

CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 5 February 2019 at 12.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Steve Pitt
Dave Ashmore
Ben Dowling
Suzy Horton
Darren Sanders
Lynne Stagg
Matthew Winnington
Rob Wood

1. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor Jeanette Smith.

2. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interests.

3. Record of Previous Decision Meetings - 27 November and 4 December 2018 (AI 3)

The record of decisions for the meetings held on 27 November and 4 December 2018 were approved as correct records, to be signed by the Leader.

4. ECYP Scrutiny Panel's review into school attendance and part time timetables in Portsmouth (AI 4)

Mike Stoneman, Assistant Director, presented the response report on behalf of the Director of Children, Families and Education. The report by the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel and their findings were welcomed by Headteachers and work was already taking place to introduce new protocol for elected home education. Councillor Horton, as Cabinet Member for Education, thanked the panel for their work and endorsed the comments on attendance campaigns and she was grateful to schools for engaging in Phase 1 and Phase 2 was being planned focusing on ill-health. Mike Stoneman displayed some of the publicity material and reported that these had created debate on the subject. Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson also welcomed the work taking place with parents.

DECISIONS The Cabinet:

(1) Thanked the ECYP Scrutiny Committee for its work in undertaking the review

(2) Noted and supported the recommendations set out on pages 6 and 7 of the report, taking into account the policy and financial implications of the recommendations summarised on page 35 of the report (section 12).

5. Health and Care Portsmouth Operating Model (AI 5)

(An updated version of the report with legal comments had been published)

Innes Richens, Chief of Health and Care Portsmouth, presented the report which, like the NHS Long Term Plan, advocated strong integration of local government and health services. There is the need to form the model locally rather than wait for one to be imposed, thereby more formal arrangements were needed.

Councillor Matthew Winnington, as Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care thanked those involved in working on these proposals across the CCG and City Council, and commended Portsmouth for leading the way on this integration regionally. This was also being discussed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and all partners had been very positive. Councillor Rob Wood, Cabinet Member for Children & Families, welcomed this approach which was important for the individuals transitioning from child to adult services.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, welcomed the paper but stressed the need to go further, fast, and he was inviting a cross-party approach in discussions with partner organisations. PCC would use the knowledge of its Chief Executive in taking this forward and maintaining Portsmouth's independent position. David Williams responded and made a further recommendation to assist with taking this forward, which was agreed.

DECISIONS The Cabinet:

(1) Support the establishment of a single operating model for Health & Care Portsmouth between PCC and CCG;

(2) Support the establishment of a sub-board on behalf of PCC and PCCG for its commissioning of adult and children's health, social care and public health services, with detail of this proposal to be addressed in a separate report to Governance, Audit and Standards Committee in March;

(3) Support the integration of PCCG and PCC functions into joint roles: Chief of Health & Care Portsmouth, Director of Children's Services and Director of Public Health; and a review of other enabling functions to assess the benefits of further integration to support delivery of the Health & Care Portsmouth operating model – specifically financial management, business intelligence, communications/engagement, community sector partnership development;

- (4) Direct the respective Accountable/Chief Executive Officers, working within their scheme of delegations and constitutional powers, review the management and staffing structures currently in place in order to align this capacity with the new Health & Care Portsmouth**
- (5) Agreed that the Chief Executive of PCC should work with the accountable officer of the CCG to consider further opportunities for integration, consistent with the NHS long term plan, and present such proposals to the health and wellbeing board at the earliest opportunity.**

6. Local Plan Update (AI 6)

Toby Ayling, Principal Planning Officer, presented the report on behalf of the Director of Regeneration. The report set out the government numbers for housing need, as well as reporting on the Tipner redevelopment options as part of the consultation on the Local Plan which linked to work taking place as part of the City Deal project. The report also set out the Super Peninsula option and the associated impact of land reclamation; there would be further consultation on this before a report back to Cabinet due in the summer.

Councillor Ben Dowling, Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration & Economic Development (PRED), stressed that this paper was seeking approval for a series of consultations to inform the revised Local Plan and to ensure that possible sites had been investigated to create evidence of this, but this was not a site allocations document. Paul Barton, Assistant Director Development, reiterated the Duty to Co-operate statutory obligation in these matters.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, commented on the imposed government figures being unrealistic and not based on local need. The inclusion of Tipner West was to expand whilst not cramming the city further. The Leader proposed that a cross-party working group be established for the Local Plan.

