

Decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee

5 October 2016

Members Present:-

Councillor Richard Cornelius (Chairman)
Councillor Daniel Thomas (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Tom Davey
Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Anthony Finn
Councillor Ross Houston
Councillor Alison Moore
Councillor Alon Or-Bach
Councillor Barry Rawlings

Also in attendance

Councillor Reuben Thompstone (as substitute)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sachin Rajput
Councillor Joan Scannell

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sachin Rajput and Councillor Joan Scannell who was substituted for by Councillor Reuben Thompstone.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest declared
Councillor Ross Houston	Item 11 – Sustainable Design and Construction Residential Design Guidance SPD and Item 12 - ICT Strategy	Non pecuniary interest as Cllr Houston is a Council appointed representative on the Barnet Group Board.
Councillor Alon Or-bach	Item 12 - ICT Strategy	Non pecuniary interest as Cllr Or-bach is an employee of Samsung, a partner of the council's new IT assurance partner.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There was none.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

There were none.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. MONITORING THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON BARNET

The Committee considered the report.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Committee agree the suggested set of indicators to be monitored, as set out in Tables 1 and 2 of this report.
2. That the Committee agree to receive six-monthly updates based on the suggested indicators, together with accompanying comments from officers and a view from local strategic partners.

8. BUSINESS PLANNING 2017-20 - EFFICIENCY PLAN

The Committee considered the report.

It was noted there was a typographical error on the first line of paragraph 1.1.4, and that 'an' should read 'to'.

RESOLVED – That the Committee approves the 'Efficiency Plan' for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in order to secure a minimum funding guarantee.

9. BUSINESS PLANNING UPDATE 2016-17

The Committee noted the report.

It was noted there were typographical errors in recommendation two. It was noted that the word 'approved' and that the words 'and deletions' should be deleted from the recommendation, as there were no deletions in this instance. This was duly agreed.

RESOLVED – That the Committee

1. Approve the budget virements as set out in sections 1.2 & 1.3
2. Approve the additions to the capital programme and the funding changes as shown in paragraph 1.4

10. CUSTOMER TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the report.

With respect to recommendation four, Councillor Rawlings requested that there be consideration at a future Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee meeting of the practice of some decisions being delegated to an officer in consultation with the Chairman, with no reference to opposition members of the committee. This was duly agreed.

A separate vote was taken on recommendation four.

On recommendations one to three being put to the vote, the recommendations were unanimously declared carried.

On recommendation four being put to the vote, the Committee voted:

For: 6

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

Recommendation four was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That the Committee

- 1. Approves the vision for the future of customer services in Barnet (section 1.2 to 1.6), as agreed on 28 June 2016 as part of the Customer Access Strategy.**
- 2. Approves the Customer Transformation Programme Business Case (Appendix A), which sets out the proposed approach. Agrees the capital addition of £1.5m to the capital programme for 2016/17 to deliver Phase 1 of the programme as set out in paragraph 9.2. Notes the overall anticipated costs of £5.4m over a two-year period to deliver this vision. The capital requirements for the balance of the funding required in future years will be considered as part of the Council's capital investment programme within the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy which will be brought back to this Committee at a future date for approval based on the successful delivery of Phase 1.**
- 3. Approves the Chief Operating Officer to commission the council's contracted IT assurance partner to scrutinise the technical aspects of the programme before funding is released or contracts are signed.**
- 4. Delegates authority to the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the P&R Committee, to agree an appropriate delivery plan and to enter into contracts to deliver this work with payment based on successful delivery against milestones.**

11. SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDANCE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

The Committee considered the report.

The Commissioning Director for Growth and Development noted there was a typographical error on the front page of the report, and that the report should be in the name of Cath Shaw, Commissioning Director for Growth and Development.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Committee note the responses in the Consultation Report for the proposed Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document attached at Appendix 1.
2. That the proposed Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document attached at Appendix 2 is approved for adoption for use as guidance for planning applications.
3. That the Committee note the responses in the Consultation Report for the proposed Residential Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document attached at Appendix 3.
4. That the proposed Residential Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document attached at Appendix 4 is approved for adoption for use as guidance for planning applications.

12. ICT STRATEGY

The Committee considered the report.

RESOLVED – That the Committee considers the council’s ICT Strategy and notes that business cases to deliver the strategy will be presented to Committee for approval

13. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the work programme.

14. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 8.54 pm