



## **CABINET**

### **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 23RD JULY 2013 AT 2.30 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

**Councillors:**

Mrs C. Forehead (HR & Governance/Business Manager), D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), Mrs R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), D.V. Poole (Community and Leisure Services), K.V. Reynolds (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services), T.J. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering), R. Woodyatt (Social Services). .

**Together with:**

D. Street (Interim Director Social Services).

**Also present:**

S. Harris (Acting Head of Corporate Finance), K. Cole (Assistant Director, Learning Education and Inclusion), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

#### **181. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), Mrs S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive) and Mrs N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and S151).

#### **182. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

#### **MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED**

#### **183. PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2012/13**

The Acting Head of Corporate Finance highlighted the key issues within the report, which informed Members of the provisional outturn for the Authority for the financial year 2012/13. The information was provisional at this stage as it was still subject to an annual audit by the Authority's External Auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers.

In order to support the 50% matched funding requirement of Phase 1 of secondary school rationalisation, Cabinet was asked to consider and recommend to Council that £4m should be transferred from General Fund balances to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme. This would

reduce the General Fund balance to £10.272m i.e. 3.04% of net revenue budget spend.

Members were also asked to consider and recommend to Council that the sums set out in the table in paragraph 4.6 be transferred into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools capital earmarked reserve in relation to the matched funding requirement for Phase 1 of secondary school rationalisation.

The report provided details of the 2012/13 underspends together with an update on the HRA Capital Programme. In terms of the General Fund Capital Programme, an amount of £22.7m remained unspent at financial year-end, the majority of this represented slippage in key schemes, which would be carried forward to 2013/14.

The 2012/13 Draft Statement of Accounts included a provision of £183k in relation to the ongoing suspension of the Head of Paid Service. The recent suspension of the Acting Chief Executive Officer would require a further provision to be included in the 2012/13 Accounts.

Members were asked to approve the inclusion of a provision totalling £314k in the 2012/13 Accounts, to be funded from former Performance Incentive Grant monies, which were no longer required. Cabinet was also asked to approve a transfer of £50k from Corporate Services reserves to establish a fund for any additional costs arising from the improving governance agenda.

Cabinet considered the report in detail and it was proposed and seconded that the recommendations in the report be endorsed. By a show of hands, this was unanimously agreed.

Members placed on record their congratulations to the members of staff whose hard work and dedication had helped to achieve a very positive picture in terms of the amount of Council Tax collected this year.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, Cabinet: -

1. Noted the provisional 2012/13 outturn position.
2. Supported the recommendation to Council that £4m should be transferred from General Fund balances to support the 50% matched funding requirement of Phase 1 of secondary school rationalisation.
3. Supported the recommendation to Council that further funding totalling £1.465m, as identified in paragraph 4.6 of the report, should also be transferred into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools capital earmarked reserve in relation to the matched funding requirement for Phase 1 of secondary school rationalisation.
4. Approved a provision of £314k in the 2012/13 Accounts in relation to the suspensions of the Head of Paid Service and the Acting Chief Executive Officer, to be funded from former Performance Incentive Grant monies that are no longer required.
5. Approved a transfer of £50k from Corporate Services reserves to establish a fund for any additional costs arising from the improving governance agenda.

The meeting closed at 2.41 p.m.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 30th July 2013.

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CHAIRMAN