

# STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## EXECUTIVE MINUTES

**Date: Wednesday, 10 March 2021**

**Time: 1.00pm**

**Place: Virtual (via Zoom)**

**Present:** Councillors: Sharon Taylor OBE CC (Chair), Mrs Joan Lloyd (Vice-Chair), Lloyd Briscoe, Rob Broom, John Gardner, Richard Henry, Jackie Hollywell and Jeannette Thomas.

**Also Present:** Councillors Phil Bibby CC and Robin Parker CC (observers).

**Start / End** Start Time: 1.00pm  
**Time:** End Time: 5.49pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no apologies for absence.

There were no declarations on interest.

### 2 MINUTES - 10 FEBRUARY 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 10 February 2021 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

### 3 MINUTES OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND SELECT COMMITTEES

The Executive considered the Minutes of the meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 16 January 2021 and 17 February 2021.

In relation to the Allotment holders issue raised at the 17 February meeting, the Chair asked that the information provided by the Green Spaces & Environmental Performance Manager be posted on the Council's website.

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Minutes of meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees be noted:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 26 January 2021

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 17 February 2021

### 4 COVID-19 UPDATE

The Executive considered a presentation providing an update on the Covid-19 pandemic from the Strategic Director (RP), assisted by other officers. The presentation covered national updates; national and local vaccination updates;

Covid-19 Hertfordshire and Stevenage data; Stevenage confirmed cases; Young people case rates; the latest from the Hertfordshire Local Resilience Forum; Stevenage updates; and Budget updates (Business Support summary/support grants).

The following issues were raised during the presentation:

- As at 5 March 2021, 23,857 Stevenage residents had received the first dose of the Coronavirus vaccine. Officers were requested to report to the next meeting of the Coronavirus Emergency Committee with a breakdown of this figure by age group;
- The Local Resilience Forum had been asked to provide clarity of information in respect of the differing vaccination systems operated by large test centre and local GP surgeries, particularly in terms of the communication of dates for second doses of the vaccine;
- It was confirmed that there was a countywide publicity campaign reminding all residents about the importance of being vaccinated against Covid-19;
- Officers undertook to request information showing a breakdown between the number of Stevenage residents who had been vaccinated at The Robertson House Mass Vaccination Centre and those who had been vaccinated at the Local GP surgeries;
- It was clarified that SBC would be re-opening Play Areas in the town as soon as it was Covid-safe to do so (a decision which would be based on a sufficiently low R-rate regarding transmission of the virus); and
- The Chair requested officers to report to the next meeting of the Coronavirus Emergency Committee with detailed statistics regarding individuals who had received the £500 test and trace support payment if told to isolate because of Covid-19.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Covid-19 update be noted.

## **5 THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT ON BIODIVERSITY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT: ADOPTION**

The Executive considered a report regarding the outcome of consultation on the draft Impact of Development on Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), and seeking approval to the adoption of the final version of the SPD.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration advised that there had been 29 consultation responses on the draft SPD, as summarised in Appendix B to the report. Where appropriate, the SPD had been amended to reflect views/comments expressed by consultees. The main updates to the document following consultation were:

- Change to nomenclature i.e. The Biodiversity Metric 2.0, Natural England 2019 to account for ongoing upgrades in the future;
- Clarification of relationship of species information with regard to the Metric; and
- Removal of Maps at Figures 5 and 6.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration stated that, if adopted, the

SPD would help to advise and set out the steps that developers should follow in order to calculate the amount of compensation that needed to be provided. The final SPD document would form a material consideration in the determination of future planning applications.

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the outcomes of the draft Impact of Development on Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) consultation exercise be noted.
2. That delegated powers be granted to the Assistant Director (Planning & Regulation), following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration, to make minor amendments as are necessary in the final preparation of the Impact of Development on Biodiversity SPD prior to its publication.
3. That the Impact of Development on Biodiversity SPD be adopted as a material consideration for planning applications.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

## **6 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT: ADOPTION**

The Executive considered a report regarding the outcome of consultation on the draft SBC Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), and seeking approval to the adoption of the final version of the SPD.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration advised that there had been 33 consultation responses on the draft SPD, as summarised in Appendix B to the report. Where appropriate, the SPD had been amended to reflect views/comments expressed by consultees. The main updates to the document following consultation were:

- Including more detail about Viability Assessments and Reviews;
- Including reference to the importance of cross-boundary infrastructure funding;
- Amending wording that could potentially have led to uncertainty about when Hertfordshire County Council might seek Section 106 contributions;
- Including more detail about the Stevenage Works partnership and the SPD's requirement for developers to provide apprenticeship and employment opportunities; and
- Including the use of Unilateral Agreements instead of S106 agreements where the drafting and agreeing of a S106 agreement would cause undue costs and delay to development.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration stated that, if adopted, the SPD would help to advise developers when they would be expected to provide infrastructure (or financial contributions in-lieu of on-site provision) in addition to paying a Community Infrastructure Levy charge. The final SPD document would

form a material consideration in the determination of future planning applications.