Councillor Darren Sanders, Cabinet Member for Housing, agreed that there is a gap in the imposed target figures and Portsmouth's ability to build this number of homes whilst keeping communities. He and Councillor Dowling referred to the Milton Neighbourhood Plan Team residents' group which independently liaised with the Planning Policy officers regarding the emerging Milton Neighbourhood Plan, which should not be in conflict with the Local Plan.

Councillor Matthew Winnington, as a PCC appointee on the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, commented on the Super Peninsula, stressing the need to consult environmental bodies on its viability.

DECISIONS The Cabinet:

- (1) Approved the Portsmouth Local Plan consultation document, and supporting evidence base documents for 6 weeks of public consultation.**

(2) Approved the Tipner Strategic Development Area consultation document for 6 weeks of public consultation.

(3) Delegated authority to the Assistant Director City Development to modify and make editorial changes to the all consultation documents and supporting documents in consultation with the Cabinet Member for PRED (if required).

(4) Adopted the revised Local Development Scheme.

(5) Requested that a cross party working group be established.

7. PCC Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast (AI 7)

Julian Pike, as Deputy Section 151 Officer, presented the report and the recommendations which would be referred to Council for approval.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, was pleased the report outlined the plans in place to address the overspend caused by pressures in Children's Social Care, which were being experienced nationally. There was more funding being allocated for Adults Social Care and he was grateful for the work of Financial Services so that the projection was that council will not have to spend any of reserves on these 2 areas of greatest pressure at the end of the financial year. Regarding the savings targets there had been a change to reduce this to £2.5m from £4m for the next few years.

RECOMMENDED to Council

1. That the following be approved in respect of the Council's Budget:
 - 1) The revised Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2018/19 and the Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2019/20 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A)
 - 2) The Portfolio Cash Limits for the Revised Budget for 2018/19 and Budget for 2019/20 as set out in Sections 7 and 9, respectively
 - 3) That the transfer to the Revenue Reserve for Capital in 2018/19 be reduced by £3.5m to offset overspendings within the current year and maintain General Reserves at levels consistent with maintaining the Councils financial resilience over the medium term
 - 4) That the Council's share of the of the £650m national allocation for Adults and Children's Social Care (confirmed for 2019/20 only) and amounting to £2.4m is allocated as follows:

- Adult Social Care - to meet the costs of Winter Pressures and contribute towards the cost of the increase in the National Living Wage (4.9%) for care providers - £1.4m
 - Children's Social Care (to contribute towards the costs of rising numbers of Looked After Children) - £1m
- 5) That a further £3.0m be added to the Children's Social Care Budget on an on-going basis, recognising the financial impact of the sustained rise in Looked After Children over the last 5 years amounting to over 40%
 - 6) The additional £1.6m received from the 75% Solent Business Rate Retention Pilot (currently guaranteed for 1 year only) be used to enable the Council to make a Revenue Contribution to the Capital Programme in 2019/20 to supplement the Capital Resources available in order to fund essential Capital Investment priorities
 - 7) Any underspendings for 2018/19 arising at the year-end outside of those made by Portfolios be transferred to Capital Resources in order to provide funding for known and potential future commitments in future years such as School Places, Sea Defences, enabling infrastructure for Regeneration and the Digital Strategy all necessary for the City's development and growth which have, as yet, insufficient funding
 - 8) Any variation to the Council's funding arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement be accommodated by a transfer to or from General Reserves
 - 9) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to enter into the Solent¹ 75% Business Rates Retention Pilot agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government
 - 10) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to make any necessary adjustments to Cash Limits within the overall approved Budget and Budget Forecasts
 - 11) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 2.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold² for 2019/20 announced by Government (as calculated in recommendation 4 (d))
 - 12) That the level of Council Tax be increased by a further 1.5% beyond the referendum threshold (as calculated in recommendation 4 (d)) to take advantage of the flexibility offered

