BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 9 JULY 2015

AUDITORIUM - THE BRIGHTHELM CENTRE

DECISION LIST

Part One

37 TARGETTED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2015/16 MONTH 2

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell Tel: 29-3104

- 1) That the Committee note the forecast risk position for the General Fund, which indicates a budget pressure of £9.430m. This consists of £8.735m on council controlled budgets and £0.695m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- Note that Financial Recovery Plans are being developed and finalised and will be reviewed by the cross-party Budget Review Group which will provide member oversight.
- That the Committee note the forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an underspend of £0.045m.
- 4) That the Committee note the forecast risk position for the Dedicated Schools Grant which is an overspend of £0.209m.
- 5) That the Committee note the forecast outturn position on the capital programme.
- 6) That the Committee approve the capital programme variations and reprofiles in Appendix 3 and new capital schemes in Appendix 4 (excluding the Dorothy Stringer all weather pitch).

38 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2014/15 - END OF YEAR REVIEW

Contact Officer: James Hengeveld Tel: 01273 291242

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Policy & Resources Committee endorses the key actions taken during the second half of 2014/15 to meet the treasury management policy statement and practices (including the investment strategy) as set out in this report.
- 2) That Policy & Resources Committee note the reported compliance with the Annual Investment Strategy for the period under review.
- 3) That Policy & Resources Committee notes that the approved maximum indicator for investment risk of 0.05% has been adhered to and the authorised limit and operational boundary have not been exceeded.
- 4) That Policy & Resources Committee recommend to full Council to approve amendments to the Annual Investment Strategy as set out in paragraphs 3.16 to 3.19 of this report.

39 CORPORATE PLAN & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015 – 2019: BUDGET PLANNING AND RESOURCE UPDATE 2016/17

Contact Officer: Jeff Coates Tel: 29-2364

- Note the resource and expenditure projections for 2016/17 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) projections set out in the bidy of the report and appendices 1 to 3.
- 2) Note the revised budget gap of £25M to be used for 2016/17 budget setting purposes as detailed at paragraph 3.45.
- 3) Instruct the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) to develop 4-year service & Financial Plans for 2016/147 to 2019/20 in the context of Corporate Plan principles and priorities, for consideration by Policy & Resources Committee, comprising:
 - Detailed budget proposals for 2016/17;
 - Projected medium term proposals for 2017/18 to 2019/20;
 - Proposals to be based on two Council Tax options as follows:
 - i) A 1.99% increase in the Brighton & Hove element of the Council Tax, and
 - ii) No increase in the Brighton & Hove element of thw Council Tax.

- 4) Refer the approach to Community Engagement & Consultation as set out in the section 5 of this report to the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee for further consideration.
- 5) Agree the proposed approach to reviewing the Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in paragraphs 3.28 and 3.29
- 6) Note the resource projections for the Capital Investment Programme as shown in appendix 3.

40 WAIVER REPORT

Contact Officer: Cliff Youngman Tel: 01273 291408

Ward Affected: All Wards

That Policy & Resources Committee notes the number and value of waivers authorised under Contract Standing Orders 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4 during the financial year 2014/2015.

41 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORKFORCE EQUALITIES ACTION PLAN

Contact Officer: Liz Boswell Tel: 29 - 1307

- 1) That the Committee note the progress made against the Year 2 Action Plan, as summarised in paragraph 3.6 and set out in more detail in Appendix 1.
- 2) That the Committee approve the Year 3 Workforce Equalities Action Plan set out in Appendix 2.
- 3) That the Committee supports the continuation of the Workforce Equalities Action Plan for a further period of four years in line with the life of the council's current Corporate Plan.

42 REFUSE, RECYCLING & STREET CLEANSING SERVICE REVIEW AND PRIORITIES

Contact Officer: Richard Bradley Tel: 294701

Ward Affected: All Wards

1) That the Committee note the priorities and actions set out in the Service Plan for 2015/16 at Appendix 1.

- That the Committee agrees the establishment of a commercial waste collection service within the parameters set out in the report and authorises the Executive Director of Finance and Resources and the Executive Director of Environment, Development & Housing to implement the operational arrangements.
- That the Committee agrees in principle to the procurement of a contract to support Cityclean in the provision of waste and littering enforcement activity. A detailed business plan and procurement strategy will be presented to Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee for approval.
- That the Committee approves the development of a more detailed 5 year Waste, Street Cleansing and Recycling Service Plan incorporating the key actions in this report and revising long term targets and objectives set out in the existing Waste Management Strategy. The plan, which will be subject to public consultation, will be available for adoption by March 2016.

43 MANAGING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN CITY PARKS AND ON THE SEAFRONT

- 1) That the committee designates the interim Head of the Community Safety, under the direction of the Director of Public Health to investigate the potential for the use of a Public Spaces Protection Order, including consultation with relevant partners and communities.
- 2) That following this investigation and consultation, Policy and Resources Committee is asked to consider the findings and agree on the implementation or otherwise of a Public Spaces Protection Order in certain areas of the city.

