

## CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 6 November 2014 at 1.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### Present

Councillor Donna Jones (in the Chair)

Councillors Luke Stubbs  
Ken Ellcome  
Frank Jonas  
Lee Mason  
Robert New  
Linda Symes  
Steve Wemyss  
Neill Young

#### 83. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

All Cabinet Members were present. Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader of the Opposition, had sent his apologies for absence.

#### 84. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 85. Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 25 September 2014 (AI 3)

DECISION: that the record of decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 September 2014 were approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Leader.

#### 86. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2014/15 (AI 4)

Chris Ward, the City Treasurer and Section 151 Officer presented his report.

RECOMMENDED to Council:

1. That the following actual Treasury Management indicators for the second quarter of 2014/15 be noted:

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

<b>Prudential Indicator 2014/15</b>	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Position at 30/9/14</b>
	£M	£M
Authorised Limit	469	440
Operational Boundary	447	440

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

	<b>Under 1 Year</b>	<b>1 to 2 Years</b>	<b>3 to 5 Years</b>	<b>6 to 10 Years</b>	<b>11 to 20 Years</b>	<b>21 to 30 Years</b>	<b>31 to 40 Years</b>	<b>41 to 50 Years</b>
Lower Limit	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Upper Limit	20%	20%	30%	30%	40%	40%	60%	70%
Actual	4%	1%	3%	5%	9%	13%	16%	49%

(c) The Council's interest rate exposures at 30 September 2014 were:

	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	£m	£m
Fixed Interest	332	266
Variable Interest	(196)	(218)

(d) Sums invested for periods longer than 364 days at 30 September 2014 were:

<b>Maturing after</b>	<b>Original Limit</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	£m	£m
31/3/2015	170	80
31/3/2016	158	64
31/3/2017	124	8

2. That the investment counter party limits of unrated building societies be revised as follows:

	Existing Limit £	Proposed Limit £	Increase / (Decrease) £
Nottingham Building Society	6,000,000	6,000,000	0
Progressive Building Society	6,000,000	6,000,000	0
Cambridge Building Society	5,000,000	5,700,000	700,000
Furness Building Society	4,000,000	4,200,000	200,000
Leek United Building Society	3,800,000	4,200,000	400,000

Monmouthshire Building Society	3,700,000	4,800,000	1,100,000
Newbury Building Society	3,400,000	3,900,000	500,000
Hinckley & Rugby Building Society	2,900,000	2,800,000	(100,000)
Darlington Building Society	2,600,000	2,600,000	0
Market Harborough Building Society	2,100,000	2,000,000	(100,000)
Melton Mowbray Building Society	1,900,000	1,900,000	0
Tipton & Coseley Building Society	1,800,000	1,800,000	0
Marsden Building Society	1,700,000	1,700,000	0
Hanley Economic Building Society	1,600,000	1,600,000	0
Scottish Building Society	1,700,000	1,900,000	200,000
Dudley Building Society	1,600,000	1,600,000	0
Loughborough Building Society	1,400,000	1,400,000	0
Mansfield Building Society	1,400,000	1,400,000	0
Vernon Building Society	1,200,000	1,300,000	100,000
Stafford Railway Building Society	1,100,000	1,200,000	100,000
Buckinghamshire Building Society	1,100,000	0	(1,100,000)
Harpenden Building Society	1,100,000	1,400,000	300,000
Swansea Building Society	1,000,000	1,100,000	100,000
Chorley and District Building Society	0	1,000,000	1,000,000

- That the variable interest rate exposure limit for 2014/15 be increased by (£45m) from (£196m) to (£241m), ie. from net investments of £196m to net investments of £241m.

## 87. Youth Justice Strategic Plan (AI 5)

The report was presented by Jon Gardner, Manager of the Youth Offending Teams (YOT). This strategic plan focused on the risk posed by young people in Portsmouth and that of reoffending, as well as seeking to address and reduce

custodial entrants and first time entrants to the youth justice system. Councillor Young acknowledged the challenges faced by the YOT since its disaggregation from the Wessex YOT and felt that the plan was showing that improvements were being made and important issues addressed, which was supported by the Cabinet.

**DECISIONS:**

(1) Cabinet noted the achievements made by the Youth Offending Team, the progress made since the full Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) inspection in November 2013 and endorsed the new priorities for the team and Management Board in driving practice forward.

(2) Cabinet endorsed the refreshed Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2015-17 and recommend that it is approved by Council.

(Within recommendation 2 the endorsement of the strategic plan would need full Council approval.)

**88. Joint business planning process across strategic partnerships and approval of latest partnership strategies (AI 6)**

David Williams, as Chief Executive, presented this report which set out the work taking place in an integrated way within the strategies being developed with PCC's partners, and this would need Council approval of the accompanying plans. The Leader was grateful for the joint working taking place within each of these bodies.

**DECISIONS: The Cabinet:**

**(1) noted the process that has been developed to ensure effective joint work between the three strategic partnerships (Health & Wellbeing Board, Childrens Trust Board and Safer Portsmouth Partnership)**

**(2) RECOMMENDS to Full Council that they endorse the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Safer Portsmouth Plan and Children's Trust Plan as approved by the respective strategic partnerships.**

**89. Forward Plan Omission items and notice of exempt information (AI 7)**

DECISION: the omissions of these key decisions reports (future Commissioning of Youth Support Services and Support for the provision of affordable finance - the latter containing exempt information), from the October Forward Plan were noted.