¹ Includes Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council

² Council Tax increases beyond the referendum threshold can only be implemented following a "Yes" vote in a local referendum

by Government to implement a "Social Care Precept"; and that in accordance with the conditions of that flexibility, the full amount of the associated sum generated of £1,144,300 is passported direct to Adult Social Care

- 13) Managers be authorised to incur routine expenditure against the Cash Limits for 2019/20 as set out in Section 9
 - 14) That the savings requirement for 2020/21 be set at a minimum on-going sum of £2.5m
 - 15) That the S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to make transfers to and from reserves in order to ensure that they are maintained as necessary and in particular, adjusted when reserves are no longer required or need to be replenished
 - 16) Directors be instructed to start planning how the City Council will achieve the savings requirements shown in Section 10 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans
 - 17) The minimum level of General Reserves as at 31 March 2019 be maintained at £8.0m to reflect the known and expected budget and financial risks to the Council
 - 18) Members have had regard for the Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 as set out in Section 13.
2. That the following be **noted** in respect of the Council's Budget:
- 1) The Revenue Estimates 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A have been prepared on the basis of a 1.5% tax increase for the "Social Care Precept" (amounting to £1,144,300) and that this is passported to Adult Social Care in order to provide for otherwise unfunded budget pressures including the current underlying budget deficit, the cost of the new National Living Wage and demographic pressures arising from a "living longer" population
 - 2) The decision on the amount at which to set the Adult Social Care precept will be critical for the Social Care and wider Health system in the City; in the event that the additional flexibility of the "Social Care Precept" and associated 1.5% tax increase (amounting to £762,900 for each 1%) is not taken, then equivalent savings will need to be made in Adult Social Care in 2019/20
 - 3) In general, due to the savings of £762,900 for each 1% reduction in order for the Budget 2019/20 to be approved
 - 4) The Revenue Forecast for 2020/21 onwards as set out in Section 10 and Appendix B

- 5) The estimated Savings Requirement of £7.5m for the 3 year period 2020/21 to 2022/23, for financial and service planning purposes, be phased as follows:

Financial Year	In Year Savings Requirement £m	Cumulative Saving £m
2020/21	2.5	2.5
2021/22	2.5	5.0
2022/23	2.5	7.5

- 6) The MTRS Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes, Invest to Save Schemes and redundancies will hold an uncommitted balance of £8.3m³ and will only be replenished in future from an approval to the transfer of any underspends, contributions from the Revenue Budget or transfers from other reserves which may no longer be required
- 7) The Council's share of the Council Tax element of the Collection Fund surplus for 2018/19 is estimated to be £1,573,500
- 8) The Council's share of the Business Rate element of the Collection Fund surplus for 2018/19 is estimated to be £837,500
- 9) The Retained Business Rate income⁴ for 2019/20 is based on the estimated Business Rate element of the Collection Fund surplus as at March 2018, the Non Domestic Rates poundage for 2019/20 and estimated rateable values for 2019/20 and has been determined at £66,700,841
3. That the S.151 Officer has determined that the Council Tax base for the financial year 2019/20 will be **57,075.4** [item T in the formula in Section 31 B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2019/20 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£481,710,889	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
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³ Including the net transfers from the reserve of £2.241m contained with the recommendations of the Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 report elsewhere on this agenda

⁴ Including the Portsmouth City Council element of the Collection Fund surplus of £837,539, S31 Grants of £6,848,028, the "Tariff" paid to Government of £2,544,842, and the contributions to the "Growth Pool" of £2,444,000, and from the "Growth Pool" of £1,630,000

(b)	£401,994,819	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£79,716,070	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4 (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act.
(d)	£1,396.68	Being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item 3 above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e) Valuation Bands (Portsmouth City Council)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
931.12	1,086.31	1,241.49	1,396.68	1,707.05	2,017.43	2,327.80	2,793.36

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4 (d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings in different valuation bands.

