

# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Executive Leader

Subject: Hire of Open Space at Cams Alders

**Report of:** Director of Community

Strategy/Policy:

**Corporate** Leisure for Health and Fun

Objectives:

# Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of a request to hire the open space at Cams Alders recreation ground to hold a community funfair.

Members will recall that at the Executive meeting on 13 May 2013 a report requesting the hire of open space for a funfair at Titchfield Recreation Ground was refused due to the potential impact on the football pitches that are present on the site.

Following the Executive decision, Councillor Hockley and officers met with the Fairground operator to explain the reasons for the refusal and explore alternative venues.

As a result a new application has been received to hold a Community Fair at Cams Alders Recreation Ground on the 5-12 September 2013 on a trial basis.

Cams Alders recreation ground is located in the Fareham South Ward. It is a very large open space and accommodates a number of facilities. These include the Rainbow Centre, Palmerston Bowling Club, Fareham Heathens RFC and Fareham Town FC.

Each of the organisation has a vested interest in the recreation ground and either has a licence or lease on part of the site. So although the site is large, space to accommodate a funfair is actually quite limited.

However, following discussion with Fareham Town Football Club, it is proposed that the Community Fair is allowed to operate as a one off pilot on land to the eastern and or northern side of Fareham Town Football Club.

Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and support the proposal as a pilot and subject to normal controls.

### **Options Considered:**

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor D L Steadman addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to:

- grant approval for Charles Cole to operate a Community Fair at Cams Alders (a) Recreation Ground between 5-12 September 2013 as a trial, subject to the following conditions:
  - all requirements of the Council's Safety Advisory Group being met; (i)
  - payment in advance of £300 per trading day to the Council; (ii)
  - a returnable damage deposit of £1000 payable in advance; (iii)
  - proof of £10 million public liability insurance; and
  - all relevant safety certificates being supplied:
- make a donation of £600 (from the income received for the hire of the open (b) space by the Community Fair) to Fareham Town Football Club to support local youth development opportunities.

#### Reason:

To ensure that the operation of a fun fair is undertaken at a suitable location and that all aspects of health and safety are complied with.

#### Confirmed as a true record:

**Date:** 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward



# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Health and Housing, Policy & Resources

Subject: Alternative Approach to Supporting Housing Delivery

**Report of:** Martyn George, Andrew Wannell

**Strategy/Policy:** Corporate Strategy, Housing Strategy

Corporate A Balanced Housing Market; Dynamic, Prudent and

**Objectives:** Progressive Council

# Purpose:

To outline a new approach to support housing delivery in the borough.

The current market and financial conditions have resulted in a significant downturn in the delivery of new homes to buy and/or rent. At the same time, there is a growing need for affordable homes in the borough and a reducing level of finance available to support affordable housing investment in the traditional ways.

This report outlines an alternative approach to supporting the delivery of new homes through the creation of a local housing company as a Joint Venture Company. Officers have been exploring this option in partnership with colleagues from Eastleigh Borough Council and two local Registered Providers (Housing Associations). The option provides an opportunity to help stimulate economic growth locally and increase the supply of new homes to buy and/or rent.

The Executive is invited to support the proposal in principle and authorise expenditure on specialist advice and legal costs to progress this option to the next stage.

### **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the principle of progressing a Joint Venture Company for the delivery of housing is supported and officers be asked to develop a specific proposal, jointly with Eastleigh Borough Council and other Registered Providers for consideration by the Executive in September 2013.

# Reason:

To support the delivery of affordable housing in the borough.

# Confirmed as a true record:

**Date:** 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward



# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Policy & Resources

Subject: Actual General Fund Revenue Expenditure 2012/13

**Report of:** Director of Finance & Resources

**Strategy/Policy:** Finance Strategy

Corporate Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council

Objectives:

# Purpose:

This report provides the Executive with details of the actual revenue expenditure for 2012/13 and seeks approval for the completion, in 2013/14, of the 2012/13 expenditure programmes set out in the briefing paper contained in the report.

The General Fund actual revenue expenditure for 2012/13 totals £9,562,675 which represents an overall saving of £895,825 compared to the revised budget.

With financing adjustments the overall saving for 2012/13 is £883,949. It has not been possible to complete a number of expenditure programmes in 2012/13 and approval is sought to complete these programmes, totalling £299,800, in the current year.

When the use of the saving in 2012/13 to complete these programmes is taken into account the net saving for the year is reduced to £426,649.

The revenue budget report to the Executive on 7 January 2013 highlighted that the Council's spending reserve should be 5% of gross expenditure budget for each financial year. On this basis, the minimum required balance on the reserve for 2013/14 is £2.238million. Any surplus over and above this figure will be dealt with as part of the medium term financial strategy during the budget setting process.

Full details are set out in the briefing paper contained in this report.

# **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

## **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves completion of the expenditure programmes contained within the report; and
- (b) notes the contents of the report.

### Reason:

To enable the completion of the expenditure programme for 2012/13.

# Confirmed as a true record:

**Date:** 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward



# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Policy & Resources

Subject: Actual Housing Revenue Account Expenditure and

**Financing 2012/13** 

**Report of:** Director of Finance & Resources

Strategy/Policy:

Corporate A Balanced Housing Market; Dynamic, Prudent and

**Objectives:** Progressive Council

# Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive with the details of the actual expenditure and income for 2012/13 in the Housing Revenue and Repairs Accounts.

The final figures for 2012/13 show that, overall, the actual deficit on the Housing Revenue Account and Housing Repairs Account is £455,000 compared to a forecast deficit of £220,000. Of this, £554,000 relates to non-capitalised repairs from the capital programme. However, if the requested carry forwards are agreed then the deficit will increase to £751,200.

