

## **BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

### **CABINET**

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Wednesday, 11th February, 2015

#### **Present:**

Councillor Paul Crossley	Leader of the Council
Councillor David Dixon	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods
Councillor Simon Allen	Cabinet Member for Wellbeing
Councillor Tim Ball	Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning
Councillor Caroline Roberts	Cabinet Member for Transport
Councillor Dine Romero	Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Youth
Councillor Ben Stevens	Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development

#### **110 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair was taken by Councillor Paul Crossley, Leader of the Council.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

As a mark of respect to those who had lost their lives and to the injured and bereaved following the road tragedy in Weston, Bath, the Chair led a one-minute silence.

#### **111 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chair drew attention to the evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

#### **112 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor David Bellotti, as a result of sickness. The Chair sent the best wishes of the meeting to Councillor Bellotti.

#### **113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **114 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

There was none.

#### **115 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS**

There were 15 questions from Councillors and 1 question from the public.

*[Copies of the questions and responses, including supplementary questions and responses if any, have been placed on the Minute book as Appendix 1 and are available on the Council's website.]*

## 116 STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

The Chair welcomed Councillor Robin Moss (Chair, Economic and Community Development PDS Panel) to the meeting and asked him to introduce his Panel's recommendations relating to disability access to Keynsham Leisure Centre.

Councillor Moss in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 2 and on the Council's website*] explained that the Panel had been petitioned by residents about the issue. The Panel regretted that opportunities to resolve the issue had been missed in the past. He emphasised to Cabinet the shared responsibility to ensure disability access.

The Chair thanked Councillor Moss for his statement and promised to respond to the Panel's recommendations.

Jonathan Rich (Peasedown St John Parish Councillor) made a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 3 and on the Council's website*] relating to the Junction of A367 and Bath Road in Peasedown St John. He presented a petition of 1422 signatures asking for additional s.106 money to be allocated to the proposed budget so that urgent safety improvements could be made at the junction.

The Chair thanked Jonathan for his statement and assured him that the petition would inform the debate leading up to Budget council.

Lesley Mansell (Chair, Radstock TC) made a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 4 and on the Council's website*] supporting the petition presented by Jonathan Rich and reminded Cabinet that the recent Resources Panel had also recommended to Cabinet that road safety measures at the junction should be looked at.

The Chair thanked Lesley for her statement and confirmed that the issue would be addressed in the lead up to Budget council.

Gerald Chown in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 5 and on the Council's website*] asked for a 20mph speed limit for the whole of Widcombe Hill.

The Chair thanked Gerald for his statement and promised to respond to the petition as soon as possible.

Fiona Bell (Chair, The Volunteer Centre, Bath) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 6 and on the Council's website*] appealed to Cabinet to allocate additional funding support of £10K to enable the Volunteer Centre to continue to operate while it secures other funding sources.

The Chair thanked Fiona for her statement and promised to give urgent attention to her request.

[*Later in the meeting, Councillor Crossley indicated that the Cabinet would give consideration to provision of funds of £10K from the current year's budget to support the Volunteer Centre until it could secure other funding. This would avoid making any change to the proposed budget for the coming year.*]

Bleddyn Phillips (Trustee, Keynsham Dial-a-Ride) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 7 and on the Council's website*] relating to Item 19 on the Agenda (Funding for Community Transport) asked that Cabinet review the

distribution of funds to correct a perceived inequity between the Keynsham and Norton Radstock Dial-a-Rides. He welcomed the Council's recognition of the part that community transport can play in the well-being agenda.

The Chair thanked Bleddyn for his statement and promised a detailed response as soon as possible.

Councillor Martin Veale in an *ad hoc* statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 8 and on the Council's website*] supported Fiona Bell's appeal to Cabinet to allocate additional funding support of £10K to enable it to continue while it secures other funding sources.

#### **117 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING**

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **118 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET**

There were none.

#### **119 MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES**

The Chair welcomed Councillor John Bull (Chair, Resources PDS Panel) to the meeting. He said that Councillor Bull would address Cabinet immediately before the Budget item to introduce his Panel's Budget recommendations.

