



Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 9 December 2020 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (Chairman)
Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
Richard Butler
John Cottee
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle
Tony Harper
Richard Jackson
John Knight

Bruce Laughton
Rachel Madden
David Martin
Philip Owen **A**
John Peck JP
Mike Pringle
Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Tracey Taylor

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May Chief Executive's Department
Nigel Stevenson
Marjorie Toward
Mark Davies
Angie Dilley
Keith Ford
David Hennigan
Anna O-Daly-Kardasinska
James Silverward

Melanie Brooks Adult Social Care and Public Health Department

Colin Pettigrew Children & Families Department
Marion Clay
Claire Wilcoxson

Adrian Smith
Neil Gamble
Derek Higon
Matthew Neal

Place Department

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 November 2020, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Philip Owen submitted an apology for absence due to other reasons and Councillor Tracey Taylor attended the meeting as his substitute.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

Councillor Reg Adair declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 – Via East Midlands and Cheesecake Energy Partnership as a County Council appointed Director of Via East Midlands Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

4 URGENT ITEM – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021-22 - REVISION

The Chair of the meeting agreed that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the special circumstances relating to the timing of the School Adjudicator's Decision in relation to the schedule of Children's and Young People Committee dates and the need for the published admission arrangements to be amended at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED: 2020/106

That the admission arrangements for Nottinghamshire's voluntary controlled schools that use faith criteria be revised as detailed in the committee report and appendix 2.

5 VIA EAST MIDLANDS AND CHEESECAKE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

In moving the recommendation, Councillor Cutts moved an additional recommendation as follows:-

That the Committee receives a progress report in 6 months and an annual report thereafter, outlining progress and financial implications.

RESOLVED: 2020/107

- 1) That the emerging partnership between Via East Midlands and Cheesecake Energy Limited to demonstrate a world first energy storage system at Bilsthorpe Depot be supported.
- 2) That the Committee receives a progress report in 6 months and an annual report thereafter, outlining progress and financial implications.

6 CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

RESOLVED: 2020/108

- 1) That the progress made to date on the Corporate Environment Strategy be noted.
- 2) That the creation in the Place Department of a new post of Environment Manager (1 FTE Hay Band D subject to job evaluation), subject to the appropriate procedures, be approved.
- 3) That the required revenue and capital funding to support the new post be approved and a Green Investment Fund be established, the terms and governance of which would be subject to further approval by Policy Committee in spring 2021.

**7 GREEN HOMES GRANT LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY SCHEME
PHASE 1b**

In response to a request from Members, officers agreed to provide an update to Members on the total amount of funding which had been bid for.

RESOLVED: 2020/109

- 1) That the recent submission of a bid to the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme Phase 1b in partnership with E-ON be supported.
- 2) That, subject to the bid being successful, the Capital Programme be amended as appropriate to reflect the amount of funding awarded.

8 SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUND DEMONSTRATOR

RESOLVED: 2020/110

- 1) That the recent submission of a bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator be supported.
- 2) That, subject to the bid being successful, the Capital Programme be amended as appropriate to reflect the amount of funding awarded.

9 PROPERTY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME CLOSURE REPORT AND CORPORATE LANDLORD MODEL

RESOLVED: 2020/111

- 1) That the achievements of the Property Transformation Programme be noted and the Programme's closure be approved.
- 2) That progress towards the development of an operating model for delivery of corporate landlord facilities management services be noted, with a further report brought to a future Policy Committee meeting for implementation.

10 INVESTING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: UTILISING THE COUNCIL'S PROPERTY ESTATE TO DELIVER ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS IN A POST-COVID WORLD

RESOLVED: 2020/112

- 1) That the progress made to date in completing feasibility work, developing a new smarter working vision and undertaking the review in light of COVID-19 be endorsed.
- 2) That the principles and benefits set out in paragraphs 4 and 6 of the committee report be supported.
- 3) That the development of a full feasibility associated with the essential and recommended works to County Hall to enable the further consolidation of the Council's offices and reduction in the Council's carbon footprint in the light of changed working practices, be supported.
- 4) That a full feasibility study associated with the proposal at Sherwood Energy Village be supported with a view to consolidating staff into Thoresby House, further reducing the Council's office footprint.
- 5) That a full feasibility study associated with the proposal at Byron House be supported with a view to consolidating staff into alternative Council premises.
- 6) That the development of feasibility work to provide accommodation for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Mid-Notts area across Meadow House, Top Wighay and at Sherwood Energy Village be approved.
- 7) That the Capital Programme be varied to decrease it by £0.712m to reflect the efficiencies found within the Investing in Nottinghamshire Capital Programme.

11 ICT STAFFING STRUCTURE

RESOLVED: 2020/113

That the ICT Staffing Structure, as set out in Appendix 1 to the committee report and consequent actions required for implementation as outlined in the report, be approved.

12 EAST MIDLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INTERIM VEHICLE – THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EM DEVCO LIMITED – COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

RESOLVED: 2020/114

- 1) That the establishment of the Interim Vehicle (EM Devco Limited), to support the aspirations of the business case that is to be submitted to Government, in the form of a company limited by guarantee at the earliest opportunity in 2021 with a view to becoming fully operational by 1 April 2021, be approved.
- 2) That the proposed Governance arrangements, including the board membership, voting arrangements and consent matters as set out in the committee report and its exempt appendix be approved.
- 3) That the Council's budgetary contribution of £0.5m per annum over 3 years, to be reviewed at the end of year 1 and 2 against progress and relevant milestones in the Company's Business Plan, with this funding allocation subject to funding contributions from the other affected Local Authorities, be approved.
- 4) That the Council's participation as a founding member in the Interim Vehicle Company, its role as host authority and the current content of the Articles of Association and Members Agreement, as summarised in the executive summary legal report in the exempt appendix to the committee report, be agreed and authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Section151 Officer and the Group Manager for Legal and Democratic Services, to negotiate and finalise the details of those documents and authority to enter into them and all company or other documentation necessary to give effect to the proposals, provided that they remain within the approved budgetary envelope and consistent with the risk profile referenced in the committee report.
- 5) That EM Devco Limited be added to the Council's Outside Bodies Register and the Ruling Group Business Manager make the required Member appointments to the Oversight Authority and authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to make the required Officer appointments to the Board of Directors.
- 6) That periodic progress reports regarding the Company business plan and establishment of the longer-term statutory Development Corporation be brought to the relevant Committee as appropriate.

13 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT BRAMCOTE PARK TO WHITEHILLS PARK FEDERATION TRUST

RESOLVED: 2020/115

- 1) That approval be given to the conditional sale of the Council's freehold interest in the land identified as plots 1 and 4 on the attached plan on the terms and subject to the safeguards outlined in the committee report and exempt appendix and subject to receipt of Section 77 consent, consent under paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 of the Academies Act 2010 and consent of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government in respect of the disposal at an undervalue.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Service Director, Investment and Growth in consultation with the Group Manager for Legal Services to negotiate and approve detailed terms of the necessary legal documentation to give effect to the decision in accordance with the safeguards set out in the committee report and exempt appendix.

14 WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2020/116

That the Work Programme be agreed and revised to include the six monthly update on the Via East Midlands and Cheesecake Energy Partnership as agreed earlier in the meeting.

15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2020/117

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions were likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

16 EAST MIDLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INTERIM VEHICLE – THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EM DEVCO LIMITED – COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED: 2020/118

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

17 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT BRAMCOTE PARK TO WHITEHILLS PARK FEDERATION TRUST – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED: 2020/119

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.
The meeting closed at 1.09 pm.

CHAIRMAN