The briefing paper attached to this report explains the actual financial position for 2012/13, together with the reasons for the significant variances when compared with the revised budget, which was agreed by the Executive in February 2013.

### **Options Considered:**

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P J Davies addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) that the balances on the Housing Revenue and Repairs Accounts as at 31 March 2013 be carried over to 2013/14; and
- (b) that the following budgets be carried forward:
  - (i) £122,900 Asbestos Survey
  - (ii) £98,500 Disabled Modifications
  - (iii) £45,900 External Decorations
  - (iv) £28,900 Gas Servicing.

## Reason:

To ensure that the balances on the Housing Revenue and Repairs Accounts at 31 March 2013 will be available in future years, and that 2013/14 budgets are sufficient to meet the level of work programmed.

## Confirmed as a true record:

Date: 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward



# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Policy & Resources

Subject: Actual Capital Expenditure and Financing 2012/13

**Report of:** Director of Finance & Resources

**Strategy/Policy:** Finance Strategy

Corporate Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council

**Objectives:** 

# Purpose:

This report provides the Executive with details of the actual capital expenditure for 2012/13 and seeks approval for the proposed methods of financing the actual capital expenditure.

### **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that the capital programme for 2012/13 be approved and financed as set out in Appendix B to the report;
- (b) that the individual expenditure incurred, amounting to £165,473 be financed retrospectively from the surplus capital resources; and
- (c) that the actual capital expenditure for 2012/13 be noted.

### Reason:

To provide the Executive with details of the capital expenditure and financing in 2012/13.

#### Confirmed as a true record:

Date: 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward



# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Policy & Resources

Subject: Treasury Management Annual Report 2012/13

**Report of:** Director of Finance & Resources

Strategy/Policy:

**Corporate** Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council

**Objectives:** 

#### Purpose:

The Annual Report on Treasury Management for 2012/13 has been prepared in order to comply with the reporting requirements of the Code of Practice for Treasury Management produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and adopted by the Council.

The financial year 2012/13 continued the challenging environment of previous years; low investment returns and continuing counterparty risk continued.

Full details of investment and borrowing activity in 2012/13 are set out in the main body of this report. Investment activity in 2012/13 is summarised below:

	£m
Investments as at 1 April 2012	32.9
Investments made in 2012/13	141.1
Investments repaid in 2012/13	141.2
Investments as at 31 March 2013	32.8

Total investment interest receivable for the year was £647,761. The total of external interest paid on borrowing and other amounts invested with the Council was £1,401,421.

The net total of £753,660 has been allocated to the Council's funds as shown in the following table:

	£
Net amount credited to the General Fund	938,694
Net amount credited to the Whiteley Fund	6,440
Net amount debited to the Housing Revenue Account	(1,698,794)
Net Total	(753,660)

During 2012/13, the Council complied with its legislative and regulatory requirements of the Prudential Code.

# **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

## **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2012/13 be noted.

## Reason:

This report has been prepared in order to comply with the reporting requirements of the Code of Practice for Treasury Management.

# Confirmed as a true record:

Date: 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward



# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Health and Housing

Subject: Door Replacements Project

**Report of:** Director of Finance & Resources

Strategy/Policy:

**Corporate** A Balanced Housing Market

Objectives:

# Purpose:

To consider the tenders received and award of contract for the installation of new composite front and rear doors to a number of Council owned housing stock.

This report provides the Executive with information on tenders received for this project. The project is to renew front and rear (external) doors to 192 Council owned domestic properties. The existing doors have exceeded their expected life and are now incurring increased maintenance costs.

## **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Servicetotal Ltd for this project, being the most technically and economically advantageous tender received, be accepted and a contract awarded in the sum of £228,594.65.

#### Reason:

To undertake proactive replacement of front and rear doors to Council housing properties due to their age and condition and maintain the value of the Councils assets.

#### Confirmed as a true record:

Date: 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward



# **Record of Decision by Executive**

Monday, 8 July 2013

Portfolio Policy & Resources

Subject: Daedalus Investment Opportunity

**Report of:** Director of Finance & Resources

Strategy/Policy: Corporate Strategy

Corporate Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council; Maintain and

**Objectives:** Extend Prosperity

#### Purpose:

To consider an opportunity to provide investment in infrastructure and facilities at the Solent Enterprise Zone, Daedalus.

In 2012, the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) successfully promoted the Daedalus site as an Enterprise Zone (EZ), with an ambition to become the Solent's premier location for advanced manufacturing. Since then, a significant amount of investment has been made in improving the infrastructure supporting the site, and funding has been secured by Fareham College for a new training facility.

This proposal complements the investment already secured at Daedalus, and would provide for improvements to the airfield, provision of new hangar space and an Innovation Centre for small businesses, together totalling £8.3m.

The proposal has been developed jointly between the Council, the Solent LEP and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), but would be led by the Council if it is approved (subject to satisfactory due diligence) and ownership of the two new assets (new hangar space and Innovation Centre) would be vested with the Council.

### **Options Considered:**

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P W Whittle, JP addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to support the proposal in principle, and to assume responsibility to deliver an Innovation Centre and Hangar, and airfield upgrades at Daedalus subject to satisfactory due diligence;
- (b) to delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Executive Leader to:
  - (i) submit a bid to the Solent Growing Places fund by 31<sup>st</sup> July to support the bid:
  - (ii) conclude negotiations with the Homes and Communities Agency for the acquisition of land at Daedalus to facilitate the construction; and
- (c) to approve a budget of £50,000 for the project.

#### Reason:

To enable the investment proposal to proceed.

### Confirmed as a true record:

Date: 10 July 2013 Councillor S D T Woodward