

CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 5 November 2015 at 12.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Donna Jones (in the Chair)

Councillors Luke Stubbs
Lee Mason
Robert New
Linda Symes
Neill Young

62. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Councillor Steve Wemyss had sent his apologies for absence and Councillor Ellcome was on other council business. The Leader apologised for her late arrival, due to meeting with university students.

63. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

64. Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 24 September 2015 (AI 3)

The record of decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 September 2015 was agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Leader.

65. Community Safety Priorities 2016/17 - Conclusions from the Safer Portsmouth Partnership (SPP) Strategic Assessment (AI 4)

Lisa Wills introduced the report by the Director of Regulatory Services, Troubled Families and Community Safety which summarised the specific analysis required by the Crime & Disorder Act. The strategic priorities had been approved by the Safer Portsmouth Partnership (which the city council is represented on) in September. The key drivers of Domestic Violence were discussed. The main Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan would be submitted to Council in March 2016.

Councillor Young, Cabinet Member for Children & Education, reiterated the importance of links between Community Safety and Children's Services. Councillor New, as Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety, thanked the officers involved in producing this report, which illustrated that domestic abuse was at the core of many cases.

Councillor Jones, as Leader, commented on the rape figures in Portsmouth within the recently announced Hampshire statistics, with the city having the highest reporting levels. Portsmouth also had the lowest conviction rates.

Praise was due for the work being undertaken especially in the areas of domestic violence and rape.

DECISION: The Cabinet endorsed the strategic priorities and encourage all members to take account of these priorities in their day to day decision making.

66. Treasury Management Mid Year Review (AI 5)

Chris Ward, Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer, presented his report and explained the implications of each of the recommendations to Council. A full version of Appendix B, setting out the Investment Counter Party List, was circulated at the meeting (and would also be submitted to Governance & Audit & Standards and the City Council).

Councillor Jones, as Leader, welcomed the approach being taken by the Director of Finance.

RECOMMENDED to Council:

1. That the annuity method of calculating the minimum revenue provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt is applied with effect from 2015/16 to General Fund post 1 April 2008 self-financed borrowing excluding:
 - Finance Leases
 - Service concessions (including Private Finance Initiative schemes)
 - Borrowing to fund long term debtors (including finance leases);
2. That investments be made in enhanced or cash plus money market funds on the basis of a single credit rating and that these be treated as category 6 investments
3. That the investment counter party limits be revised as shown in Appendix B
4. That the following investment duration limits be approved:

	Maximum Duration Limit
<u>Category 1</u> United Kingdom Government including the Debt Management Office Deposit Facility	Up to 5 years
<u>Category 2</u> Local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales	Up to 5 years

	Maximum Duration Limit
<u>Category 3</u> RSLs with a single long term credit rating of Aa-	Up to 10 years
<u>Category 4</u> Banks (including equity trackers) with a short term credit rating of F1+ and a long term rating of Aa-. Aaa rated money market funds.	Up to 5 years
<u>Category 5</u> RSLs with a single A long term credit rating of A-	Up to 10 years

<u>Category 6</u> Banks (including equity trackers) and corporate bonds with a short term credit rating of F1 and a long term rating of A+. Building societies with a short term credit rating of F1 and a long term rating of A. Enhanced money market funds with a single AA credit rating.	Up to 5 years.
<u>Category 7</u> Banks (including equity trackers) and corporate bonds with a short term credit rating of F1 and a long term rating of A. Building societies with a short term credit rating of F1 and a long term rating of A-.	Up to 5 years
<u>Category 8</u> Banks (including equity trackers) and corporate bonds with a short term credit rating of F1 and a long term rating of A-.	Up to 5 years
<u>Category 9</u> Building societies with a short term credit rating of F2 and a long term rating of BBB.	Up to 2 years
<u>Category 10</u> Unrated building societies in the strongest financial position	Up to 2 years
<u>Category 11</u> Unrated building societies in a strong financial position	Up to 364 days

5. That the following actual Treasury Management indicators for the second quarter of 2015/16 be noted:

(a) The Council's debt at 30 September was as follows:

Prudential Indicator 2015/16	Limit £M	Position at 30/9/15 £M
Authorised Limit	503	469
Operational Boundary	484	469

(b) The maturity structure of the Council's borrowing was:

	Under 1 Year	1 to 2 Years	3 to 5 Years	6 to 10 Years	11 to 20 Years	21 to 30 Years	31 to 40 Years	41 to 50 Years
Lower Limit	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Upper Limit	20%	20%	30%	30%	40%	40%	60%	70%
Actual	1%	4%	3%	4%	17%	11%	19%	41%

(c) The Council's interest rate exposures at 30 September 2015 were:

	Limit £m	Actual £m
Fixed Interest	304	218
Variable Interest	(358)	(242)

(d) Sums invested for periods longer than 364 days at 30 September 2015 were:

Maturing after	Original Limit £m	Actual £m
31/3/2016	243	159
31/3/2017	231	70
31/3/2018	228	5

67. Review of the Portsmouth Youth Offending Team Three Year Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2014-17 (AI 6)

Councillor Jones, as Leader, welcomed Sarah Newman to her first Cabinet meeting as the Acting Deputy Director of Children's Services (Children's Social Care). Sarah Newman presented the first annual report on the three year strategic plan, setting out the achievements so far in response to the February 2014 inspection and setting out the more favourable outcomes this year.

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Councillor Young, felt that the priorities were sensible and he had a particular concern regarding child sexual exploitation (CSE), so welcomed the good work taking place under the CSE Guardian Angel Scheme. The Leader joined Councillor Young in thanking the staff involved in this work to help prevent young people entering the criminal justice system and they were encouraged by the report.

DECISION: Cabinet noted the achievements made by the Youth Offending Team in implementing the plan and endorsed the priorities for the team and Management Board in maintaining high levels of practice and performance.

68. A Blueprint for Health and Social Care in Portsmouth (AI 7)

David Williams, Chief Executive, presented his report which set out the significant work taking place with the council's partners in health and social care. A paper had already been taken to the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) and had been endorsed there, with a further paper going to HWB on 2 December to show which steps can be taken now. He had met with Healthwatch, CCG and Solent NHS to discuss the document. The city council's view is that there is a lot of attention to clinical and A&E services and there is the need to ensure preventative services are supported in public health, children and adults social care.

Councillor Jones, as Leader, felt that the council's position with our health partners is very good and the joint commissioning puts the council in a strong position. She thanked Councillor Stubbs as Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, David Williams and Matt Gummerson (at his last Cabinet meeting) for all of their hard work on taking forward the Portsmouth Blueprint.

DECISIONS The Cabinet:

- (1) Endorsed the Portsmouth Blueprint for health and care**
- (2) Require a more detailed report on the development of these proposals in early 2016.**

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.

Councillor Donna Jones, Leader of the Council

