

EXECUTIVE

THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2012 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Mitchelson (Chairman and Leader's Portfolio)
Councillor J Mallinson (Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Bloxham (Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Mrs Bowman (Economic Development Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Ellis (Performance and Development Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Mrs Geddes (Community Engagement Portfolio Holder)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Bradley (Chairman - Homelessness Task and Finish Group)
Councillor Mrs Luckley (Chairman - Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel)
Councillor McDevitt (Observer)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

AGENDA

RESOLVED – That Agenda item A.11 – Homelessness be taken as the first item of business in order to enable to Chairman of the Homelessness Task and Finish Group to attend another appointment.

CALL – IN

The Chairman reported that the Mayor had agreed that the following item should be exempt from call-in as call-in procedures would overlap the City Council meeting on 1 May 2012:

- Interim Planning Statement - Housing

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ellis declared a personal interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Agenda item B.2 – Herbert Atkinson House. The interest related to the fact that he serves on the Tullie House Trust Board.

EX.042/12 HOMELESSNESS
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute COSP.34/12, consideration was given to a reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 22 March 2012 regarding the final report of the Homelessness Task and Finish Group. The Panel had resolved:

"That the Homelessness Task and Finish Group report be forwarded to the Executive for their comments on the recommendations."

Copies of Report OS.12/12 and the Minute Excerpt had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Homelessness Task and Finish Group was in attendance at the meeting. The Chairman began by placing on record her thanks to Members of the Task and Finish Group, the Homelessness Team, and especially the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, for their input. She explained that the Task and Finish Group had considered a wide range of information and data as set out on page five of the report, all of which would be lodged together with a copy thereof.

The Chairman then outlined in some detail the Task Group's recommendations, together with the rationale therefor:

1. That a system is developed for and with other departments (in particular Revenue and Benefits) in the Council to identify those people at risk of homelessness so that appropriate preventative work can be undertaken.
2. That procedure is reviewed so that front line Officers from Housing Community and Health are able to verify claims from people who have presented themselves as homeless.
3. That the Council facilitates the forming of an informal network group to include representatives from public and third sector organisations who provide services and support for homeless people.
4. That the Authority works with Cumbria County Council in the provision of accommodation for 16-17 year olds who do not want to enter foster care or children's homes. Consideration should be given to involve a young person's advocacy service to support and guide 16-17 year olds who present as homelessness.
5. That the Council gives due consideration to care leavers when considering policies relating to welfare reform.

6. That the Council looks at initiatives to involve young people in projects and/or access schools and colleges in order to prevent youth homelessness.

7. That the Council monitors representations from young people, particularly 16-17 year olds, together with move on information and investigate any significant upturns in figures.

In conclusion, the Chairman expressed the hope that the Executive would agree that the above recommendations were both achievable and sensible. The only aim was to improve the service available to people in Carlisle.

The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel said that the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group had provided a comprehensive report on the matter. She felt that the report, along with the final report of the Disabled Facilities Grants Task and Finish Group considered by the Executive in December 2011, demonstrated good examples of scrutiny.

The Chairman wished to thank the Chairman and Members of the Homelessness Task and Finish Group for their work and hoped that their recommendations would receive serious consideration.

The Performance and Development Portfolio Holder referred to recommendation 5 and section 5.40 which stated "Task Group Members were further informed that Care Leavers are eligible for exception for single room rates (Housing Benefit) up until the age of 21. There is discussion about this being increased to the age of 24 in line with leaving care legislation" It was his understanding that Welfare Reform would not change the rates, but extend them.

In response, the Director of Community Engagement confirmed that the issue referred to was not the cause of recent legislative changes.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder stated that the Executive welcomed submission of the final report and the time taken to compile it. Turning to the recommendations (as detailed above), he moved that:

- Recommendation 1 - be agreed
- Recommendation 2 - be agreed
- Recommendation 3 - be agreed
- Recommendation 4 - the authority should work with Cumbria County Council as suggested, and encourage the YMCA and Housing Associations (in addition to Riverside Carlisle) to also become involved
- Recommendation 5 - be agreed
- Recommendation 6 - be agreed
- Recommendation 7 - be agreed

In conclusion, the Portfolio Holder commented that the written response requested would take the form of a Minute Excerpt of this item of business.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive had considered the final report of the Homelessness Task and Finish Group attached to Report OS.12/12; and responded to the recommendations as detailed above.

