

EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2024 starting at 8.30 am

Present:

Councillor Colin Smith (Chairman)
Councillors Kate Lymer (Vice-Chairman), Yvonne Bear,
Nicholas Bennett J.P., Angela Page, Diane Smith and
Will Rowlands

157 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christopher Marlow.

158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no additional declarations of interest.

159 CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR HEATING SYSTEM AT THE FORMER MARJORIE MCCLURE SCHOOL PREMISES

This item was withdrawn.

160 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND Report HPR2024/013

The Council had been earmarked an indicative allocation of £13.9m towards housing schemes, subject to a compliant grant application, from the Department of Levelling up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Round 3. The report summarised how the grant would be allocated to meet the Council's needs, whilst also being compliant within the grant agreement. In addition, the report set out how additional funding could be utilised if funding applied for beyond the earmarked allocation was secured through DLUHC.

The report was scrutinised by the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee on 17 April 2024 and the Committee supported the proposals.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) **The acceptance of DLUHC LAHF Round 3 funding estimated at up to £27.4m (made up of an indicative allocation of £13.9m and a request for a further £13.5m) for the schemes set out in paragraph 3.5 be approved, noting some schemes will require further reports; and the Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to sign and execute all relevant legal documents arising in connection with acceptance of the LAHF.**

- 2) **Based on the Council's request for funding being approved, as detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the report:**
- (a) **The addition of Manorfields to the Capital Programme at a value of £5.2m be approved; officers will then proceed to procurement via an officer gateway for a multidisciplinary team to design the major repair and refurbishment of Manorfields into Transitional Accommodation. The funding for the Manorfields scheme will be met by LAHF grant of £4.313k, with the balance of £888k to come from the existing OPR capital programme budget.**
 - (b) **The appointment of two Senior Project Managers to support the delivery of the schemes set out for a fixed term of two years be approved. These posts will be financed by the Revenue funding in the grant of £111k supplemented by capitalised funding allocated to the relevant schemes.**
 - (c) **An increase in the Council's capital programme budget of £638k towards the purchase of a four-bed settlement unit be approved. This will be funded through £284k of LAHF grant, with the balance of £354k to be met from capital programme resources. Note that this purchase is required to meet the grant requirements, and none of the grant can be secured without meeting this DLUHC requirement. And subject to this, approve the purchase of this property, delegating any related decisions to the Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing.**

**161 LEISURE CENTRE MAJOR WORKS PROGRAMME -
APPROVAL TO PROCEED
Report HPR2024/004A**

Following Executive's approval of both the 'Procurement Strategy for the Leisure Centre Major Work Programme' (report no: HPR2023/044) in August 2023 and the 'Leisure Centre Major Programme' (report no: HPR2023/054) in October 2023, Executive are now asked to approve the recommendations contained within this report in order to begin construction works at both West Wickham and the Walnuts leisure centres.

The report was scrutinised by the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee on 17 April 2024 and the Committee supported the proposals.

RESOLVED: That

1. **Authority be delegated to the Director for Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration, in consultation with the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio Holder, to enter into a Full Repair and Insurance Lease, up to a period terminating no later than March 31st 2059, with the tenant operator named in the Part 2 report, after**

works are completed for both West Wickham and the Walnuts Leisure Centres, as set out in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.6 of the Part 2 report.

- 2. The acceptance of £296k grant funding from Sport England to fund solar panels and pool covers at West Wickham Leisure Centre be approved.**
- 3. Subject to plans remaining within budget at the end of RIBA 4, authority be delegated to the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services and Governance, to enter into a Development Agreement with Alliance Leisure Services to deliver the works and services (project management and quantity surveying) contained within this report for both the West Wickham and Walnuts Leisure Centres.**
- 4. The release of £640,750 from the Section 106 Carbon Offset Fund scheme, as accrued through developer contribution, be approved for air handling units and building energy management systems to support additional carbon reduction and improved energy efficiency of both the Walnuts and West Wickham leisure centres.**
- 5. Authority be delegated to the Director of Environment & Public Protection, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration, to approve the allocation of additional Section 106 Carbon Offset Funding, up to 20%, should there be an overspend on the installation of air handling units and building energy management systems.**
- 6. Authority be delegated to the Director of Environment & Public Protection, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration, to approve the allocation of additional Section 106 Carbon Offset Funding, up to £150k, for further identified carbon reduction projects during the leisure centre major works programme.**
- 7. The acceptance of a £1m contribution from the tenant operator towards the major works be approved.**

Walnuts Leisure Centre

- 8. £10.949m from the OPR's budget for leisure centres to fund the proposed works and services at the Walnuts Leisure Centre be approved.**
- 9. An additional budget of £232,310 above the OPR allowance, funded from OPR Contingency (see 6.4), required to deliver the major works be approved.**

10. The plans for the Walnuts Leisure Centre as set out on pages 30-32 of the Part 1 Appendices and laid out in paragraphs 3.38-3.55 of this report be approved.
11. It be noted that any Planning Applications required will be submitted.

West Wickham Leisure Centre

12. £402,390 from the OPR's budget for leisure centres to fund the proposed enabling works package at West Wickham Leisure Centre be approved.
13. £15.374m from the OPR's budget for leisure centres to fund the proposed works and services at West Wickham Leisure Centre be approved.
14. An additional budget of £550,000, above the OPR allowance, funded from OPR Contingency (see 6.4), required to deliver the major works as a result of the major structural issues at this site be approved.
15. The plans for West Wickham Leisure Centre as set out on pages 12-13 of the Part 1 Appendices and laid out in paragraphs 3.56-3.67 of this report be approved.
16. It be noted that any Planning Applications required will be submitted.

**162 CRYSTAL PALACE PARK REGENERATION PLAN - PROCEED
 TO PROCUREMENT FOR CAPITAL WORKS
 Report HPR2024/015**

The report provided Members with an update on the delivery of the Crystal Palace Park Regeneration Plan and sought approval to proceed to procurement for a main contractor to deliver the capital works of the next phase of the Plan.

The report was scrutinised by the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee on 17 April 2024 and the Committee supported the proposals.

RESOLVED: That

1. Proceeding to procurement, as set out in paragraphs 3.12 to 3.26, for a main contractor to deliver the capital works at a total estimated contract cost of £17.7m be approved.
2. The budget of the Crystal Palace Park Regeneration Plan already on the Capital Programme by £19.096m be increased. The scheme will be funded through a £5m grant from the National Lottery Heritage

Fund and the capital receipts from the sale of the two areas of parkland which are estimated to achieve £19.36m.

163 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006 AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

RESOLVED that the Press and public be excluded during consideration of the items of business referred to below as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

**The following summaries
refer to matters involving exempt information**

164 PART 2 INSURANCE MATTERS

The Executive considered the report and agreed the recommendations.

165 PART 2 LEISURE CENTRES MAJOR WORKS PROGRAMME - APPROVAL TO PROCEED

The Executive noted the report.

Chairman

The Meeting ended at 8.45 am