

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

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Deadline for Call-in: 5pm on 28 September 2017

The decisions on the following page were taken by the Management Committee on 19 September 2017

A request for call-in must be received by the Democratic Services Officer by 5 pm on Thursday 28 September 2017 . A request may be made by any Councillor who is not a member of the Management Committee.

The request for call-in will be referred to the Monitoring Officer who will determine whether the call in is procedurally correct.

The procedure to be followed to submit a call-in request is as follows:

- (a) It must be in writing specifying the details of the decision to which it relates.
- (b) It must state the reasons for the call-in which must be:-
 - That the decision taken was outside of the Policy Framework, or
 - That the decision taken was outside of the Budget agreed by the Full Council, or
 - That the decision taken was not delegated to the decision taker.
- (c) The request for call-in must give brief evidence as to why the decision should be called in for one of the above reasons.

For further information or advice please contact Kate Critchel, Democratic Services Officer k.critchel@westdoret.gov.uk or Stuart Caundle, Monitoring Officer scaundle@north-dorset.gov.uk

DECISIONS:-

6 CONSIDERATION OF ONCE-OFF FUNDING TO PURCHASE TWO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

- (i) That the committee agrees to the release of up to £450,000 from capital receipts to fund the acquisition of two residential properties within the Borough for use as short-term temporary accommodation.
- (ii) In order to speed up the offer and purchase process, that the Chief Executive's current delegated authority should be used to proceed with the purchase of suitable properties, in consultation with the Head of Housing, the Housing Briefholder, the Finance and Assets Briefholder and Section 151 Officer.
- (iii) That the council's Steering Group for Democratic Improvement be asked at its earliest opportunity to consider that new delegations be added to the council's Scheme of Delegation as follows:

Delegations to the Head of Housing

In consultation with the Housing Briefholder and Section 151 Officer, and subject to funding having been agreed, to purchase properties suitable for short term temporary accommodation.

Manage a portfolio of owned and leased temporary accommodation.

Offer occupation agreements to homeless households in owned and leased accommodation.

Set charges for owned and leased accommodation.

- (iv) That Management Committee agrees to the release of up to £16,000 from the Direct Leasing Reserve in order to equip and furnish the two properties prior to their being let.

7 ADDRESSING ISSUES AFFECTING THE RESIDENTS OF MELCOMBE REGIS

- (i) That the committee endorse the five objectives for the Ward proposed by the Melcombe Regis Board.
- (ii) That the Head of Housing be authorised to progress work necessary to develop a discretionary licensing scheme for the Melcombe Regis Ward in accordance with Section 80 of the Housing Act 2004, designed to deliver the agreed objectives for its residents.
- (iii) That the Head of Housing be requested to present to a future Management Committee a fully costed, risk assessed proposal for the licensing of privately

rented housing within Melcombe Regis, this proposal to have been reviewed by the Policy Committee prior to the Management Committee agreeing to the commencement of any formal consultation exercise.

8 PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY SAFETY ACCREDITATION SCHEME IN WEYMOUTH TOWN CENTRE

- (i) To support in principle the introduction of a Community Safety Accreditation Scheme in Weymouth town centre for an initial period of two years.
- (ii) To request that officers, in conjunction with Dorset Police and other agencies, develop a costed proposal and report the financial implications back to a future meeting of the committee.

10 TREASURY OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17

That changes to the treasury portfolio be received and noted.

11 INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

- (i) That the progress being made in order to comply with the requirement to the new General Data Protection Regulations be noted;
- (ii) That £50,000 be set aside from reserves for once off projects to fund data preparation work.

12 LOCAL BUSINESS REVALUATION SUPPORT SCHEME

- (i) That the Business Rates Revaluation Support Scheme as set out at Appendix 1 be adopted.
- (ii) That any under spend in 2017/18 to be used to provide additional support for struggling businesses and that approval of such cases be delegated to the Head of Revenues & Benefits in consultation with the Finance & Assets Briefholder.
- (iii) That a further report be submitted later in the year recommending a scheme for 2018/19.

13 IMPLEMENTING THE BROWNFIELD LAND REGISTER

14 MEMO PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

That £50,000 be allocated from revenues set aside for once off projects, to financially contribute towards the £1.6 million cost of developing the MEMO project.

15 ASSET MANAGEMENT - HOTELS

- (i) That authority be delegated to officers to negotiate the surrender of existing hotel leases drafted on internal repairing terms and the grant of new Full Repairing and Insuring replacement leases of sufficient duration to enable private sector investment in the individual businesses, underpinned by robust individual business plans;
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Briefholder for Assets and Finance and the Section 151 Officer, to review the Council's hotels and to instigate appropriate action to diversify and improve the overall tourist accommodation offer in the borough, including taking back leases and/or changing use where appropriate, undertaking or enabling capital investment, re-letting or disposal;
- (iii) That a suitable mechanism be put into place to report back to the Management Committee or Scrutiny & Performance Committee as appropriate, on any decision relating to taking back leases/changing use, re-letting or disposal.
- (iv) To otherwise retain the current hotel policy in respect of the remaining hotels subject to amendments listed at paragraph 14 set out in the report to Management Committee on 19 September 2017.
- (v) To permit flexible use of existing budgets to achieve accommodation stock improvements.

16 MEMBER AND OFFICER INDEMNITIES

18 OUTSIDE BODIES REPORT

That Councillor L Hamilton be appointed as a reserve council representative on the Dorset Waste Partnership Scrutiny Group.

20 URGENT BUSINESS

21 EXEMPT BUSINESS

- (i) That the contract with North Quay Weymouth Limited (NQWL) be rescinded;
- (ii) That a report be presented to a future meeting of the Management Committee detailing the options available for the disposal of the site.

22 WEYMOUTH PENINSULA DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE

- (i) That the progress with the redevelopment of the peninsula be noted;
- (ii) That the potential need for the scheme to involve some level of public sector investment to assist viability depending on the delivery strategy selected;

- (iii) That £5000,000 be allocated from capital receipts to enable the scheme to be progressed by undertaking a range of further preparatory work including:
 - (a) Progress the scheme design and secure outline planning consent;
 - (b) Formal Marketing of initial elements to secure pre-let and/or pre-sales of initial units;
 - (c) Secure specialist legal advice and professional services to support the further development of the scheme;
 - (d) Financial appraisal of the harbour investment proposals from the Fisher report;
 - (e) Undertake further financial modelling and development of funding options for the “Borrow & Retain” option set out in the report to Management Committee on 19 September 2017.
- (iv) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (M Hamilton), in consultation with the section 151 Officer, to progress all matters arising in item (iii) above.
- (v) That appropriate governance arrangements be set out and reported back to a future meeting of the Management Committee.

23 NORTH QUAY

- (i) That the contract with North Quay Weymouth Limited (NQWL) be rescinded;
- (ii) That a report be presented to a future meeting of the Management Committee detailing the options available for the disposal of the site.