In response to a Member's question regarding viability studies, the Principal Planning Officer advised that the process was not skewed towards the acceptance at face value of land value figures provided by developers. By using a standardised methodology, the Council was able to obtain a value per square metre based on the existing use of the land, together with an element of uplift for a use of the land that could be permitted by planning permission, as well as a premium for landowners as to what they could rightfully expect to be paid should they wish to sell the land for development.

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the outcomes of the draft SBC Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) consultation exercise be noted.
2. That delegated powers be granted to the Assistant Director (Planning & Regulation), following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration, to make minor amendments as are necessary in the final preparation of the SBC Developer Contributions SPD prior to its publication.
3. That the SBC Developer Contributions SPD be adopted as a material consideration for planning applications.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

## **7 HOUSING FIRST APPROACH - STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Executive considered a report which provided an update on the Council's Housing First approach to accommodate rough sleepers, and options for implementing the Housing First approach for the 2021/22 financial year, for the purposes of assessing its viability beyond the current "protect directive" for the medium to long term.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health & Older People advised that the Housing First approach reflected the Council's aims, as stated within the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019-2024, and would result in an improvement of the type of accommodation provided to applicants and a reduction in total costs, by preventing the need to continue to accommodate rough sleepers in bed and breakfast accommodation.

The Housing Operations Manager (Providing Homes) gave a slide presentation on the report. She commented that there were three re-housing pathways identified for rough sleeper applicants, subject to low, medium and high support needs. The Housing First provision would seek to provide 32 units/rooms to be managed by the Council - these units were owned by the Council and could be utilised to make best use of stock.

The Housing Operations Manager (Providing Homes) explained that, as the scheme

currently stood, it would be necessary to secure grant funding in order to meet operating costs. If the benefit recovery was lower and/or grant funding was not made available, the Council would either need to reallocate significant General Fund resources in order to fully deliver the Housing First Model or acknowledge that full implementation was not possible within existing resources. Officers would be approaching the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, as well as Hertfordshire County Council, to seek to secure the necessary grant funding for the scheme to be fully provided year on year.

The Executive supported an additional recommendation requesting the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health & Older People to draft a letter to the Housing Minister outlining SBC's plans and the requirement for further funding to support the delivery of a sustainable Housing First model over the medium to longer term, stating that whilst the Council was grateful for the funding already received that only allowed for the provision of this offer for 12 months, and even then this was subsidised, and stressing that further funding would be required to eradicate rough sleeping in Stevenage.

The Executive further supported an amendment to Recommendation 2.2.3 in the report pointed out by the Strategic Director (CF), in that the figure of £248,381.49 for funding of the scheme from the 2021/22 Covid finance settlement should read £214,540.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the support provided to homeless households during the Covid-19 restrictions, March – July 2020, November to December 2020 & the most recent national restrictions from January 2021 be noted.
2. That the additional bid submission to the Government “Rough Sleeper Initiative 4” of £341,381.49 to mitigate the cost of the Housing First model relating to the period 2021/2022 be noted.
3. That it be noted that Officers will continue to seek funding from Hertfordshire County Council and Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government to support the unfunded cost of the prevent directive.
4. That the on-going work to implement a Housing First model that mitigates the cost to the General Fund be noted.
5. That the allocation of the Government funding of £500,831, as set out in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 to the report, to support the homeless functions during 2020/21 and 2021/22, be approved.
6. That the Housing First Approach for rough sleepers, for up to the next 12 months, as set out in Appendix 4 to the report, be approved.
7. That the use of up to £214,540 from the 2021/22 Covid finance settlement funding, to fund the net cost to the General Fund (subject to the level of grant funding received, as set out in Paragraph 5.1.12 of the report) for 12 months, be approved.