#### **120 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING**

Councillor David Dixon took the opportunity to remind Cabinet of some of the decisions he had taken in the recent period. He was particularly pleased that he had been able to initiate a 3-month consultation on whether to introduce a Public Space Protection Order to address the issue of amplified buskers in parts of the city. The final decision on whether to introduce the PSPO would be taken by the incoming administration. He had also been delighted to agree capital expenditure of £250K for renovation works in Sydney Gardens. To ensure the funds were used effectively, there would be a public consultation, including discussions with the Sydney Gardens Steering Group.

Councillor Caroline Roberts took the opportunity to highlight the safety improvements she had been able to introduce; in particular a number of 20mph zones across both the city and rural area. She was also very pleased that the Lansdown Road School Safety Project was being implemented and that local children would soon have a new crossing point on their journey to school.

The Cabinet agreed to note the report.

#### **121 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT TO 31ST DECEMBER 2014**

Councillor Paul Crossley introduced the item and referred to the Council's sound financial management. He paid tribute to the Council's Finance team.

He moved the proposals.

Councillor David Dixon seconded the proposal. He too thanked the Council's Finance team for their excellent work.

Councillor Ben Stevens drew attention to the prudent decision, taken when the administration came into office, to pay down £50M of existing high-interest debt.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

(1) To NOTE the Treasury Management Report to 31st December 2014, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice; and

(2) To NOTE the Treasury Management Indicators to 31st December 2014.

## **122 REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS – APRIL TO DECEMBER 2014**

Councillor Eleanor Jackson referred to paragraph 2.11 of Appendix 1 of the report, relating to the Norton Radstock Infrastructure which she said was 3 weeks behind schedule. She referred to paragraph 2.14 relating to Radstock Regeneration and thanked the Cabinet particularly for the new roofs at Writhlington School and at Radstock Methodist Church.

Councillor Paul Crossley in moving the item referred to paragraph 5.3 of the report which indicated an underspend of 0.35% of the entire budget for the year. This amounted to £1.638M.

Councillor David Dixon seconded the proposal. He referred to the small overspend on the Parks budget and expressed his gratitude to the Friends of the Parks. He expressed his delight to see the Civic Centre in Keynsham and had been particularly impressed by the new Library there. He listed a number of other projects which he had been pleased to see completed, including the Café in Victoria Park, which he hoped would sell fajitas, among other things. He had also overseen the successful toilet improvement programme which had been widely welcomed in the community.

Councillor Caroline Roberts said that as ward member, she had been most impressed by the rowing club shower and toilet block. This would encourage a new generation of young rowers, particularly girls. As Cabinet Member for Transport, she welcomed the delivery of the Bath Transport Package schemes. She felt that particular thanks should go to Kelvin Packer and his colleagues who had delivered the Kelston road repairs in such a timely way.

Councillor Tim Ball thanked Councillor Roberts for the Traffic Calming in his ward, and for the delivery of the Gypsy and Travellers Site in his ward.

Councillor Simon Allen said the Radstock Regeneration had been a great success. Although he regretted the 3-week delay over the pavements referred to by Councillor Jackson, he assured her that she would be delighted once they were completed.

Councillor Paul Crossley in summing up said that the Odd Down Sports Centre had been a great achievement for the Council

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

(1) To ASK Strategic Directors to continue to work towards managing within budget in the current year for their respective service areas, and to manage below budget where possible by not committing unnecessary expenditure, through tight budgetary control;

(2) To NOTE this year's revenue budget position detailed in the report;

(3) To NOTE the capital expenditure position for the Council in the financial year to the end of September and the year-end projections detailed in the report;

(4) To APPROVE the revenue virements listed in the report; and

(5) To NOTE the changes in the capital programme listed in the report.

**123 BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL OUTLOOK**

Councillor Charles Gerrish in an *ad hoc* statement said that his Group would have a number of amendments which would be put to Full Council; but he had been advised by Officers that none of the proposals was substantial. He did however wish to raise one issue which had been discussed at Resources Panel, relating to the list of further potential community asset transfers in appendix 5 of the report. He asked that The Paddock, Keynsham, be added to the list.