5. That it be noted that for the financial year 2019/20 the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner is consulting upon the following amounts for the precept to be issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
134.31	156.69	179.08	201.46	246.23	291.00	335.77	402.92

6. That it be noted that for the financial year 2019/20 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority are recommended to approve the following amounts for the precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
45.14	52.66	60.19	67.71	82.76	97.80	112.85	135.42

7. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(e), 5 and 6 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the financial year 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Total Council Tax)

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
1,110.57	1,295.66	1,480.76	1,665.85	2,036.04	2,406.23	2,776.42	3,331.70

8. The Council determines in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20, which represents a 4.49% increase, is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of the Act; and it be noted that:
- i. The 4.49% increase includes a 1.5% increase to support the delivery of Adult Social Care
 - ii. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority (the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire or the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority) that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
9. The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority precepts.
10. That the Council Tax policy for Second Homes & Long Term Empty Properties discount scheme, aimed at bringing additional properties into productive use attached at Appendix C be approved
11. That the Council Tax Exemption Scheme for Care Leavers be approved and be implemented by way of a write-off procedure under the delegated powers of the S. 151 Officer in accordance with the scheme attached at Appendix D to be incorporated into the Council's Financial Rules.

8. Capital Programme 2018/19 onwards (AI 8)

Julian Pike, Deputy Section 151 Officer, presented the report, for which the recommendations would be referred to Council for approval, and he asked for 2 additional recommendations to be considered which related to the last item on the agenda for City Centre Regeneration. Michael Lawther, as City Solicitor, confirmed that these could be considered prior to a decision taking place on the later item.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, gave some of his highlights such as provision of additional school places and repairs to schools, investment in the Port to attract more cruise business, extra care sheltered accommodation (dementia specialism), investment in the Pyramids and also in homes for the homeless.

RECOMMENDED to Council

1. That the following be approved in respect of the Council's Capital Programme:
 - 1) The Revised Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 attached as Appendix 1 which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and re-phasing described in Sections 6 and 8 be approved
 - 2) The Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine how each source of finance is used to fund the overall Capital Programme and to alter the overall mix of financing, as necessary, to maximise the flexibility of capital resources used and minimise the ongoing costs of borrowing to the Council
 - 3) That the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to release capital resources held back for any contingent items that might arise, and also for any match funding requirements that may be required of the City Council in order to secure additional external capital funding (e.g. bids for funding from Government or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership)
 - 4) The following schemes as described in Section 9 and Appendix 2 be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 and be financed from the available corporate capital resources:

Recommended New Capital Schemes		Corporate Resources Required £	Total Scheme Value £
Education			
	Maintained Schools - Urgent Conditions Project	1,600,000	1,770,000
	Additional Special School Places - Design	500,000	679,200
	Additional School Places in Mainstream Schools - Design	250,000	250,000

Recommended New Capital Schemes		Corporate Resources Required £	Total Scheme Value £
	Additional Secondary School Places - St Edmunds Catholic School - Grant	650,000	650,000
	Additional School Places - 2020/21	6,908,000	6,908,000
Culture, Leisure & Sport			
	Invest in Football Facilities including Changing Facilities	335,000	588,000
	Parks & Open Spaces Protection Measures to Prevent Incursion	50,000	50,000
	Pyramids Refurbishment	1,500,000	1,500,000
	Repair / Refurbishment of Southsea Splashpool	102,000	102,000
	World War 1 Memorial Plaques	45,000	45,000
	Contribution to Roof at Southsea Skatepark	10,000	10,000
	Contribution to Architectural Design to Enable Regeneration of the Guildhall	40,000	40,000
	Contribution to Architectural Design to Enable Regeneration of the Kings Theatre	40,000	40,000
	Provision of a Dog Exercise and Training Area	11,000	11,000
Environment & Community Safety			
	Air Quality Initiatives	150,000	150,000
	Air Quality Equipment & Monitoring Station	100,000	100,000
Health & Social Care			
	Older Persons Supported Living (Extra Care Housing)	4,600,000	9,730,000
	Kestrel Centre Relocation to Civic Offices	350,000	350,000
Housing & Property Services			
	Homes For Homeless	500,000	1,000,000
PRED			
	Brougham Road (Arts Centre) - External Repairs	300,000	300,000
	Public Realm - Improvements to Station Square & Isambard Brunel Road	250,000	250,000
Resources			
	Review of Revenues & Benefits Software Applications	188,000	188,000
	Landlord's Maintenance 2019/20	1,750,000	1,750,000
	The People's Network - Windows 10 Upgrade	350,000	350,000
Traffic & Transportation			
	Local Transport Plan 3	650,000	650,000
	Extension to Park & Ride Multi Story Car Park - Design	350,000	350,000
	Smart Cities: Intelligent Transport System Phase 2	200,000	200,000
	The Hard Interchange Auxiliary Works	300,000	300,000
Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved		22,079,000	28,311,200

