

Executive Committee

26th 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

93. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

94. 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).

95. 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)

96. 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.

97. 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.)

98. 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.)

99. 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.

100. 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 14th 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 14th 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.

101. 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.)

102. 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.)

103. 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

104. 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.

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

There were no minutes of referrals under this item.

106. 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 15th September 2009 at 5.30pm. It was also noted that a meeting of the Church Hill District Centre – Members' Panel had been arranged on 2nd September 2009.)

107. ACTION MONITORING

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

108. 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 102 – Irrecoverable Debts – Market Kiosks; and

Item 110 – Arrow Valley Social Club – Asset Management Options.

109. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES / REFERRALS (IF ANY)

There were no Confidential Minutes / Referrals for discussion.

110. ARROW VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB - ASSET MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

RESOLVED that

- 1) a surrender of the Lease be accepted and the Council accepts £5,000 from the tenant as full and final settlement of any claim in respect of rent arrears and dilapidations the Council may be able to make against the tenant;**
- 2) the proposed letting of the premises currently under offer for continued use as a social club on a “subject to contract” basis be pursued;**
- 3) if the proposed letting of the premises under 2) above or to another suitable provider cannot be achieved within a 3 month period, the premises be declared surplus and be offered for sale on the open market for redevelopment;**
- 4) authority be delegated to the Property Services Manager, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to secure or demolish the building prior to offering the site for sale, subject to Council approval of necessary funds; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 5) **funds be approved to clear and secure the site in the region of £10,000.**

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The Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm
and closed at 10.00 pm