

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	12 SEPTEMBER 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY:</b> None	

### **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

This report outlines Executive Business conducted since the last Council meeting in July 2012. For ease of reference the titles of the individual decision making items are highlighted in bold throughout this report and are decisions made between 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That the report be noted.

### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:**

2. Not applicable

### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out):**

#### **LEADER'S PORTFOLIO**

3. Endorsement was given to the revised heads of terms for **Watermark WestQuay** and delegated authority was given to finalise the terms for the disposal of the Watermark WestQuay site and enter into legal documentation necessary to facilitate the redevelopment and disposal of the Watermark WestQuay site.
4. In the interests of transparency, report back on the work undertaken in the first 100 days through noting the **Progress in the first 100 days** report. This signalled a change in council priorities.

#### **ADULT SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

5. Approval was given to revised partnership agreement for a re-specified **community equipment service**.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

6. Approval was given for Music **Education Hubs 2012-2015** and to accept the grant of £696,409 from the Arts Council England on behalf of the Southampton Music Education Hub Partnership.
7. Approval was given to modify the statutory proposals to expand **Fairisle Infant and Junior School and Wordsworth Infant School**.
8. The **proposed expansion of Springwell School** was noted and authorisation was given to the publication of a statutory proposal to enlarge Springwell School from the 5th November 2012 which would have the effect of enlarging the school from 64 places currently to 120 places by September 2018.

## COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

9. Approval was given to accept, the £765,000 Department for Education Troubled Families grant **Families Matter (Troubled Families)** initiative and to delegate to the Director of Children's Services and Learning following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, the decision regarding the final delivery model, including the appointment of a (fixed term) full time co-ordinator subject to the Council's Recruitment Policy. It was also noted that a further £166,400 may be received on a payment by results basis if we meet the agreed targets.
10. Endorsement was given to the **Building European Environmental and Maritime Skills (BEEMS)** and approval was given to accept, the ERDF grant of £830,955 (€1,332,513) from the European Regional Development Fund and £747,017 from BEEMS partners contributions on behalf of the BEEMS Partnership and act as Accountable Body. It was also agreed to delegate authority to the Director, Environment and Economy, to undertake such actions necessary to enable the successful delivery of the BEEMS project and support the proposals in this report.
11. It was agreed to recommend the **Safe City Partnership Annual Plan 2012/13** to Council for approval subject to the Director for Environment and Economy agreeing any final amendments to the Plan following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities prior to submission to Council for approval.
12. The Cabinet's response to the Overview And Scrutiny Management Committee's **Big Society Inquiry** was agreed and this included recommendations for implementation, approval to engage in initial discussion with Southampton Connect in relation to taking a lead role in coordinating, overseeing and monitoring outcomes for the city, approval of the statement of principles and delegating authority to the Director of Environment and Economy, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report.

## EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVEMENT PORTFOLIO

13. Approval was given to the process for awarding **Grants To Voluntary Organisations 2013/14 and beyond** for outcome-based Commissioned Grants Programme. This included approval of the list of outcomes grants are to be awarded against, the principle of awarding longer term (2 or 3 year) grants and the proposal to introduce a tapered reduction of 6.8% each year for 2014/15 and 2015/16 subject to approval by Full Council at the relevant annual Budget Setting meeting in February of each year. It was also agreed to give formal notice being given to existing grant recipients, to pool, in principle, the council's Community Chest budget with the NHS Health and Wellbeing grants budget and to explore alternative options for administration of the scheme, subject to consultation with community groups and the Trade Unions.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO**

14. Approvals were given to the '**Platform For Prosperity' Platform Road Improvement Scheme** including the outline design and the purchase of the freehold interest of the water pumping station within Vokes Memorial Gardens from Southern Water Plc.
15. Approvals were given in relation to Site Specific Section 106 Funds for Real Time Information (RTI) including relating to the capital expenditure for the "Real Time Information Upgrade" capital scheme contained within the Environment and Transport Capital Programme, fully funded by Section 106 developer contributions.

## **HOUSING AND LEISURE SERVICES**

16. Approval was given to proposals for a Southampton Licensing Scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) for public consultation, for twelve weeks from 3 September 2012 to 26 November 2012 and it was agreed to consider in January 2013 the consultation feedback and, if appropriate, designate the entire City as being subject to additional licensing, which will come into effect on 1 April 2013 and be phased over five years.
17. Endorsement was given to an increase Landlord Controlled Heating Charges by 18% from 1 October 2012.
18. Approvals were given in relation to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) – Various Scheme Approval, Capital Programme 2012/13 Phase 2 including the addition of £1,250,000 to the HRA Capital Programme for the installation of photo voltaic systems, funded by unused Direct Revenue Financing (DRF), capital expenditure of £612,000 in 2012/13 on the external cladding of PRC houses, virement of £600,000 from the Electrical Riser Programme to the Itchen View Estate Lift Programme and additional expenditure of £600,000 in 2012/13 on the Itchen View Estate Lift Refurbishment Programme.
19. Approval was given to enter a non-charitable deed of designation with the National Playing Fields Association in relation Queen Elizabeth II Fields designation for Portswood Recreation Ground.
20. Approval of the vision and themes of the Townhill Park Regeneration Framework based on the modified Central Park option including further consideration of the financial model and approval of the capital expenditure for the implementation of Phase 1. It was noted that a number of proposals contained in the Framework documents require further study and consultation and these studies and consultation may necessitate some changes to be made to the Framework. Approval was also given in principle to the redevelopment of Townhill Park in three phases noting that further consultation will be carried out, starting in August 2012, with residents affected in phase 1, and residents affected by the proposed new road, and reported back to Cabinet. It was agreed that the preferred approach for the provision of the new social housing is for this housing to be supplied by the Council, as part of the HRA, and that this new social housing provision will be provided for letting at affordable rents, subject to approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government / Homes and Communities Agency.

## RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

21. Changes were agreed to the existing Revenue and Capital Budgets including approval of one-off expenditure of £240,000 in 2012/13 and the Executive's proposals for efficiencies and service reductions which are put forward for consultation.
22. Approval was given to the draft Southampton City Council 'Council Tax Support Scheme' for the purpose of public consultation. The implementation timeline was noted, including the proposal to arrange a special meeting of Council in January 2013 to agree the final scheme for implementation from 1 April 2013.
23. Approval was given to the Draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and Implementation Guide for public consultation, with a charge of £90 per square metre for new residential development and £43 per square metre for retail development
24. It was agreed to dispose of rear garden land at 52-54 Seagarth Lane, Southampton to the Hollybrook Infants School Trust at less than best consideration (nil consideration).
  - the children attending the school.

### RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

#### Capital/Revenue:

25. None.

#### Property/Other:

26. None.

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

#### Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

27. None.

#### Other Legal Implications:

28. None.

### POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS:

29. None

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**KEY DECISION?** No

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1.	None.
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**Documents In Members' Rooms:**

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**Integrated Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	No
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**Other Background Documents**

**Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)