Wera Hobhouse in an *ad hoc* statement congratulated the Cabinet for proposing a Council Tax freeze for another year. She was confident that householders would appreciate this. She was pleased to see the road between Peasedown St John and Wellow included in the budget. She thanked Cabinet for indicating that attention would be given to safety on the A367 at Peasedown.

David Redgewell in an *ad hoc* statement raised 3 issues. He asked the Cabinet to ensure that the devolution clause would be included in the Metro West agreement; that Cabinet would give attention to cleaning in Bath city centre; and that the issue of support for cross-boundary bus services be resolved with North Somerset Council.

Councillor Eleanor Jackson in an *ad hoc* statement apologised that there had been no formal statement from the Housing and Major Projects PDS Panel. The Panel however had asked that no further cuts should be made to support staff for PDS Panels. She complimented the Cabinet on the probity of the budget proposals but was alarmed at the proposed £1.3M cuts to Children's Services and the effect on Children's Centres. She felt that over all, Midsomer Norton was getting a fair deal from the proposals but asked why Radstock was not getting new Town Council offices.

Councillor Jeremy Sparks in an *ad hoc* statement reminded Cabinet that the need for road safety measures in Clutton had become even more urgent since the start of the new development of 45 houses.

Sally Bailey, a volunteer youth worker in the area and a member of St Nicholas PCC, referred to the planned 5-hour parking limit in Radstock and asked that this be reduced to 2 hours so as to encourage local shoppers. She presented a petition of 133 signatures.

The Chair said that the petition would be given prompt consideration and would be fed into the consultation process about the proposals.

The Chair asked Councillor John Bull (Chair, Resources PDS Panel) to introduce his Panel's Budget recommendations. Councillor Bull referred to the Notes from the recent meeting, copies of which had been placed in the public gallery before the meeting [and a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 9 and on the Council's website]. He said that the Panel's main recommendation was for the inclusion of a safety scheme for the A367 at Peasedown and said that he had already been encouraged by what he had heard earlier in the meeting.

Councillor Bull then spoke as Leader of the Labour Group. He said he shared the disappointment expressed by Councillor Jackson about the future of Children's Centres. He warmly welcomed however the budget proposal to pay staff the Living Wage.

Councillor Paul Crossley moved the proposals. He assured Councillor Gerrish that The Paddock would be added to the list of potential community asset transfers before the proposals came to Council. He confirmed that the A367 safety issue was being looked at very closely and a number of fully costed options would be considered. He asked David Redgewell to send details of the Devon and Cornwall Franchise; promised to address the issue of gull bins; and assured him of the strong commitment of the Cabinet to cross-border bus services.

Councillor Crossley referred to Councillor Jackson's point about Children's Services and observed that the Council had needed to target the scarce resources to meet the most pressing needs. He agreed with Councillor Jackson that Midsomer Norton would get a fair deal from the proposals but said that the aim had been to make fair provision across the entire authority.

He agreed with Councillor Sparks that road safety measures at Clutton were now more urgent as a result of the new housing and promised to ensure that the £30K required for this would be included in the budget going to Council.

He responded to Councillor Bull's comments about Paulton Junior School by saying that the budget analysis of the scheme had not been completed but it seemed that the increased proposals were for 6 classrooms which he was not convinced was viable.

Councillor Crossley reminded the Cabinet that they had delivered £30M of budget cuts without any serious impact on services, apart from Children's Centres which would move to a new targeted model of delivery rather than universal. They had delivered a compliant Core Strategy; had protected the services to vulnerable people and public protection; had delivered 4 balanced budgets and had retained healthy reserves; and had repaid £50M of previously existing high-interest debt. He listed a number of achievements of the administration, including the Co-Worker Hub; the enterprise Area; Victoria Bridge emergency repairs; had brought the Victoria Hall back into use; delivery of One-Stop Shops; locally generated renewables; moving to full implementation of the Living Wage plus 3p; the Better Care Plan; Somerset Rates Pool (partnership working); Bath City riverside; the Midsomer Norton Business Centre; and had been throughout a listening Council. His proudest achievement was the success of the connecting Families project. He regretted that the Council had not achieved more on Community Asset Transfers but said that the next Council would be able to move ahead faster as a result of the ground work already done.

