EXECUTIVE 6 JUNE 2017 5.00 - 5.20 PM



Present:

Councillors Dr Barnard (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Brunel-Walker, Heydon, McCracken and Turrell

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Bettison OBE, D Birch and Mrs Hayes MBE

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 9 May 2017 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

Executive Decisions and Decision Records

The Executive considered the following items. The decisions are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below:

3. Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANG) - Capacity Allocation

The Executive considered a supplementary tabled paper which raised an objection to the recommendations proposed in the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities report, together with the officer response to this objection.

RESOLVED that:

- following careful assessment officers be authorised not to provide capacity in Strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs) for large Prior Approval schemes or other unplanned large applications located beyond the defined settlements in Binfield, Bracknell, Warfield and Winkfield which are considered to undermine the Council's Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy.
- ii) these forms of development be directed to known private Bespoke SANGs where capacity may exist.

4. Motor Neurone Disease Charter

RESOLVED that the adoption of the Motor Neurone Charter, be endorsed.

5. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that pursuant to Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2012, and having regard to the public interest, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of items 8 and 9 (minutes 6 & 7) which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

(3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

6. Coral Reef Pre-opening Report

RESOLVED that the proposed pricing in appendix A of the agenda papers be agreed and that the detailed capital position in confidential annexe C of the agenda papers be noted.

7. Housing Related Support for Young People Contract Award

RESOLVED that it was agreed:

- i) to award a contract to tenderer A as in the exempt part of the agenda for four years plus the option to extend for one year.
- ii) to enter into a funding agreement to provide up to £450,000 to part fund refurbishment works to Holly House.

CHAIRMAN

Work Programme Reference	1068268

- 1. **TITLE:** Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) Capacity Allocation
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To approve the withdrawal of access to strategic SANG capacity from certain 'windfall' developments and Prior Approvals in order to reserve limited capacity for allocated sites.

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That following careful assessment officers be authorised not to provide capacity in the Strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs) for large Prior Approval schemes or other unplanned large applications located beyond the defined settlements in Binfield, Bracknell, Warfield and Winkfield which are considered to undermine the Council's Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy.

That these forms of development be directed to known private Bespoke SANGs where capacity may exist.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

To safeguard Strategic SANG capacity for allocated residential development sites and windfall planning application sites within the defined settlement boundaries which conform with the development plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

To protect the Council's Special Protection Area avoidance and mitigation strategy as set out in the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area Avoidance and Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (2012).

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Two alternative options have been considered:

- 1. To provide Strategic SANG capacity for such developments in the north of the Borough. This would ultimately result in the Council having to refuse many applications for sites which are allocated in the Site Allocations Local Plan or windfall planning application sites within the defined settlement boundaries which are supported in the Development Plan.
- 2. Withdraw the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area Avoidance and Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (2012) and place an embargo on all new residential development in the Borough. Development could then proceed

but only if where it provides its own SANG solution accompanied by a full Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA).

Both options are considered unnecessary and undesirable and can be avoided if the Council agrees not to provide Strategic SANG capacity for large residential Prior Approval applications and relevant large unplanned residential developments located beyond the defined settlement boundary in the North of the Borough. The term large developments are defined as residential developments of 10 or more dwellings. The Council has worked, and will continue to work, with third parties to facilitate alternative private Bespoke SANG capacity to enable such developments to proceed, outside the Councils avoidance and mitigation strategy.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture &

Communities

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
6 June 2017	13 June 2017

Work Programme Reference	1067962

1. **TITLE:** Motor Neurone Disease Charter

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To provide the Executive with an understanding of Motor Neurone Disease (MND), and the nationally approved MND Charter which each local authority is being asked to adopt.

4 IS KEY DECISION No.

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION**:

That the adoption of the Motor Neurone Disease Charter by the Council be endorsed.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

A national charter for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) has been published by the Motor Neurone Disease Association, which encourages local authorities to sign up to and adopt the MND Charter. The charter helps Local Authorities and communities better understand the needs of people with MND.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** People with a long term condition.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
6 June 2017	13 June 2017

Work Programme Reference	1068114

1. **TITLE:** Coral Reef Pre-opening Report

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities

3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To update the Executive on refurbishment progress and preparations to re-open Coral Reef.

4 IS KEY DECISION Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION**:

The proposed pricing in Appendix A of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities report was agreed and the detailed capital position in confidential Annexe C was noted.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

As the Coral Reef enhancement project nears completion the Executive can be briefed on more detailed plans related to the reopening of the facility. As per the Council's constitution, the Executive also needs to approve the proposed charges for entry.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture &

Communities

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
6 June 2017	13 June 2017

Work Programme Reference	1066792

- 1. **TITLE:** Housing Related Support for Young People Contract Award
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To consider tender responses for housing related support for young, single, homeless people as well as provision of capital funding to ensure accommodation availability.

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

To award a contract to tenderer A as in the exempt part of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing's report for four years plus the option to extend for one year.

To enter into a funding agreement to provide up to £ 450,000 to part fund refurbishment works to Holly House.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

A tender process has taken place to select the provider of housing related support for young single homeless people including support for care leavers. The value of the contract requires executive to consider award.

Holly House is a Council owned ex-sheltered housing scheme that is leased long term to a registered provider to provide accommodation for young single homeless people. The continued use of the property is dependent upon essential investment to provide at least 15 years life for windows, and heating and some design improvements to ensure its continued availability. The registered provider is seeking 50% of the cost of those works from the Council. There is a clear business case for the Council providing the capital funding compared to the revenue savings that can be achieved in relation to the current cost of providing accommodation for care leavers.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The Council could decide not to provide housing related support for young single homeless people. However, the Council could then face the cost of providing temporary accommodation for young single homeless people as well as processing homeless applications for the number of young people who could be accommodated by these proposals. Not only would the revenue costs of that course of action exceed the annual revenue cost of the housing related support contracts it would lead to adverse impact on the lives of young single homeless people in the borough and for that reason it is not recommended.

The lack of capital funding from the Council could lead to the registered provider who leases

Holly House could decide to close parts of the building where repair costs are prohibitively high or where the running costs in terms of heating are prohibitive for the young people who are the tenants. Moreover, that would threaten the availability of accommodation for care leavers who are currently accommodated in more costly provision which in turn would threaten the ability to provide better and more cost effective accommodation solutions. Therefore, it is not recommended to withhold capital funding.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** None.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health &

Housing

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