8. That the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health & Older People be requested to draft a letter to the Housing Minister outlining SBC's plans and requirement for further funding to support a sustainable model over the medium to longer term, stating that whilst the Council is grateful for the funding already received that only allowed for the provision of this offer for 12 months, and even then this is subsidised, and stressing that further funding would be required to eradicate rough sleeping in Stevenage.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report; and 8. To urge the Government to provide a longer-term sustainable funding solution for the housing of rough sleepers. Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

## **8 COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2021 - 2024**

The Executive considered a report seeking endorsement of the proposed final Community Safety Strategy 2021-2024, for onward recommendation to Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Communities & Equalities advised that, following the Executive's comments expressed at its February 2021 meeting when the draft Community Safety Strategy was considered, the document had been revised to reflect concerns in relation to speeding vehicles.

The Executive supported an amendment to the Strategy proposed by the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Communities & Equalities. The amendment concerned the addition of the words "further promote" to the third objective in the Strategy so that it now read "promote reporting of hate crime and further promote equality in the community".

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the proposed final Community Safety Strategy (the Strategy) accompanying the report as Appendix A, and as amended, be approved, noting its focus on the work of the SoSafe partnership.
2. That the decision taken in 1. above be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration, in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules in the Council's Constitution.
3. That, once the proposed Final Strategy has been recommended for adoption by the Executive and reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it be referred to Council for consideration, in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules in the Council's Constitution.
4. That the Chief Executive, in his capacity as Chair of the SoSafe Partnership, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Community Safety & Equalities, be authorised to make changes to the Strategy post consideration by the Executive.
5. That it be noted that implementation of the Strategy (once approved in

accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules) will be achieved through co-operative working with communities and key partners through the activities of the Joint Action Group and overseen by the Responsible Authorities Group.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

## **9 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - QUARTER THREE 2020/21**

The Executive considered a report highlighting the Council's performance across key priorities and themes for Quarter Three 2020/21.

The Chief Executive gave a slide presentation on the report. By way of introduction, he commented that in spite of Covid-19, the Council had generally maintained good progress in respect of its Future Town Future Council (FTFC) and Corporate Performance Indicators. However, a number of the PIs had been affected by the Covid-19 situation throughout the first three Quarters of 2020/21, a situation which was likely to remain for at least the remainder of that year.

The Chief Executive referred to a number of the performance highlights achieved by the Council during Quarter Three of 2020/21.

The Chief Executive advised that, of the 13 FTFC PIs, 7 were green; 1 was amber; 3 were red; and 2 were not available. In relation to the 41 Corporate PIs, 25 were green; 4 were amber; 7 were red; and 4 were not available. The amber, red and not available PIs were primarily due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Chief Executive went through the reasons for the amber, red and not available PIs, together with planned measures for their improvement, all as detailed in the report.

A Member pointed out that whilst Recommendation 2.7 in the report requested the endorsement of proposals to further improve website satisfaction, the report contained no such proposals. It was therefore agreed that this recommendation would be amended so that these proposals would be provided to Executive and Overview & Scrutiny Committee Members via a Briefing Note.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the delivery of priorities which form the Future Town, Future Council Programme and performance of the Council across the key themes for Quarter Three 2020/21, together with the latest achievements, be noted.
2. That the impacts of the Government Directive on the provision of accommodation for "rough sleepers" during the Covid-19 Pandemic are noted (Paragraphs 3.60 to 3.67 of the report).
3. That the impact of the Government Directive on evictions during the course of COVID-19, as well as the effects of the Pandemic generally, on the Council's

Housing Options Service (Paragraphs 3.68 to 3.72 of the report and considered further in the Housing First report elsewhere on the agenda for the meeting) be noted.

4. That the impacts of Universal Credit and COVID-19 on rent collection rate be noted and action plans endorsed (Paragraphs 3.73 to 3.81 of the report).
5. That the impacts of COVID-19 on the Council's ability to deliver against the following key performance areas and, where appropriate the improvement actions outlined against them, as identified in the Paragraphs in the report outlined below, be noted:
  - Job Creation/New Business Start Up through the Business Technology Centre (Paragraphs 3.88 to 3.90);
  - Food establishment compliance checks (Paragraphs 3.91 to 3.92);
  - Letting of council garages (Paragraphs 3.95 to 3.99);
  - Collection of Council Tax (Paragraphs 3.105 to 3.106); and
  - Ability to identify and remove Housing Revenue Account/General Fund savings (Paragraphs 3.107 to 3.110).
6. That the level of void loss and how sheltered void properties and major works impact the void loss be noted, and improvement activities be endorsed (Paragraphs 3.82 to 3.87 of the report).
7. That the proposals to further improve website satisfaction be provided to Members of the Executive and Overview & Scrutiny Committee by way of a Briefing Note.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report; and 7. To provide Members with proposals for the improvement of website satisfaction.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

## **10 3RD QUARTER REVENUE MONITORING REPORT - GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2020/21**

The Executive considered a report in respect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter General Fund and Housing Revenue Account monitoring report 2020/21.