Councillor Crossley emphasised that the budget being proposed was built on sound finances and contained no banana skins for the next administration and commended it to Cabinet.

Councillor David Dixon seconded the proposal. He felt that the sound budget was based on healthy income streams, particularly from the Museum Service and the Property portfolio. He was delighted that the Council would be able to introduce the Living Wage. He looked forward to the continuation of the tour and cycling events and to the £15M investment in Leisure Centres which had been made possible by this administration and would be delivered by the next. He felt that the administration would leave a superb legacy for the area. He reminded Cabinet that the next administration would need to look at the renewal of the Recycling Centre.

Councillor Ben Stevens said that the good financial situation was a credit to the Council's Finance officers. Against a backdrop of funding cuts, the Council had maintained public services and he congratulated Councillor David Bellotti and his officers for this. He agreed with Councillor Dixon that in the light of continuing funding cuts, the Council's income streams must be maintained in order to protect the Council's budget and to ensure the future prosperity of the area.

Councillor Caroline Roberts referred to the £6M road maintenance programme. She was delighted that it was proposed to put in an extra £1M for cycling and walking schemes. She observed that the proposals before Cabinet contained more details than had previously been the case, and said that she welcomed the debate this had encouraged.

Councillor Tim Ball referred to the £7.9M provision for new homes grants. He referred to Appendix 6 of the report, which showed the Council's commitment to supporting vulnerable people.

Councillor Simon Allen said the budget was putting money where it mattered. There was a close working relationship with the NHS, which was critical to improving local health. The Better Care Fund was an example of this partnership and as a result, those with support needs had more funds available to meet their needs.

Councillor Dine Romero emphasised that no Children's Centres were being closed, despite the very tight funding position, although it was necessary to target resources where most needed.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

(1) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council approve:

- a) The General Fund net revenue budget for 2015/16 of £119.914m with no increase in Council Tax;
- b) That no Special Expenses be charged other than Town and Parish Council precepts for 2015/16;
- c) The adequacy of reserves at Appendix 1 Table 8 with a risk-assessed level of £10.5m;
- d) The individual service cash limits for 2015/16 summarised at Appendix 1 Table 4 and detailed in Annex 1;
- e) That the specific arrangements for the governance and release of reserves, including invest to save proposals, be delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Resources and the Chief Executive;

(2) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council include in its Council Tax setting, the precepts set and approved by other bodies including the local precepts of Town Councils, Parish Councils and the Charter Trustees of the City of Bath, and those of the Fire and Police Authorities;

(3) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council notes the Section 151 officer's report on the robustness of the proposed budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves and approves the conditions upon which the recommendations are made as set out throughout Appendix 1;

(4) To RECOMMEND to Council that in relation to the capital budget the Council:

a) approves a capital programme of £57.537m for 2015/16 and notes items for provisional approval in 2015/16 and the programme for 2016/17 to 2019/20 as shown at Appendix 1, Annex 3 including the planned sources of funding;

b) delegates implementation, subject to consultation where appropriate, of the capital programmes set out in Annex 3i to Annex 3iv to the relevant Strategic Director in Consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member;

c) approves all other delegations as set out in the budget report;

d) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as shown at Appendix 1, Annex 4;

e) approves the Capital Prudential Indicators as set out in the report;

(5) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council agree the Council's proposed pay policy statement, including the provision in respect of minimum pay rates in 2015/16 as set out in the report delegating implementation arrangements to the Employment Committee where appropriate;

(6) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council increases the "think local" financial limit to provide local businesses with the opportunity to obtain contracts up to £50,000 (increased from the current £25,000);

(7) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council notes the approach to Community Assets as set out in the report;

(8) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council notes the approach to tackling poverty as set out in the report; and

(9) To AUTHORISE the Council's Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Resources, to make any necessary changes and presentational improvements to the draft budget proposal for submission to Council.