Reasons for Decision

To respond to a reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

EX.043/12 INTERIM PLANNING STATEMENT - HOUSING

(Key Decision)

(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 Economic Development

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.017/12, the Planning Manager submitted report ED.13/12 concerning the need for an Interim Planning Policy Statement (IPPS) - Housing.

The Planning Manager reiterated that there continued to be clear evidence that the Council did not have a deliverable five year supply of housing, and the interim guidance would establish a basis upon which to consider any forthcoming planning applications until the Core Strategy was adopted.

The draft Statement had been the subject of consultation over a four week period and a summary of the responses received was attached at Appendix 2 to the report. Although the responses were generally positive in nature and welcomed the approach advocated by the City Council by the use of an interim statement, concerns had been received around deliverable supply; alignment with the Core Strategy; sequential approach, scale, housing need, sites within 1 km of the urban area boundary, not a prominent intrusion into open countryside; take account of vacant dwellings; issues relating to other policies; reference to Planning Policy Statements / National Planning Policy Framework; and other material considerations, details of which were provided.

He informed Members that the Interim Statement had been discussed with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel who proposed that, as it did not constitute a change to policy, the matter should not be included on the 5 April 2012 Panel Agenda.

The report stated that, having considered the points raised through consultation, only one change should be made to the Interim Statement to ensure that delivery of housing was more clearly taken into account. An additional sentence should therefore be inserted within the Statement to read:

"Proposals will be required to demonstrate that the site will be deliverable within the five year supply period relevant to the date of submission of a planning application."

The Planning Manager added that the policy would apply to all residential planning applications submitted on or after 2 May 2012 and may also be used as evidence to support any appeal challenges to decisions made where the planning application was submitted before that date. The impact of the Interim Policy on housing supply would be regularly reviewed in accordance with the requirements of PPS3 and would remain relevant guidance until the Council was able to pursue a plan led approach to housing provision through the LDF. An amended draft Interim Planning Statement - Housing was therefore attached at Appendix 1.

The Planning Manager further reported that, subsequent to preparation of the report, one additional response had been received from a local resident, and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) had been published. PPS3 had been superseded by the NPPF however provision of a five year supply was still required. An additional amendment would therefore be required to the first line of the Statement.

In response to questions from the Portfolio Holders for Environment and Housing, and Economic Development, the Planning Manager explained that Travellers and Gypsies would be dealt with separately. Responses / updates and meetings would take place with the Parish Councils.

The Economic Development Portfolio Holder said that the Council should be commended for the report. She had pleasure in moving the recommendation, subject to the additional amendment referred to above.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the draft Interim Planning Statement as amended (and including the further amendment detailed above) be approved; and that the Interim Statement be referred to Council on 1 May 2012 for use as a material planning document.

Reasons for Decision

In order to help address the current deficiencies in the five year supply of new housing

EX.044/12 CASTLE WAY CYCLE RAMP
(Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

The Director of Resources submitted report RD.01/12 concerning the Castle Way Cycle Ramp (also known as "Caldew Cycle Plan" in the Sainsbury Section 106 document) which was an integral part of the Carlisle Cycle Scheme.

He outlined the background to the matter, informing Members that construction of that element of the City cycle way scheme would conclude some 2,000 m of new cycle route built over the past three years from the new River Caldew bridge crossing at the southern end of Denton Street / Bousteads Grassing - north to Bridge Street (Castle Way). Unfortunately, however, the new railway crossing bridge at Bousteads, providing a much improved access to Currock and the south, could not be progressed due to withdrawal of Sustrans funding.

In conclusion, the Director of Resources requested the Executive to approve the release of Sainsbury Section 106 monies for the Castle Way Cycle Ramp and to include the project in the Capital Programme for 2012/13.

Whilst moving the recommendation, the Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder took the opportunity to emphasise that (with the exception of the new railway crossing bridge at Bousteads) all of the work requested by Sustrans had been completed without their assistance and prior to the 2013 deadline. He concluded that the authority should be commended for that achievement and moved the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive approved the release of Sainsbury Section 106 monies for the Castle Way Cycle Ramp and that the project be included in the Capital Programme for 2012/13.

Reasons for Decision

1. To discharge the City Council's obligations under the Section 106 Agreement
2. To provide a safer passage to Castle Way for cyclists and pedestrians alike

EX.045/12 PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS TO COUNCIL PROPERTY
(Key Decision)

Portfolio Governance and Resources

Subject Matter

The Director of Resources submitted report RD.97/11 concerning planned enhancements to Council property. He explained that the capital funded enhancements to council properties programme aimed to improve the condition of property assets, and to maintain and improve operational facilities. Priority was given to projects that had an impact on Health and Safety, efficiency and avoidance of consequential repairs.

The projects proposed for inclusion in the 2012/13 programme were:

1. Civic Centre - re-wiring and refurbishment of floor 1 office and civic areas (£85k)
2. Tullie House - re-covering of flat roof area and replacement of the glazed lantern light over the special exhibition area (£85k)
3. Guildhall Museum - replacement of cement render with lime render, repairs Fisher Street Evaluation (£10k)
4. West Walls - stone repairs and re-pointing of historic city wall (£10k)
5. Morton Community Centre - replacement of boilers (£30k)
6. Carlisle Crematorium - re-covering of flat roof (£20k)
7. Various properties - fixed wiring tests and re-wiring (£25k)

The Executive was therefore asked to approve the release of capital funding of £300,000 for the above planned enhancements to Council properties.

In response to a question from the Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder, the Director of Resources confirmed that Cumbria County Council leased floors three and four at the Civic Centre, and accordingly refurbishment thereof would be a matter for discussion with the County Council.

The Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder then moved the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive approved the release of capital funding of £300,000 for the Planned Enhancements to Council Properties to be spent as detailed at paragraph 1.2 of Report RD.97/11.

Reasons for Decision

1. To fulfil the Council's responsibilities for providing safe operation facilities for staff and the public

2. To protect the Council's investment in property assets
3. To improve the operational efficiency of the Council's property assets and reduce running costs
4. To protect Carlisle's heritage for future generations

EX.046/12 CASTLE STREET PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS
(Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted report LE.10/12 setting out proposals to undertake public realm improvements in Castle Street. He reminded Members that, some years before, comprehensive proposals had been developed for improvement of the City's Historic Quarter but, due to expected budget limitations, it had not been possible to implement all of those works. Although work in Castle Street and at two points on West Walls had taken place, proposals to enhance the junction at Annetwell Street / Abbey Street were shelved.

The City Council works in Castle Street had been completed apart from some traffic management works in the area costing an estimated £10,000 which awaited a traffic order from the County Council. Funding of £86,792 remained from the Castle Street Scheme after allowing for the traffic management works yet to be completed.

He outlined consultation undertaken to date, emphasising that it was proposed to consult again with those businesses directly involved to ensure they could operate during construction. The Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel had also expressed an interest during their meeting earlier in the day.

The Deputy Chief Executive proposed that Members agree to that surplus funding being used to carry out improvement works (estimated to cost £60,000) at the junction of Annetwell Street / Abbey Street as shown on the plan attached to the report. The proposed scheme had been endorsed by the County Council Highways and Transport Working Group.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder indicated that he welcomed submission of the report and had pleasure in moving the recommendation contained therein.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive agreed to the virement of the surplus funds from the Castle Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme to fund the following works in the City Centre:

£60,000 for enhancement works to the junction of Annetwell Street / Abbey Street as specified in paragraph 1.3(a) of Report LE.10/12.

Reasons for Decision

The enhancements to the junction of Annetwell Street / Abbey Street were originally included in the Castle Street enhancements but were deleted when cost estimates increased. Now that the Castle Street scheme had been completed below estimate funding was available to carry out the works originally proposed

EX.047/12 FORWARD PLAN (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-Cutting

Subject Matter

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 July 2012 was submitted for information.

KD.003/12 - Enterprise Centre - following publication of the Forward Plan the item was deemed to be a non-key decision which did not require a further decision of the Executive. The savings to be generated had been agreed previously as part of the 2012/13 budget process.

KD.011/12 - Events Guidance Document - the item has been deferred to allow for further work to be carried out on the report.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 July 2012 be noted.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.048/12 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Performance and Development

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 A, be received.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.049/12 JOINT MANAGEMENT TEAM
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-Cutting

Subject Matter

The Minutes of the meetings of the Joint Management Team held on 16 February and 1 March 2012 were submitted for information.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Joint Management Team held on 16 February and 1 March 2012, attached as Appendix B, be received.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

**EX.050/12 CUMBRIA HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-2015 AND THE
CARLISLE HOUSING STRATEGY 2012-16**
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

The Housing Development Officer submitted report CD.31/12 introducing the Cumbria Housing Strategy and Investment Plan 2011-2015, a copy of which was appended to the report.

