

## **MINUTES CABINET**

**Wednesday 19 March 2025**

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Present:           Councillor David Ellis                               Councillor Marje Paling  
                  Councillor Kathryn Fox                               Councillor Lynda Pearson  
                  Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth                               Councillor Henry Wheeler  
                  Councillor Viv McCrossen

Absent:

Officers in Attendance:       M Hill,   F Whyley,   N Osei,   M Avery,   T Adams,  
  S Troman, E McGinlay, S Anderson, C Goodall and  
  Moore

### **172           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **173           TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2025**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

### **174           DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **175           FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Democratic Services Manager, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the Executive's draft Forward Plan for the next six month period.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To note the report.

### **176           UPDATE REPORT AND INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUNDING REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

The Democratic Services Manager introduced a report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, presenting for Members approval

the updated report and interim recommendation of the funding review working group.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the updated report and interim recommendation of the funding review working group to be paused to comply with Executive governance arrangements.

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**PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

The Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, presenting for approval the Council's Procurement Strategy 2025-27 summarising:

- 1- To seek approval of the Council's Procurement Strategy 2025-27.
- 2- To seek delegation to the Council's s.151 Officer and Chief Finance Officer to make minor amendments to the Strategy to reflect changes to the Council's procurement function from 1st April 2025..

**RESOLVED:**

- 1- To approve the adoption of the Council's Procurement Strategy 2025-27 at Appendix 1.
- 2- To authorise the Chief Financial Officer to make minor amendments to the Strategy to reflect changes to the Council's procurement function from 1st April 2025 as detailed in the report.

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**FEES & CHARGES REPORT 2025/26**

The Chief Financial Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, summarising:

- 1- The new Corporate Charging Policy in Appendix 1.
- 2- To determine the level of fees and charges for the 25-26 financial year in accordance with the Corporate Charging Policy.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1- To approve and adopt the new Corporate Charging Policy.
- 2- To approve the individual fees and charges as set out in the Fees and Charges schedule 2025/26 appended to the report.
- 3- For the level of any new charges, concessions or discounts to be applied to any new or amended charges be delegated to the relevant Assistant Director in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer.

**179 ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR YEAR 4 OF THE UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND**

The Director of Place introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, to obtain approval to establish a revenue and capital budget for the new allocation of £1.172m from the EMCCA Mayor of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in accordance with the brochure of key projects held in Appendix A.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To approve a revenue budget of £658,548 during 2025/26.
- 2) To approve a capital budget of £513,506 to enable expenditure of the £1.172m allocation during 2025/26.

**180 PLAN FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS: GREATER CARLTON**

The Director of Place introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, to seek approval as the accountable body to put in place arrangements for the creation of a Greater Carlton Neighbourhood Board and to ensure that appropriate processes are in place to ensure compliance with the Plan for Neighbourhoods £20 million funding award.

**RESOLUTION:**

- 1) To accept the £20 million Plan for Neighbourhoods funding over 10 years and the conditions of the funding.
- 2) Establish a Revenue Budget of £200,000 for the capacity funding expected in 2025/26.
- 3) Delegate the finalised membership of the Greater Carlton Neighbourhood Board and any proposals to alter the boundaries to the Chief Executive.
- 4) Delegate the establishment of governance arrangements for the Board to the Chief Executive working in partnership with the Independent Chair.
- 5) Authorise consultation and engagement to be undertaken to inform the development of a 10-year Greater Carlton Neighbourhood Plan and 4-year Investment Plan.

**181 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

None.

The meeting finished at 2.31 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: