

EXECUTIVE

MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2018 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss Sherriff (Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Southward (Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Glendinning (Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder)

OFFICERS:

Deputy Chief Executive
Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Corporate Director of Finance and Resources
Development Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Paton (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel)

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Leader and the Deputy Leader, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder announced that the first item of business was to appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

It was moved by the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder, seconded by the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder, and:

RESOLVED – That the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder be appointed as Chairman for this meeting only.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder then took the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of:

- Councillor Glover (Leader); the Town Clerk and Chief Executive; and the Corporate Director of Economic Development, whose attendance was required at a meeting in London concerning the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal; and
- Councillors Dr Tickner (Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder); and Ms Quilter (Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

CALL-IN PROCEDURES

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder reported that the Mayor had, on 9 October 2018, agreed that the following item should be exempt from call-in as call-in procedures would overlap the City Council meeting on 6 November 2018 when the matter was scheduled for consideration:

- A.1 – Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 – Changes to Existing Housing Assistance Policy

EX.93/18 **REGULATORY REFORM (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) ORDER 2002 – CHANGES TO EXISTING HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY
(Key Decision – KD.14/18)

(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Communities, Health and Wellbeing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.73/18, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder submitted report GD.71/18 presenting, at Appendix 1, a revised Housing Renewal Assistance Policy.

The Portfolio Holder reminded Members that the Policy detailed the housing assistance which the City Council could offer its residents; much of which was linked to future expenditure from the City Council's Disabled Facilities Grant allocation.

The Portfolio Holder further informed the meeting that the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had scrutinised the matter on 23 August 2018, and resolved:

“1) That the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 – Changes to existing Housing Assistance Policy (GD.62/18) be welcomed;

2) That an update on the implementation of the Policy including performance, successes and potential areas for improvement be submitted to the Panel in 12 months' time.”

Minute Excerpt HWSP.53/18, which set out the Panel's observations, was also submitted.

The Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel was in attendance to represent the views of the Panel, as detailed in the said Minute.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder concluded by formally moving the recommendations, which were formally seconded by the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected that the proposed revised Policy be not approved

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Approved the proposed revised Housing Renewal Assistance Policy 2018 attached at Appendix 1 to Report GD.71/18.
2. Referred the said Policy to full Council for consideration in accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Reasons for Decision

The revised Housing Renewal Assistance Policy 2018 would assist in ensuring that best use was made of the DFG capital funding making use of existing capacity and expertise within the Housing and Pollution and Homelife teams

The introduction of flexibility into the assistance process was being promoted as good practice nationally and in line with government and local policies

EX.94/18 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth;
Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Notice of Executive Key Decisions, dated 14 September 2018, was submitted for information.

Key Decision (KD.16/18) – Tullie House Business Plan: subsequent to publication of the Notice, and in light of the fact that the Business Plan was in draft form until the Tullie House Board meeting on 19 October 2018, an Individual Portfolio Holder Decision (PF.04/18) had been taken which referred the Business Plan directly to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel for consideration.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That, subject to the above, the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 14 September 2018 be received.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.95/18 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Leader

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

Details of a decision taken by the Leader under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That the decision, attached as Appendix A, be noted.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.96/18 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth;
Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

Details of decisions taken by Officers under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That the decisions, attached as Appendix B, be noted.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.97/18 LAND AND PROPERTY TRANSACTION – MORTON MANOR **COMMUNITY CENTRE – LEASE SURRENDER AND REGRANT** (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Subject Matter

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder submitted report GD.70/18 which recorded that Morton Community Association had occupied Morton Manor Community Centre by way of a lease since 2001. The current lease was for a term of 25 years with effect from 25 July 2001, the unexpired term being circa 8 years. The current lease area was as shown edged red on the attached plan 1.

Morton Community Association wished to further improve and develop the range of services they could offer their users and, accordingly, wished to extend their lease term in order that they could apply for external funding.

The Community Centre was located within Chances Park, on Wigton Road; the Park being City Council owned and managed by the Council's Green Space's Team. The Community Association wanted to reduce the area within their demise, the land surrendered from the Community Association lease would then be incorporated back into the surrounding park. The Green Spaces and Bereavement Services Manager had confirmed that there would be no additional cost to the Council as his team currently maintained the land to be surrendered. The extent of the new demise was shown edged red on plan 2.

Due to the short length of the unexpired term of their current lease external funders / grant providers would not give the Centre any funding to develop the buildings.

The Community Centre Association had therefore approached the City Council with a request to surrender their existing lease and take a new lease for a term of 99 years, the demise of the lease was to be of a reduced area, the new demise being shown edged red on the plan attached as Appendix B.

It was proposed to accept a surrender of the current lease arrangement and grant a new lease to the Trustees of the Community Centre Association for a new term of 99 years, at a Peppercorn Rent, on the same terms as the passing lease to allow the funding application to be submitted.

By virtue of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council was required to obtain Best Value in all land and property transactions. It was considered that, due to the nature of the facility and the community offer it provided, the granting of a lease for a further term of 99 years to the Trustees of Morton Manor Community Centre represented best value to the Council.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder concluded by formally moving the recommendations which were formally seconded by the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected not to agree to a surrender and re-grant of a lease of Morton Manor Community Centre

DECISION

1. That the Executive agreed to a surrender and re-grant of a lease of Morton Manor Community Centre to the Trustees of the Morton Community Association, subject to no further representations being received within the statutory timescale objecting to the disposal of public open space;
2. That delegated authority is given to the Property Services Manager to agree final terms; and
3. That the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services be authorised to complete the surrender and lease documentation.

Reasons for Decision

Agreement to the surrender and re-grant of a longer term lease would allow the Community Centre Association to put forward an application for funding to develop and improve the building. That would protect the asset into the future and support the community function provided by the Centre

EX.98/18 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Communities, Health and Wellbeing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder reported that this item of business concerned the nomination of a City Council representative to serve on the Denton Holme Community Centre Management Committee.

The Portfolio Holder formally moved, and the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder formally seconded that Councillor Brown be so nominated.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That Councillor Brown be appointed as a City Council representative on the Denton Holme Community Centre Management Committee.

Reasons for Decision

To appoint City Council Representatives to serve on outside bodies

[The meeting ended at 4.05 pm]