The Strategic Director (CF) advised that, in terms of the General Fund, budget monitoring had identified a £157,000 decrease in the projected outturn compared to the monitoring position at Quarter 2. This was broken down into a net £186,000 favourable impact on day to day operations (including costs avoided as a result of the COVID pandemic), which included:

- £51,000 increase in Development Income due to a rise in both monthly planning applications and Major applications which had been submitted, which attracted larger fees;



- £65,000 net underspend on staffing due to vacancies across the Council;
- £40,000 of deferred expenditure on the Residential and Star surveys, which had been delayed until 2021/22; and
- £40,000 reduced expenditure as the Aqua Park/Golf had had periods of closure, in line with restriction put in place through local and national lockdowns.

The Strategic Director (CF) commented that included within the above position was a request to carry forward £40,000 to fund the Commercial Officer post and a request to transfer £8,000 to the Income Equalisation Reserve in case the Bulky Waste pricing trial led to a reduction in income levels.

The Strategic Director (CF) explained that the COVID losses had increased by £194,000 since the position reported in February 2021, of which £165,000 related to a lower parking income projection due to the first ease in restrictions being 12 April 2021. The COVID funding had increased by £166,000 due to:

- £113,000 increase in Income guarantee scheme funding;
- £27,000 Housing Benefit one-off increase in admin subsidy ; and
- £26,000 Track and Trace admin costs.

The Strategic Director (CF) reported that the General Fund balances, as at 31 March 2021, and following the impact of the Quarter 3 movements, were projected to be £4.678Million.

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), the Strategic Director (CF) advised that the 3rd Quarter monitoring position highlighted an unspent budget of £786,000. However, there were requests to carry forward budgets totalling £834,000 into 2021/22 which meant that the net change in HRA balances was a decrease of £48,000. The carry forward requests included:

- £282,000 relating to the cost of decanting tenants to allow for the redevelopment of the Kenilworth site;
- £300,000 of building safety budget to implement the recently agreed legislation from the National Building safety review;
- £200,000 of electrical testing budget which was unspent as works had been curtailed in line with the National guidance during lockdowns; and
- £52,000 for project design fees in Housing Development.

The Strategic Director (CF) reported that the HRA balances, at 31 March 2021, and following the impact of the Quarter 3 movements, were projected to be £23.851Million.

It was **RESOLVED:**

#### General Fund

1. That the 2020/21 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter General Fund projected net decrease in expenditure of £157,000, as summarised in Paragraph 4.4.4 of the report, be approved.

2. That the progress of the 2020/21 approved savings, growth bid and carry forwards be noted.
3. That the new carry forward requests of £40,000, as set out in Paragraph 4.2.15 of the report, be approved.
4. That the additional Covid losses and grants received, as set out in Section 4.4 of the report, be noted.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

5. That the 2020/21 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter decrease in the net HRA surplus of £48,000, be approved.
6. That the progress of the 2020/21 approved savings, growth bids and carry forward requests be noted.
7. That the new carry forward requests of £834,000, as set out in Section 4.7 of the report, be approved.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

**11 3RD QUARTER CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT - GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2020/21**

The Executive considered a report in respect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Capital General Fund and Housing Revenue Account monitoring report 2020/21.

The Strategic Director (CF) advised that the updated projected spend for the 2020/21 General Fund Capital Programme at Quarter 3 was £20.128Million, a decrease of £750,000, with a corresponding increase of £782,000 for 2021/22, giving a £18.182Million programme.

The Strategic Director (CF) explained that the £750,000 net decrease in capital expenditure for 2020/21 included £646,000 of slippage on project expenditure which would now be incurred in 2021/22:

- £427,000 of planned expenditure on IT projects;
- £118,000 of expenditure across Finance and Estates at the Depot, Business and Technology Centre and Community Centres; and
- £60,000 of expenditure across Arts and Leisure, Pin Green Play Centre and The Boathouse.

It was noted that the remaining £104,000 net underspend was partly due to underspends on works at the Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre, Swim Centre, and Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre.

