

## **Cabinet**

**Friday, 28th October, 2016**  
**5.00 - 5.50 pm**

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Councillors:</b>	Steve Jordan (Leader of the Council), Flo Clucas (Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles), Chris Coleman (Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment), Rowena Hay (Cabinet Member Finance), Peter Jeffries (Cabinet Member Housing), Andrew McKinlay (Cabinet Member Development and Safety) and Roger Whyborn (Cabinet Member Corporate Services)

## **Minutes**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

None.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Rowena Hay declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda item 4- Oakley Resource Centre as a Trustee of the Oakley Neighbourhood Project and Regeneration Partnership. She would not participate in the debate.

### **3. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were none.

### **4. OAKLEY RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Leader introduced the report and explained that Oakley Resource Centre had been a valuable resource for the local community over the past 20 years. On 14 September the joint trustees of Oakley Regeneration Partnership (ORP) and Oakley Neighbourhood Project (ONP) announced that they were undertaking the managed closure of both organisations and as part of this process ONP staff had been put on notice with contracts terminating on 31.10.16.

The Leader expressed his sadness at this and wished to put on record his thanks to all who had been involved for their contributions to the local community over the last 20 years. He explained that the council wished to take steps to ensure that the community-side of the building remained open to the public from 1 November 2016 and discussions had accelerated to facilitate this until 31 March 2017. He made reference to the motion submitted to the recent Council meeting by Councillor Hay calling for a meeting of the statutory bodies, CGC, the County Council, the Police, Cheltenham Borough Homes and other relevant organisations with an interest in the local area to identify what services were required and how best to deliver them. Elected members recognised the value of the support that these organisations and their volunteers provided to the local community and the motion was passed unanimously.

The Leader took the opportunity to thank officers involved to bring this report to Cabinet. He reported that the Trustees had agreed an early dilapidations

package and CBH and Gloucestershire Care Services were assisting in providing rent. Finally the Leader pointed out that recommendation 3 was no longer required since the lease had been surrendered. He added that a press release would be issued on Monday to inform the public of progress.

#### **RESOLVED THAT**

- 1. the early surrender of the lease between Cheltenham Borough Council and Oakley Regeneration Partnership be agreed to enable the Council to assume operational responsibility of the building from 1.11.16.**
- 2. authority be delegated to the Head of Property and Asset Management to enter into a surrender agreement with Oakley Regeneration Partnership that protects the council's interests with regard to dilapidations, that permits entry for CBC staff onto the premises from 1 November 2016 and that ensures all rents paid in advance are divided appropriately between ONP and CBC.**
- 3. authority be delegated to the Head of Property Services to agree terms with Cheltenham Borough Homes Ltd and Gloucestershire Care Services to secure occupation by those organisations until the expiry date of their existing sub-underleases, upon substantially the same terms as those in the existing sub-underleases granted by ONP to Cheltenham Borough Homes Ltd and Gloucestershire Care Services.**

#### **5. BRIEFING FROM CABINET MEMBERS**

The Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment reported that to date 1800 responses had been received to the waste and recycling consultation. He urged fellow Cabinet Members to promote the consultation, the closing date for which was 14 November.

The Leader expressed his disappointment at Tewkesbury Borough Council's decision not to approve the main modifications to the Joint Core Strategy which had been approved by Cheltenham Borough Council and Gloucester City Councils the previous week. This meant that at that this stage the Joint Core Strategy could not be progressed and the planned consultation process would thus be deferred. He reported that discussions would take place next week to see how things could be brought back on course and Cheltenham would need to consider what steps should be taken should the JCS cease to exist. The Leader informed that as a result of Tewkesbury's decision the publication of the Cheltenham Plan consultation had now been deferred. It had been hoped that the local plan could be synchronised with the JCS as a local plan was needed as soon as practical but discussions were ongoing as to how this could be taken forward.

#### **6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXEMPT BUSINESS RESOLVED THAT**

in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining agenda items as it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5, Part (1) Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, namely:

Paragraph 3; Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Paragraph 5; Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings

**7. PROPERTY MATTER**

The Cabinet Member Finance introduced the exempt report which sought Cabinet's permission to proceed with securing the council's financial and legal interests on a property matter. Members discussed the issues in detail and

**RESOLVED THAT**

**The recommendations be agreed**

**Chairman**