

CABINET

9 DECEMBER 2013

(19.15 - 20.04)

PRESENT

Councillors Stephen Alambritis (in the Chair), Mark Allison, Nick Draper, Andrew Judge, Linda Kirby, Edith Macauley, Maxi Martin and Judy Saunders.

Ged Curran (Chief Executive), Caroline Holland (Director of Corporate Services), Chris Lee (Director of Environment and Regeneration), Simon Williams (Director of Community and Housing), Janet Martin (Head of Education), Paul Ballatt (Head of Commissioning, Strategy and Performance), Tom Procter (Service Manager - Contracts & School Organisation), Fiona Thomsen (Head of Shared Legal Services) and Colin Millar (Democracy Services)

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Peter Southgate, Suzanne Grocott and Iain Dysart.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Councillor Martin Whelton

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

None were made

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2013 (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2013 are agreed as a correct record.

4. DUNDONALD RECREATION GROUND AND PRIMARY SCHOOL - APPROPRIATION OF LAND (Agenda Item 4)

Papers submitted by the Protect Dundonald Rec group previously circulated to members of the Cabinet were tabled.

A paper from Officers was also tabled.

RESOLVED:

- 1) Cabinet agrees, for the purposes of section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972, that the open space shown in appendix 1 forming approximately 2,578 square metres of Dundonald Recreation Ground is no longer required for the purposes for which it is currently held and may be used instead for the following purposes to allow the enlargement of the Dundonald Primary School:

- a) Approximately 579 square metres (coloured green and blue) for building and outside space to transfer to become permanently part of Dundonald Primary School.
- b) Approximately 147 square metres (coloured amber) to provide a replacement two storey recreation ground pavilion which will remain under the control of the Greenspaces team for the primary purpose of changing facilities, toilets and a social space for the recreation ground but may at certain times have a more flexible use.
- c) Approximately 1,852 square metres (coloured yellow) for tennis courts and/or a multi-use sports area which will remain under the control of the Greenspaces team but the school will have exclusive use at set times as set out in a Community Use Agreement that is underpinned by a Unilateral Undertaking.

5. DUNDONALD PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPANSION - APPROVAL TO EXPANSION UNDER EDUCATION LAW (Agenda Item 5)

RESOLVED:

- 1. Cabinet approves the proposal for a prescribed alteration to expand Dundonald Primary School from 210 places plus nursery to 420 places plus nursery with a permanent admission number of 60 per year from September 2015.
- 2. That the reason for this decision is to provide basic need school places in the local area and the expansion of Dundonald Primary School provides extra places in an area of demand at a successful and popular school. The council's Head of Education is satisfied that the leadership of the school has the management capacity to continue to raise standards while the school expands.
- 3. Cabinet notes that a report on appropriation of land from Dundonald Recreation Ground is being made to this Cabinet meeting and would need to be agreed before this prescribed alteration can be approved.

6. ALLOCATION OF S.106 MONIES TO MITCHAM TOWN CENTRE (Agenda Item 6)

RESOLVED

That Cabinet agrees that the requested S106 contributions as detailed be allocated to the Mitcham Town Centre project in accordance with the S.106 Spend Parameters set out in paragraph 1.2.

7. REFERENCE FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION - PRE DECISION SCRUTINY OF THE BUSINESS PLAN 2014-2018 (Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet, in taking decisions relating to the Business Plan 2014-18, will take into account the comments and recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (including the minutes of the financial monitoring scrutiny task group) and the outcomes of consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

8. FINANCIAL MONITORING - OCTOBER 2013 (Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet notes the financial reporting data relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast underspend at year end of £1,291k (which is 0.79% of the gross Council Budget) after allowing for a £510k transfer to the Capital Programme and consider any relevant action they may wish to take in respect of variations
2. That Cabinet approves adjustments and virements detailed in Appendix 5b and the Current Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 5a.
3. That Cabinet notes current progress to date on savings.

9. BUSINESS PLAN 2014-18 (Agenda Item 9)

In response to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny commission the Director of Corporate services indicated that draft service plans would be available to the scrutiny panels in January and final service plans would be presented to the commission in April 2014.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet agrees the amendment to savings and alternative proposals put forward as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
2. That Cabinet reviews the savings proposals put forward by officers, refers them to the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission for consideration in January 2014 (Appendix 3) and requests officers to produce equalities impact assessments for each proposal.
3. That Cabinet agrees the latest amendments to the draft Capital Programme 2014-2018 which was considered by Cabinet on 21 October 2013 and scrutiny in November 2013.
4. That Cabinet NOTES the feedback from the Scrutiny Panels and Overview and Scrutiny Commission on the previous information referred to them by Cabinet in October 2013, particularly the draft Capital Programme 2014-2018.

5. That Cabinet notes the latest draft Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2014-18 (Appendix 6).
6. That Cabinet agrees the Council Tax Base for 2014/15 set out in paragraph 2.7 and Appendix 10.