**90. Future Commissioning of Youth Support Services (AI 8)**

Katy Ricks, Team Leader ITYSS (accompanied by Mandy Thompson) spoke on behalf of staff to give their detailed response to the report by the Head of Children's Social Care & Safeguarding, copies of which were circulated to the cabinet members and time was taken to read this at the meeting. This set out the impact of the proposals on young people and their families and the

services in the city and it also set out their alternative proposals to make the required savings.

Mandy Thompson wished to stress that a lot of the young people they worked with were not attending schools or college; it is their job to reintegrate them, meeting with vulnerable clients and using venues such as the Go For It Centre to facilitate this. She explained that the team had only been able to meet together the previous day to put forward their response and had not been involved in consultation on the report itself.

Julian Wooster, Director of Childrens Services & Strategic Director responded by outlining the proposals and agreed the value of the preventative work with young people, including NEETs, for which a re-commissioned service was being sought, relying on joint funding to help to ensure the right level of support and skills, such as through the extended Trouble Families Programme, Cities of Service initiative and help from the voluntary sector. Consideration would also be given to the use of the pupil premium by schools and there would be further consultation needed regarding the Go For It Centre.

Councillor Young, as Cabinet Member for Children & Education, reiterated that this would be a very difficult decision to be taken in response to the projected overspend of £2.5m by this portfolio which has to be addressed, and he thanked the staff for their very considered paper which reflected the valuable service being provided. Whilst Councillor Young suggested deferral of this item the Cabinet Members believed that the financial position needed to be reported to Council, setting out how the overspend was being addressed, and therefore the Leader asked that the report be supported but that Councillor Young work further with the schools regarding their financial contributions and at the Go For It Service, and liaise with the ITYSS team leaders. There would also be a visit by a Strategic Director from North East Lincolnshire who would be sharing their experience of services passing to a mutual/not for profit organisation, which may be of interest to the staff.

#### **DECISIONS:**

**(1) Cabinet approved the re-commissioning of the youth support arrangements as set out in paragraph 1.3;**

**(2) That Cabinet noted that the externally provided part of the current ITYSS service configuration (currently provided by Motiv8) will not be renewed following the current contract termination date of the 31 December 2014, temporary extensions are to be agreed to ensure a managed transfer of young people to other services; and,**

**(3) Cabinet delegated authority to the, Cabinet Member for Children & Education to approve, following consultation, proposals to meet the needs of vulnerable young people in the City.**

**91. Management and location of the Coroner's Service to within Portsmouth City Council (AI 9)**

Michael Lawther, City Solicitor & Strategic Director presented the report of the Head of Customer, Community & Democratic Services, and he commended the bringing of the service in from Hampshire County Council (which funded 30%) to Portsmouth City Council (which funded 70%), which would retain the service in the city with benefits to the community and it would give PCC more control of its administration and budget. Councillor Lee Mason, as Cabinet Member for Resources, thanked officers for their hard work on this and agreed that this service should not be controlled at a distance by HCC which would mean the risk of bereaved families having to travel to Winchester, whereas this should be a local service. It was further noted that the Coroner himself was appointed to his independent role by the Lord Chancellor, but that his staff would transfer to PCC's terms and conditions.

**DECISIONS - The Cabinet:**

- (1) Noted the contents of this report;**
- (2) Agreed the hosting of the Coroners Service within Portsmouth City Council;**
- (3) Agreed to the movement of staff from their respective organisations to PCC employment directly;**
- (4) Noted the ring-fencing of budget with regard to the Coroners Service.**

**92. Dunsbury Hill Farm (AI 10)**

Alan Cufley, Head of Corporate Assets, Business & Standards, presented the report with the Project Officer Kevin Hudson. There would be a further report back to Cabinet. The Cabinet Members were supportive of the development of this strategic site, and Councillor Ellcome as Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation hoped that the skills of the in-house highway designers would be further utilised.

**RECOMMENDED to Council:**

- (1) The aims of the Dunsbury Hill Farm Project as set out in this report are approved.**
- (2) Subject to the City Council project governance arrangements and a prior financial appraisal approved by the Section 151 officer authority to commence the highways works and to commission the works needed to evaluate the next stage of the project is delegated to the Strategic Director Regeneration and Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer.**

**(3) The revised financing for the scheme including the additional £2.163 million borrowing is approved and the Corporate Capital Programme is amended to reflect the revised capital budget.**

**(4) Further authority will be sought from the City Council to approve the possible site development options and opportunities that will arise from the highways works.**

**93. Exclusion of Press and Public (AI 11)**

**DECISION - to adopt the following motion:**

**“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following items on the grounds that the reports contain information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972”.**

Minute 94

Exemption Para No.

Support for the provision of affordable Finance  
(Appendix 1 only)

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**94. Support for the provision of affordable finance (AI 12)**

Chris Ward, Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer presented this report and the financial obligations of the Council when giving consideration to the request for a loan, which were discussed by the Cabinet Members in exempt session.

**DECISIONS:**

**(1) That, taking into account the Council's obligations to safeguard public funds, the Cabinet agreed to provide a loan facility agreement to US&L on the terms referred to in Appendix 1.**

**(2) In the event that a loan facility agreement is approved, the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be given delegated authority to determine whether to enter into a loan facility in accordance with the terms set out in exempt Appendix 1 to the report.**

The meeting concluded at 2.15 pm.

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Councillor Donna Jones  
Leader of the Council

