
Cabinet

Report of the meeting held on 11th September 2014

Matters for Information

22. CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE

The Council's performance against key activities identified in the Council's Corporate Plan for the period 1st April to 30th June 2014 has been reported to the Cabinet and **the Overview and Scrutiny Panels (Social Well-Being), (Economic Well-Being) and (Environmental) (Item No. 16 of all their Reports refer).**

Having been advised of a change to the performance indicator for measuring Disabled Facilities Grants due to the work being undertaken by the shared HIA service, the Cabinet has agreed to assess these grants by the average time (in weeks) between date of referral to practical completion for minor jobs up to £10,000. This will replace the current measure which examines the time taken from first visit to the works completion.

23. GREEN HOUSE PROJECT – SALE OF HOUSES

In conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) (Items No. 15 of their Report refer), the Cabinet has considered the future of the two Green House project properties located in St Ives and St Neots.

Executive Councillors were reminded of their previous decision in October 2011 to retain the St Ives Green House as a showcase energy savings property until March 2014 and to rent out the St Neots property. It was reported that the educational use of the St Ives house has passed its peak with the number of visitors dropping significantly and that the tenants in the St Neots property had recently moved out.

In acknowledging that the project has served its purpose the Cabinet has approved the sale of the two properties. In doing so, Executive Councillors have agreed that the St Neots property be sold as soon as possible and the St Ives property early next year, using a local agent with the best price sought. This will accommodate any visits already planned for the St Ives project as part of the DECC funding scheme. The Cabinet has authorised the Head of Operations, after consultation with the Executive for Resources, to accept the best offers for the sale of the properties and agreed that the capital

receipts from the sale be allocated in accordance with the emerging Capital Strategy.

24. SALE OF LAND – ST MARY’S STREET, HUNTINGDON

(The following item was considered as a confidential item under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

Having regard to the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) (Item No.17 of their Report refers), the Cabinet has approved terms for the disposal of Council owned land at the front of the Pathfinder House site fronting St Mary’s Street, Huntingdon. In so doing, Executive Councillors have authorised the Head of Resources, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Resources, to act in the best interest of the authority on the sale of the site.

In discussing the information before them, Executive Councillors referred to the need to produce a strategy for the future disposal and acquisition of assets.

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Chairman