He informed Members that the Cumbria Housing Strategy 2011-2015 had been produced by the Cumbria Housing Executive Group and would be monitored through five sub-groups and their respective action plans. The 2011-2015 county-wide document was based upon past proposals for a Local Investment Plan (LIP) for Cumbria, in which development funding from the Homes and Community Agency (HCA) was allocated through the LIP. Whilst the HCA continued to support a county-wide view, the principle purpose of the Strategy was the setting out of key housing principles and evidence, and to influence wider agendas to the benefit of all people across the county.

The Housing Development Officer added that Carlisle's Housing Strategy was the key focus for the City Council, having been produced in partnership through the Carlisle Housing Partnership and any resources, where viable and appropriate, would be committed through the Carlisle Housing Strategy and Delivery Plan.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder expressed his thanks to Officers and, in particular, to the Housing Development Officer for their work. He then moved that the report be noted.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive noted the content of Report CD.31/12.

Reasons for Decision

To acknowledge that the Cumbria Housing Strategy provided contextual support for the City Council's adopted Housing Strategy 2012-16

EX.051/12 CARLISLE CREMATORIUM EXTENSION
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted report LE.08/12 summarising the results of a lean systems review undertaken within Bereavement Services during 2011 as part of the Council's transformation process and the ongoing requirement for continuous improvement.

He informed Members that, in summary terms, the review had identified the needs of customers, the subsequent demands on operational systems and a way forward to redesign workflow which provided improved service delivery and financial savings to the Council. The main issue identified related to staff office accommodation and reception facilities for customers. It was apparent that the existing accommodation for the Bereavement Services Team Leader and administrative staff at the Richardson Street Cemetery lodge was cramped and not particularly suitable for meeting customer needs. In addition, the distance between that office and the Crematorium building situated over 750 metres away meant inefficiency in terms of high levels of travelling time between the two sites and a lack of co-ordination preventing flexible team working and the optimum use of staffing resources.

The solution was the bringing together of all staffing resources under one building (i.e. the Crematorium) to alleviate the above problems leading to future financial savings and offering up additional staffing capacity that could be invested in the ongoing training of funeral directors and the carrying out of necessary additional safety survey work on monuments in Cemeteries in general and disused graveyards in particular. In addition, lone site working may be kept to a minimum.

Accordingly the following two options were considered:

Option 1 - construction of an extension to the existing front office in the entrance foyer of the Crematorium, with no independent access and in view of the most sensitive area of the building in terms of conducting funeral services - estimated cost being £35,000 (excluding independent parking)

Option 2 - add an extension onto the rear of the building in the service yard (which would require internal re-working of existing staff facilities). That would provide better independent access for customers in an area where independent parking facilities could be provided away from the focus of funerals at the entrance to the Crematorium - estimated cost being £60,000 including the provision of independent parking

The Deputy Chief Executive further advised that, following consultation with staff and funeral directors, Option 2 was the preferred way forward. Although that option involved higher one-off construction costs, it offered greater customer focus which was the primary reason for its recommendation. He added that outline planning permission had been granted for that extension and associated external works which would be project managed by the Facilities Unit with works substantially undertaken by in-house operational staff. Members' attention was also drawn to the financial implications of the proposed extension.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder was delighted by submission of the report which would facilitate the provision of better accommodation for customers and staff. He therefore moved the recommendations as recorded.

Summary of options rejected Option 1 as detailed within Report LE.08/12

DECISION

That the Executive approved:

1. the Option 2 proposal outlined in paragraph 1.4 of Report LE.08/12 in relation to the provision of a Crematorium extension.
2. the virement of £60,000 from revenue budgets as detailed in Section 2 of the report.

Reasons for Decision

The cost of the proposal was in excess of £35,000 and was therefore subject to Executive approval

**EX.052/12 CUMBRIA STRATEGIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP'S
ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP WORKING PROJECT STAGE 2
UPDATE**
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted report LE.01/12 providing an update on Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership's Enhanced Partnership Working Project.

