agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any further debate on the grounds that information might be revealed that related to an individual or which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information.)

The Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm  
and closed at 10.00 pm