- 5) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer the following schemes as described in Section 10 be funded from Prudential Borrowing up to the amounts shown

	Total Prudential Borrowing £
Single Material Recycling Facility	4,838,400
Waste Collection Vehicle Replacement	4,125,000
Older Persons Supported Living (Extra Care Housing)	2,836,000
Homes For Homeless	500,000
Development of Cruise & Ferry Port	12,700,000
Passenger Boarding Bridge	5,000,000
Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved	29,999,400

- 6) That borrowing for a sum of £15m be approved in principle for Capital Investment into MMD Ltd but subject to the approval by Cabinet on their preferred option for the MMD site which is to be considered at a future meeting of the Cabinet
- 7) In the event that the Cabinet continue to operate MMD, that £15m be made available as a loan draw down facility subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer, as outlined in Section 10, and provided at an interest rate consistent with State Aid rules
- 8) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer the following schemes as described in Section 11 be funded from the MTRS Reserve

Scheme	Total MTRS Funding £
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Replacement	1,000,000
Utilities & Energy Management 2019/20	1,050,000
Enable and Improve Mobile Working	191,000
Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved	2,241,000

- 9) The following schemes as described in Section 12 be funded from Earmarked Reserves

Scheme	Total Funding From Earmarked Reserves £
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Replacement	1,000,000
Enable Mobile Working	182,000
Older Persons Supported Living (Extra Care Housing)	1,000,000
Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved	2,182,000

- 10) The following Schemes as described in Section 14 be included within the "Reserve List" of Capital Schemes to be considered once additional capital resources are identified

Future Priority Capital Schemes – Not in Priority Order
Additional School Places in Primary & Secondary Schools
Anti-Poverty Projects
Development of Performing Arts
Digital Strategy (incl. move to cloud based Information Technology systems)
Landlord's Repairs & Maintenance
Local Transport Plan - Road safety and traffic improvement schemes

Park Life
Sea Defences
School condition (roofs, boilers, electrics, windows etc)
The Camber Quay Berth 4 Replacement

- 11) The Prudential Indicators described in Section 15 and set out in Appendix 3 be approved.
 - 12) That the S.151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader, be given delegated authority to borrow as necessary for the Joint Venture limited liability partnership which is established to deliver the City Centre re-development as described in the report to the Cabinet on 5th February 2019 entitled "City Centre Regeneration"
 - 13) That prior to any borrowing described in Recommendation 12 above, a full business case and financial appraisal is prepared that can satisfactorily demonstrate with good certainty that cost savings / additional income or value uplift of the development which will accrue directly to the Council will at least cover the cost of that borrowing on a sustained basis over the lifetime of the borrowing undertaken
2. That the following be noted in respect of the Council's Capital Programme:
- 1) The passported Capital Allocations (Ring-fenced Grants) as set out in Section 7
 - 2) That Cabinet Members, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, have authority to vary Capital Schemes and their associated funding within their Portfolio in order to manage any potential overspending or funding shortfall or to respond to emerging priorities
 - 3) As outlined in Section 9 and Appendix 2 that the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood & Building Services will work with other Directors to further prioritise the schedule of identified Landlord's Maintenance works to ensure that those with the highest priority are undertaken up to the value of the £1.75m allocated
 - 4) As outlined in Section 13 and Appendix 2 the release of £444,200 from the Environment & Community Safety Portfolio Reserve towards a £380,000 scheme for the provision of Public Toilets (£200,000); Replacement of WC Hand Washing and Drying Units (£130,000) and a Food Waste Recycling Pilot (£114,200)

- 5) As outlined in Section 13 and Appendix 2 the release of £1m from the PRED Portfolio Reserve towards a £6m scheme for a new Passenger Boarding Bridge
- 6) The City Council note that Prudential Borrowing can only be used as a source of capital finance for Invest to Save Schemes as described in Sections 8 and 15

9. Exercise of Standing Order 58 (information item) (AI 9)

Michael Lawther, Deputy Chief Executive and City Solicitor, reported that this decision had received cross-party agreement. The claim could not be discussed in detail in a public meeting but had now been concluded favourably.