In respect of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), the Strategic Director (CF)

reported that the updated projection for the 2020/21 HRA Capital Programme was £26.762Million, a budget decrease of £4.838Million since the position presented in the Final Capital Strategy report to Council in February 2021. There was an increased budget requirement of £4.487Million in 2021/22.

The Strategic Director (CF) explained that the £4.838Million budget reduction in 2020/21 was due to the following:

- £4.059Million on the Capital Programme for works to the existing stock. This was largely due to the impact of Covid restrictions, where works had been halted due to the National restrictions. These works were now due for completion in 2021/22. The projections were not completed until after the Capital Strategy had been published for the February 2021 Executive meeting;
- £350,000 for the New Development budget, which represented 3.5% of the overall budget of £9.9Million; and
- £429,000 of ICT expenditure related to the HRA.

The Strategic Director (CF) reported that, to date, there had been 20 right to buy sales with a further 7 forecast before the end of the financial year.

The Strategic Director (CF) commented that the Decent Homes Programme formed a large part of the ongoing investment programme of the HRA. The number of properties where works had been carried out to bring the property up to the decent homes standard in 2020/21 was 271 to the end of December 2020, against an in-year target of 327 to the same period. The target for the 2020/21 remained at 557 properties in total. Due to COVID restrictions, only essential works were being carried out within the housing stock, which had had an impact on achieving the 2020/21 target. If restrictions were lifted by the new financial year, the Service was looking to make up for the shortfall this year.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the 2020/21 General Fund Capital Programme net decrease in expenditure of £570,000, as summarised in Table One and detailed in Section 4.2 of the report, be approved.
2. That the £232,000 growth for additional investment in vehicles, as detailed in Paragraph 4.2.3 of the report, be approved and added to the Capital Programme for 2021/22.
3. That the 2021/22 General Fund Capital Programme net increase in expenditure of £728,000 (including the growth in 2. above), as summarised in Table One and detailed in Section 4.2 of the report, be approved.
4. That the 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme slippage of £4.838Million, as summarised in Table Six and referred to in Section 4.6 of the report, be approved.
5. That the 2021/22 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme net increase in expenditure of £4.487Million, as summarised in Table Six and referred to in

Section 4.6 of the report, be approved.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

## 12 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

The Chair accepted the following items of urgent Part I business.

(i) Margaret Ashby

The Chair had the sad duty to report that Margaret Ashby, a well-known local historian, had passed away in the Lister Hospital on Monday, 8 March 2021. The Chair paid tribute to Margaret, and stated that she had written many excellent books chronicling the social history of Stevenage, and had also been a fervent environmental campaigner (including a member of Friends of Forster Country). She knew that Margaret would be sorely and sadly missed.

(ii) Town Deal

The Chair referred to the recent excellent news that Stevenage had been awarded Town Deal funding of £37.5Million by the Government following the approval of the Town Investment Plan submitted by the Stevenage Development Board. She commented that this Board, chaired independently by Adrian Hawkins OBE, comprised representatives from organisations including SBC, HCC and Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, as well as other partnership bodies and local major businesses.

The Chair advised that the Town Investment Plan contained a variety of schemes, including regeneration, cultural/leisure and skills/employment projects, for which business cases would need to be developed in the next year in order to draw down the £37.5Million earmarked by the Government.

The Chair thanked Adrian Hawkins, together with fellow Board Members and the SBC Regeneration Team, for their exceptional work over the past year which had resulted in the successful award of funding for the Town. The award of this funding was well timed to support the ongoing Covid recovery efforts.

## 13 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
2. That the reasons for the following reports being in Part II were accepted, and that the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein

outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

#### **14 FRAMEWORK FOR THE SUPPLY OF AGENCY WORKERS**

The Executive considered a Part II report seeking approval to a Framework for the Provision of Agency Workers.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation set out in the report, together with an additional recommendation proposed during the debate, be approved.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report*

#### **15 SG1 ACCELERATION**

The Executive considered a Part II report regarding an update on the progress of the SG1 project, and work carried out to review opportunities to accelerate the delivery of future phases of the project.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations set out in the report be approved.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

#### **16 APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR AT DUNN CLOSE**

The Executive considered a Part II report seeking the appointment of a Principal Contractor for the Dunn Close development scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations set out in the report be approved.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in report.*

*Other Options considered: As contained in report.*

#### **17 URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.

#### **CHAIR**