44 SUPPORT FUNCTIONS REVIEW

Contact Officer: Rachel Musson Tel: 01273 291333

Ward Affected: All Wards

That the Policy & Resources Committee notes the progress on the Support Function Review, including the development of an Internal Trading Model option, the option to join Orbis as a founding partner and the "management spans of control" initiative.

45 SUPPORTED BUS NETWORK

Contact Officer: Emma Sheridan Tel: 293862

Ward Affected: All Wards

1) That the Committee authorises the Area Network Review to begin followed by the competitive tendering process if required.

2) That a further report be brought to a future Policy & Resources Committee Meeting for consideration which will identify recommendations for the future Supported Local Bus Network, subject to available funding.

46 INTERREG VA - CITY COUNCIL FUNDING BIDS

Contact Officer: Rachel Williams Tel: 01273 291098

Ward Affected: All Wards

1) That Policy & Resources Committee grants approval for the Council to be a partner in three Interreg Va final funding bids as outlined in appendices 2, 3 and 4, and authorises the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to enter into all associated documentation in respect of the bids.

That Policy & Resources Committee authorises the Director of Finance & Resources, following consultation with the relevant Director and the Chair of the relevant Committee for each bid, to submit future bids to the Interreg programmes and authorises the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to enter into all associated documentation in respect of the bids.

47 NEW HOMES FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS - FINAL SCHEME APPROVAL - FINDON ROAD AND GARAGE SITES UPDATE

Contact Officer: Jaine Jolly Tel: 01273 290356

Ward Affected: East Brighton

That the Committee

- i. Approve that the land at Findon Road, former Whitehawk library site is appropriated to the HRA for a capital receipt of £940,000 for planning purposes and the development of new housing.
- ii. Approve a budget of £14.1 million for the Findon Road scheme in the HRA Capital Programme which will be financed through a mixture of unsupported borrowing and retained Right to Buy capital receipts.
- iii. That the site at the former Whitehawk Community Complex, Whitehawk Road, Brighton, BN2 5FP (referred to in this report as the former library site at Findon Road, Whitehawk) is appropriated for planning purposes and the development of new housing.
- iv. That the sites at 4-7, 10 and 15-20 Kensington Street, Brighton, BN4 1AJ is appropriated for planning purposes and the development of new housing.

48 REQUEST TO SELL PIECE OF HRA LAND AT CONNELL DRIVE

Contact Officer: Simon Pickles Tel: 01273 292083

Ward Affected: Woodingdean

- 1) That Policy and Resources Committee agrees to sell the freehold of the subject land at Connell Drive, Woodingdean to the applicant, Geoffrey Wells, for the sum of £26,500.
- 2) That Policy and Resources Committee approves that the capital receipt is used to support the housing capital programme.

49 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT EASTBROOK FARM SITE

Contact Officer: Angela Dymott Tel: 29-1450

- 1) That Committee authorises the disposal of 3.7 Acres on a freehold basis due to the level of interest from a special purchaser who requires a freehold purchase and noting the highly constrained nature of the site.
- 2) The detailed terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of Finance & Resources, Assistant Director Property & Design and Head of Law.

50 LAND AT WEST BLATCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOVE: PROPOSED LEASE TO THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF

Contact Officer: Michael Nix Tel: 29-0732

Ward Affected: Hangleton & Knoll

- That the Committee approves the continuation of discussions with the Education Funding Agency (EFA), the Board of King's School and its promoter the Russell Education Trust (RET) and the governing body of West Blatchington Primary School about a proposal to develop the primary school site as a permanent site for King's School, with a replacement building for West Blatchington Primary School on the same site.
- 2) That the Committee confirms in principle that should these discussions be successful and subject to all necessary consents being obtained, the Council would be willing to enter into a 125 year lease for that part of the site occupied by King's School (either wholly or in shared use with West Blatchington Primary School) with the EFA at a peppercorn rent.
- That the Committee agrees that the matter of the 125 year lease will be referred back to Policy and Resources Committee prior to the lease being signed.

51 REVIEW OF APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL BODIES, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert Tel: 01273 -291515

Ward Affected: All Wards

That the Committee nominates and approves the appointment of members to the bodies set out at in the amended Appendix One.

52 2014-15 PERFORMANCE UPDATE REPORT

Contact Officer: Andy Edwards Tel: 29-6823

- (1) To note areas of highlighted performance in section 4.6 and 4.7 and endorse the improvement actions detailed in Appendix 1
- (2) To note progress update in relation to the Key Areas of Focus in Appendix 2
- (3) To support and provide challenge to lead officers across the council to continually improve performance and tackle issues of concern highlighted in the report.