The Cabinet noted the urgent action taken under Standing Order 58.

10. Date of additional Cabinet meeting (information item) (AI 10)

The Cabinet noted the additional Cabinet meeting date of 26th February 2019 at 9am.

11. Procurement of a contractor of City Centre Regeneration (City Centre Road) (AI 11)

The Cabinet Members decided to discuss this item with the linked later item regarding the City Centre Regeneration and Heads of Terms.

Tristan Samuels, Director of Regeneration, presented the report which set out the urgent procurement requirements to provide the strategic road infrastructure. The framework would allow for the contractor to come on board to start work on the design.

DECISION - The Cabinet:

(1) Agreed to the progression and conclusion of the procurement to secure the framework Contractor as outlined above.

(2) Delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration to allow contracts to be let up to the value of £1m within this framework with the successful contractor. In addition to this Delegated Authority was granted for contracts to be entered into between £1m and £5m to the Director of Regeneration following with the approval of Project Board, chaired by the Leader of the Council, and Section 151 Finance Officer. (Anything above this will necessitate further Cabinet approval.)

12. Exclusion of Press and Public (AI 12)

DECISION - the Cabinet adopted the following motion for agenda item 13 City Centre Regeneration (appendices A-C only):

“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 item on the grounds that the report(s) contain information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972”.

13. City Centre Regeneration (proposed Heads of Terms) (AI 13)

Tristan Samuels, Director of Regeneration, presented the report which focused on the specific land to develop the City Centre, proposing a joint venture approach.

Deputations are not minuted in full as the meeting is livestreamed (webcast) so can be viewed here:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Full-Cabinet-05Feb2019/videos/186872628>

Deputations were heard from the following:

- i) Councillor Claire Udy, who was concerned by the joint venture proposals, which she felt were rushed and she had not been notified as a ward councillor
- ii) Cal Corkery was also concerned at the lack of consultation with local residents and he favoured development wholly owned by the council, wishing to see a high proportion of social housing on the site
- iii) Councillor Judith Smyth also favoured more clarity on affordable housing provision and a delay to allow more engagement to take place

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, addressed points raised in the deputations, stressing the difference of this site to those quoted in London, and the Tricorn site had been empty for many years in a gateway site for the city. Whilst he would like it to be developed wholly by the Council this was not possible as the land was not in PCC ownership. Delancey/DV4 have a 46 year lease on the site so the way forward was to work with the landowners, which would require external expertise for this joint venture and to secure the maximum affordable housing. The Leader therefore favoured a deferral to work to engage further with the public on the proposals. Tristan Samuels advised that this would cause some delay but his team would be able to provide indicative pictures of the proposed development.

Councillor Steve Pitt, Deputy Leader, advocated more reference to the emerging City Centre Masterplan and engagement with the local community, so also supported a short deferral.

Councillor Darren Sanders, Cabinet Member for Housing, also favoured a short deferral to allow more consultation locally on the vision of the scheme and the objectives of the City Centre Masterplan.

Councillor Matthew Winnington, stressed the importance of PCC involvement in development at this site to help shape this.

Councillor Ben Dowling, as Cabinet Member for PRED, had invited involvement of the PRED Spokespersons and ward councillors once the oversight had been brought to his attention. There would be extensive consultation locally going forward as the business case was prepared and believed that the joint venture would enable positive outcomes with a significant proportion of affordable housing. This was part of the wider public realm improvements for this part of the city.

The Cabinet Members therefore asked for a deferral until the next meeting to allow more work to take place to explain the vision of the scheme and headlines of the City Centre Masterplan.

DECISION - Consideration of this item was deferred with a report due back to a future Cabinet meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1.39 pm.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leader of the Council