

The Cabinet

3rd June, 2015 at 3.00 pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Cooper (Chair);
Councillors Crompton, Y Davies, Eling, Hackett,
Khatun and Moore.

Apology: Councillor J Underhill.

Observers: Councillors Ahmed, L Horton, P Hughes, S Jones
and Sandars.

94/15 **Declarations of Interests**

Councillors L Horton and P Hughes declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to Minute No. 96/15 below (Application to Sport England's Community Sport Activation Fund (Key Decision Ref. No. SR276)) as they were both members of the Board of the Sandwell Leisure Trust.

95/15 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May, 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

Strategic Matters

96/15 **Application to Sport England's Community Sport Activation Fund (Key Decision Ref. No. SR276)**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources sought approval to submit a bid to Sport England's Community Sport Activation Fund.

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A Community Activity Network Project had been developed in conjunction with local partners and Sport England to address the high levels of physical inactivity in Sandwell. The Council aimed to achieve a 2% increase in the Active People score by increasing the number of Sandwell residents participating in physical activity and sport in a local setting.

The delivery of the project would be locality driven through the development of a Community Activity Network in each of the six towns that constituted the borough. This equated to an extra 19,000 residents becoming physically active over the next five years which would deliver £1.3m of savings across all health services during this period.

The Community Activity Networks would be led by the Council. At its meeting on 7th January 2015, the Cabinet approved the establishment of six Community Activity Network Development Officers whose role would be to lead the Community Activity Networks (see Minute No. 10/15).

The Community Activity Network Programme, which was initially for two years, would launch in July, and would be funded by Public Health. A bid had been developed for Sport England's Community Sport Activation Fund for £250,000 with £810,000 match funding from Public Health. This match funding was approved by the Cabinet on 7th January 2015 as part of a wider restructure of Public Health (see Minute No. 10/15). The Sport England funding would increase the budget per town to deliver physical activity and sport sessions from £25,000 per town (if unsuccessful) to £45,000 per town (if successful). Should the bid not be successful, the project would still proceed. However, less funding would be available for delivery of activity sessions per town.

The collection of performance data would be supported by the County Sport Partnership for the Black Country. This would be through a contractual arrangement for the lifetime of the project budgeted at £11,000 and £15,000 for year one and two respectively.

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During the delivery of the two year programme, officers would work with voluntary groups and sports clubs to enable the sustainability of the programme through the development of local champions in each town. This would ensure that the Community Activity Networks would last beyond the initial two year period of the funded programme.

A full appraisal of the proposals had been undertaken by Strategic Finance.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources recommended the proposals for approval.

In response to a question by the Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Investment reported that the local champions for each town would be identified by Community Activity Network Development Officers, however, they would be expected to work with sports clubs within their areas and not individuals in order to develop sustainability of the process.

In relation to enquiries by the Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Board, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources reported that no procurement delivery partners had yet been identified as this could not have been decided at this stage under the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules. The Sandwell Leisure Trust might wish to be considered in the roll out of the scheme, as it was a key partner, however, the scheme was aimed at those people who were physically inactive and not those already attending fitness centres. The Community Activity Network Development Officers would identify any gaps or shortfall in provision within their areas.

In welcoming the proposals, the Leader of the Council felt that the success of bringing about the project was due to the strong relationship developed between the Council and Sport England in which the former Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing had been instrumental.

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Resolved:-

- (1) that an application to bid for funding in the sum of £250,000 to Sport England's Community Sport Activation Fund be approved so as to deliver physical activity and sports sessions within the six towns of Sandwell;
- (2) that in connection with resolution (1) above, an agreement be entered into with the Black Country Consortium Ltd to support the delivery of the programme;
- (3) that subject to resolution (1) above, the following action points identified within the appraisal report be implemented to reduce any risk to the Council:-
 - ensure that future financial implications arising from the appointment of Community Activity Network Development Officers are identified and managed within Public Health's revenue budget;
 - ensure that any necessary exemptions to the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules are approved by Cabinet;
 - ensure that appropriate service level agreements/partnership agreements are entered into with all delivery partners;
 - finalise the project delivery plan to ensure that the project targets can be achieved within available funding;
 - clarify the roles and responsibilities of the agencies involved in the management and delivery of the project;

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- review the risk register to ensure a sufficient level of detail in order to effectively manage the risks to the Council.

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Review of Fees and Charges by Sandwell Residential Education Service Centres from August 2016 to July 2017 (Key Decision Ref. No. CS049)

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services sought approval to the proposed fees and charges for courses at Sandwell Residential Education Service Centres.

On 21st January 2015, the Cabinet approved charges for all non-Sandwell schools, Sandwell Academy schools and Sandwell Local Authority Maintained schools for Monday-Friday residential courses at the Sandwell Residential Education Service Centres. The charges had been increased by £10 per person which was in line with the two year Residential Education Service financial plan to meet a budget reduced from £520,000 in 2013/14 to a projected £113,700 in 2015/16. It was also agreed that Sandwell Looked After Children attend residential courses with their schools during term time free of charge (see Minute No. 15/15).

The centres had met the need to reduce their budget by a combination of efficiency savings, a phased increase in charges and a growth business model exemplifying Facing the Future principles. Business plans were in place for the four centres. The anticipated budget for 2016/17 was £150,000; the centres had aimed to meet their cuts in two years rather than three.