## **124 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2015/16**

Councillor Paul Crossley said that the papers were self-explanatory and he moved the recommendations.

Councillor David Dixon seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

- (1) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council approves the actions proposed within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement;
- (2) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council approves the Investment Strategy;
- (3) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council approves the changes to the authorised lending lists;
- (4) To NOTE the Treasury Management Indicators detailed in the report; and
- (5) To DELEGATE authority for updating the indicators prior to approval at Full Council on 17th February 2015 to the Chief Finance Officer & Divisional Director – Business Support and Cabinet Member for Community Resources, in light of any changes to the recommended budget as set out in the Budget Report elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

## 125 GATEWAY CENTRE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Councillor Dine Romero briefly introduced the item and moved the proposals.

Councillor Simon Allen seconded the proposals which he felt showed the Council's commitment to working closely with community groups.

Councillor David Dixon said the discussion around community venues was long-standing. He had known the Riverside Youth Centre, off London Road, since his youth and spoke highly of the service it had delivered. He asked for an assurance that not one element of the Youth Centre would be lost in the move.

Councillor Romero assured Councillor Dixon that the proposals did not denigrate the service provided at Riverside over a number of years.

On a motion from Councillor Dine Romero, seconded by Councillor Simon Allen, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

- (1) To ASK the Strategic Director (People) to explore a possible cooperation agreement with the Snow Hill Gateway Trust; and
- (2) To ASK the Strategic Director (People) to consult community groups in the Snow Hill/London Road area about interest in developing a community venue.

## 126 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY APPROVAL & PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SPD

*[The Chair referred to the update documents which had been published as a supplementary agenda despatch and on the Council's public website, and copies of which had been placed in the public gallery before the meeting.]*

Wera Hobhouse in an *ad hoc* statement welcomed the fact that 15-25% of the proceeds from the levy would be returned to the local community. She emphasised the need to ensure that these funds would be used in their entirety to improving infrastructure.

Councillor Tim Ball, in introducing the item, acknowledged the excellent work done, against tight deadlines, by Kaoru Jacques, Simon deBeer and the team. He outlined briefly the 3 changes to the charging schedule requested by the Inspector and shown in the update report. He said that Cabinet fully accepted the Inspector's recommendations and that as a result he would be moving an amended

recommendation. In addition, the papers presented to Full Council would include the Inspector's amendments.

He moved the amended proposals.

Councillor Ben Stevens seconded the proposal, saying he was delighted to see that the proposals were for a 0% levy on office space.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Ball, seconded by Councillor Ben Stevens, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

(1) To RECOMMEND to Full Council that:

(a) the B&NES Community Infrastructure Levy (Attachment 1 from the update report) along with modifications made by the Examiner, is approved with a commencement date of 6th April 2015;

(b) the CIL charging schedule is kept under review and any proposed adjustments to the charging schedules are reported to Cabinet before 6th April 2017 for recommendation if appropriate to Council; and

(c) responsibility is delegated to the Divisional Director for Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning, to make any minor amendments and to correct any errors to the documentation.

(2) To ADOPT the revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (Attachment 3), to become effective alongside CIL on 6th April 2015;

(3) To ADOPT the Regulation 123 Statement (Attachment 2 from the update report);

(4) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning, to:

(i) give notice that 'Discretionary Exceptional Circumstances Relief', 'Payment in Kind' and 'Infrastructure Payments' will be made available in the District

(ii) implement a payment instalment policy as set out in the report

(iii) finalise the commuted sum formula for off-site affordable housing contributions

(iv) make any minor amendments and to correct any errors to the documentation.

(5) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Development, in conjunction with Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning, to amend the Regulation 123 List in the event that any current planning applications fail to be concluded until after 6th April in order to ensure the timely provision of the necessary infrastructure and that there is no overlap between CIL charges and Section 106 contributions.