He reminded Members that they had, on 26 July 2011 (Minute EX.086/11) given consideration to report LE.13/11 detailing the conclusions of Stage 1 of the Project. The Stage 2 report, which provided details of the ten project elements as identified in Stage 1, was discussed by delegated members at the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership's meeting on 23 November 2011 when the following project elements were approved for further development:

Element 1 - Maximising the benefits of spare capacity at MBT facilities

Element 2 - Opportunities for trade waste

Element 3 - Maximising income from the sale of recyclables

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined the current position with regard to the above three elements. He advised that elements 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 may be developed at a later date. At the Cumbrian Strategic Waste Partnership meeting on 23 November 2011 uncertainty existed regarding project elements 7 and 8. The main concern surrounded the scale of the savings quoted in the report and the realisation that some members would not be able to participate due to contractual arrangements.

In conclusion, the Deputy Chief Executive recommended that the Executive receive the Stage 2 report; approve the development of the elements identified as live projects; and delegate authority to the Director of Governance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to enter into a Partnership Agreement as appropriate to further the approved project element 3.

The Leader moved that the wording of recommendation (iii) be clarified to read:

"That the Executive delegates authority to the Directors of Governance and Local Environment, in consultation with the Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder, to enter into a partnership agreement as appropriate to further the approved project element 3."

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder said that the matter had been ongoing for some time. He moved recommendations (i), (ii) and (iii) as amended.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

(i) received the Stage 2 report of the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership's Enhanced Partnership Working Project.

(ii) approved the development of the elements that had been identified as live projects.

(iii) delegates authority to the Directors of Governance and Local Environment, in consultation with the Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder, to enter into a Partnership Agreement as appropriate to further the approved project element 3.

Reasons for Decision

To increase the opportunity to bridge the funding gap should the proposed reduction in payments for recycling be implemented by Cumbria County Council from the current rate of Recycling Reward to the statutory minimum payment

PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph number (as indicated in brackets against each minute) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

EX.053/12 EDEN GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

(Key Decision)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraphs 3 and 4)

(With the consent of the Chairman, and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, this item was included on the Agenda as a Key Decision, although not in the Forward Plan)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted private report LE.11/12 concerning Eden Garden Waste Collection.

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined the background to the matter, informing Members that Eden District Council wished to terminate the current agreement with Carlisle City Council to provide green waste collection by mutual consent on 30 June 2012. He further explained why it was considered that continuation with the service was not in Carlisle's interests.

In light of the above, it was recommended that the Executive agree to the termination by mutual consent of the Agreement between Carlisle City Council and Eden District Council for the provision by Carlisle City Council of Garden Waste Collections in the District of Eden; the termination date to be 30 June 2012 on such terms to be agreed by the Director of Local Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Housing.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder then moved the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

1. That the Executive agreed to the termination by mutual consent of the Agreement between Carlisle City Council and Eden District Council for the provision by Carlisle City Council of Garden Waste Collections in the District of Eden.

2. The termination date to be 30 June 2012 on such terms to be agreed by the Director of Local Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Housing.

Reasons for Decision

As detailed within Report LE.11/12

EX.054/12 HERBERT ATKINSON HOUSE

(Key Decision)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(With the consent of the Chairman, and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, this item was included on the Agenda as a Key Decision, although not in the Forward Plan)

Portfolio Cross-Cutting

Subject Matter

Councillor Ellis, having declared a personal interest, took part in discussions on this item of business.

The Director of Resources submitted private report RD.02/12 concerning a proposal to purchase Herbert Atkinson House for Arts and Museum Service purposes.

He reminded Members that they had on 16 January 2012 (Minute EX.014/12) agreed a land / property exchange between the City Council and the County Council to facilitate future redevelopment opportunities and consolidate property ownership in the Historic Quarter for the Arts and Museum Service. Although the proposed land / property exchange would be delayed, the County Council was very keen for the City Council to purchase Herbert Atkinson House outwith that exchange deal.

The Director of Resources set out details of the proposal, together with the current position and recommended that the Executive approve the purchase, subject to agreement being reached with Cumbria County Council on a price that reflected the shared risk if the land / property swap agreed by the Executive on 16 January 2012 fell through. The purchase being subject to recommendation of terms and conditions by the Property Services Manager and final approval by the Leader.

The Director of Resources and the Director of Governance then responded to Members' questions.

Following discussion, the Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations as detailed on the report.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive approved the purchase of Herbert Atkinson House for Arts and Museum Services purposes, subject to agreement being reached with Cumbria County Council on a price that reflected the shared risk if the land / property swap agreed by the Executive on 16 January fell through.

The purchase being subject to recommendation of the terms and conditions by the Property Services Manager and final approval by the Leader.

Reasons for Decision

To decide whether property transactions are progressed

(The meeting ended at 2.43 pm)