The proposed fees and charges:-

- would generate £1,680,000 of income in 2016/17, with projected expenditure of £1,830,000, to balance an anticipated budget of £150,000; and
- sought to retain, use and develop the assets of the centres, and make them more financially viable, to the point where alternative management models could be considered.

Sandwell Residential Education Service would continue to generate additional income from new or enhanced sources, including invest to save capital investment.

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A priority of Sandwell Residential Education Service was to maintain the level of uptake of places by Sandwell children, young people and the community, to make the most positive impact on learning, health, well-being, early help and child poverty in line with the Council's Scorecard Priorities.

Keeping charges similar to or below those of comparator authorities and the commercial sector, for comparable services, in the current financial climate demonstrated an ambition to work with schools to enable full participation and maximise value for the Sandwell community.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services recommended the proposals for approval.

In response to a suggestion by the Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board to further reduce the costs to Sandwell children by £5 by increasing the costs to non-Sandwell children, it was reported that the pricing structure had been considered by the Sandwell Residential Education Service Cabinet Group and it was felt that the proposed charges were appropriate otherwise they might become uncompetitive with other providers. It was also reiterated that Sandwell Looked After Children were exempt from Centre charges, regardless of whether they were resident in the Borough or not.

Resolved:-

- (1) that the proposed fees and charges for courses at Sandwell Residential Education Service Centres, as set out in Appendix A, be approved and implemented, with effect from 1st August 2016;
- (2) that, subject to resolution (1) above, in respect of the Sandwell Residential Education Service Centres, the Director – Education continue to develop systems, structures, partnerships and service initiatives to enable the centres to operate more effectively in a commercial environment.

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Exclusion of the Public

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the proceedings to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

Strategic Matter

99/15

Provision of Replacement UPVC Double Glazed Windows – Award of Contract (Key Decision Ref. No. C040)

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources sought approval to appoint two organisations to deliver the replacement of single glazed windows/doors with UPVC double glazed units to Council owned properties up to five storeys.

The value of the replacement UPVC double glazed windows project was approximately £3,000,000 to be divided between two contractors and the contract period was twelve months with the option to extend for a further twelve months, subject to satisfactory performance and budget availability.

Neighbourhood Services were consulted to assess whether the works could be delivered in house. As they no longer had the manufacturing capability for these works, they were not able to be considered for this opportunity.

In accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules, Vinci Construction UK Limited and Lovell Partnerships Limited had submitted the best value tenders and it was therefore proposed to award the contract to these two companies.

An equality impact assessment was not required for this proposal.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources recommended the proposals for approval.

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The Chair of the Leisure, Culture and the Third Sector Scrutiny Board was informed that the number of properties that would receive replacement windows under the contract would be dependent on the survey work which was required before works commenced on each property. The Director – Homes and Communities undertook to provide members with an estimate of the likely numbers involved.

Resolved:-

- (1) that the Director – Homes and Communities award the contract for the replacement of single glazed windows/doors with UPVC double glazed units to Council owned properties up to five storeys to Vinci Construction UK Limited and Lovell Partnerships Limited in the sum of approximately £3,000,000, for a period of twelve months;
- (2) that subject to resolution (1) above, the Director – Governance be authorised to enter into an appropriate contract with Vinci Construction UK Limited and Lovell Partnerships Limited for the replacement of single glazed windows/doors with UPVC double glazed units to Council owned properties up to five storeys.

(Meeting ended at 3.28 pm)

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Fees and Charges Sandwell Residential Education Service Charges for Residential Courses, 2016/17 school year

Monday to Friday Residential charges per pupil (4 nights)	Centre	Agreed Charges 01.08.15.-31.03.16	Agreed Charges 01.04.16 - 31.07.16 High season	Proposed charges 01.08.16 – 31.03.17	Proposed Charges 01.04.17.-31.07.17 High season
Charges to Non-Sandwell Schools and groups	<i>Edgmond Hall, Frank Chapman</i>	£240 (£130/2 nights)	£260 (£150/2 nights)	£245 (£135/2 nights)	£265 (£150/2 nights)
	<i>Ingestre Hall</i>	£250	£270	£255	£275
	<i>Plas Gwynant</i>	£270	£290	£275	£295
Charges to Sandwell Academy School	<i>Edgmond Hall, Frank Chapman, Ingestre Hall</i>	£210 (£115/2 nights)	£230 (£120/2 nights)	£210 (£115/2 nights)	£230 (£120/2 nights)
	<i>Plas Gwynant</i>	£240	£260	£240	£260
£30 reduction per pupil (4 nights)				£35 reduction pp	
Charges to Sandwell LA Maintained Schools	<i>Edgmond Hall, Frank Chapman, Ingestre Hall</i>	£180 (£95/2 nights)	£200 (£105/2 nights)	£180 (£95/2 nights)	£200 (£105/2 nights)
	<i>Plas Gwynant</i>	£210	£230	£210	£230
£60 reduction per pupil (4 nights)				£65 reduction pp	
Sandwell Looked After Children on residential courses with their schools during term-time	<i>Free of charge</i>				

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