## **127 ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY 2014-2019**

Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones in an *ad hoc* statement observed that young men drinking too much were putting themselves in great danger. He asked whether the strategy could mention this.

Councillor Simon Allen introduced the item. He agreed with Councillor Anketell-Jones about the dangers of young men drinking too much and confirmed that the Public Health teams were working closely with the Universities on this issue. He was aware that alcohol abuse was costing £45M per year. He was pleased that the strategy was making such good progress. The key was to provide education to those who were drinking just above the recommended levels. He explained that systematic screening, single point of access and support for detox were all in place.

He moved the proposals.

Councillor Dine Romero seconded the proposal. She told Cabinet that alcohol education was being delivered in schools.

On a motion from Councillor Simon Allen, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

(1) To ADOPT the Draft Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for Bath and North East Somerset (2014–2019);

(2) To AGREE the key priorities.

## **128 VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT 2015-16**

Councillor Caroline Roberts introduced the item. She referred to paragraph 5.3 which showed that journeys were up 5.9% and the cost per passenger mile had fallen. She assured Bleddyn Phillips that his points would be considered by the Divisional Director who was being given delegated authority to make some changes to the funding during the year if appropriate.

She moved the proposals.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal. He very much appreciated the volunteer drivers who kept the service going.

On a motion from Councillor Caroline Roberts, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

(1) To APPROVE the funding proposals, subject to decision of the Council on the budget for 2015-16.

(2) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Environmental Services to reallocate funds, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, from approved projects that become unviable owing to the level of funding allocated or to a change in circumstances of the applicant group, should such situations arise during the year.

## **129 HERITAGE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2015-2020 AND MUSEUM FORWARD PLANS**

Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones in an *ad hoc* statement referred to paragraphs 5.9 and 5.10 of the report which showed that the Saver Ticket and Discovery Card schemes would both be extended to include the Victoria Art Gallery. He felt this was excellent news and congratulated the Cabinet for taking this step.

Councillor Ben Stevens moved the proposals. He gave his thanks to the Heritage Team for their achievements. He mentioned the risks inherent in any Heritage Service which at any time might be disrupted by events outside of the control of the Council. These were laid out in the report.

Councillor David Dixon was delighted to second the proposal. He had known as a boy the special privilege of living in a city with such a heritage. He still felt it was so. He was excited that the archway project would open up a new education centre for

the roman Baths, from which young people would walk through a Roman tunnel under the road, to appear in the Baths themselves. He was confident that this would catch the imagination of young people.

Councillor Paul Crossley said that the heritage of the area was tremendous. He was aware of the risks, laid out in the report. He agreed with Councillor Anketell-Jones that the extension of the Saver and Discovery Cards to include the Victoria Art Gallery was good news and he was delighted about this.

On a motion from Councillor Ben Stevens, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

- (1) To APPROVE the Heritage Services Business Plan 2015-2020;
- (2) To APPROVE the Roman Baths Museum Forward Plan;
- (3) To APPROVE the Victoria Art Gallery Museum Forward Plan;
- (4) To APPROVE the Museum Documentation Policy
- (5) To APPROVE the Care and Collections Policy;
- (6) To NOTE that the February 2015 Council Budget Report recommends that both the £1m capital budget for East Baths Development, to be delivered in 2015/16 and 2016/17, and the £100k capital budget for Roman Baths infrastructure works to be delivered in 2015/16, be fully approved;
- (7) To NOTE the proposed capital project to commence the refurbishment of the Roman Baths site and its Retail outlets in 2019/20 at a cost of £1.15 Million, for consideration as part of the 2016/17 budget process.
- (8) To NOTE that the February 2015 Council Budget Report approves the re-phasing of the £100k capital budget for the Retail module of the Visitor Management System from 2014/15 to 2015/16.
- (9) To NOTE that the February 2014 Council budget included the development of the Archway Centre as an emerging capital project for which a Council contribution of £650-750k should be sufficient to satisfy the Heritage Lottery Fund
- (10) To CONFIRM that Cabinet wishes Heritage Services to continue to work to the business principles agreed by the Council Executive in 2004 as amended.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date Confirmed and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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