

# **Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet**

## **Meetings held on 22 March 2017 and 5 April 2017**

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet. It is an overview of the main business considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 22 March 2017 and its extraordinary meeting held on 5 April 2017.

It should be noted that two of the items considered on the 22 March, the Spelthorne Pay Award 2017-18 and the appointment of the Independent Remuneration Panel, were recommendations to Council and therefore these have already been considered at items 11a and 11b on the agenda respectively.

### **Cabinet – 22 March 2017**

#### **1. Children and Adults Safeguarding Policy – Key Decision**

- 1.1 We considered a report on Spelthorne's Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and Procedure for 2017-2018.
- 1.2 The report explained that a robust Safeguarding Policy and procedure was required to ensure that Spelthorne Borough Council complied with its statutory duty under section 11 of the Children's Act 2004 and under the Care Act 2014
- 1.3 We agreed to approve the Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and Procedure 2017-2018 and to delegate authority to the portfolio holder to approve any minor amendments to the policy such as procedure changes and telephone numbers.

#### **2. Fixed Penalty Notices for Fly-Tipping**

- 2.1 We considered a report on the Issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for Fly Tipping Offences.
- 2.2 We agreed to:
  - set the Penalty Charge for Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalty Notices) at £400 with no early payment discount;
  - delegate authority to the Group Head of Neighbourhood Services to issue fixed penalty notices to persons whom the officer has reason to believe have committed a small scale fly tipping offence.

#### **3. The Food Hygiene Service Plan 2017-2018 and the Health and Safety Service Plan 2017-2018**

- 3.1 We agreed to the adoption of the proposed food and health and safety service plans for 2017-18.

3.2 Local Authorities are required to produce and adopt annual service plans for their food safety and health and safety enforcement services.

#### **4. Redevelopment of Churchill Hall**

4.1 We considered a partially exempt report on the redevelopment of Churchill Hall. This is a cross cutting development which will help the Council deliver on three of its key priorities: (1) housing, (2) financial sustainability and (3) economic development.

4.2 We agreed to:

- the demolition of the existing building and redevelopment of the site for residential development, with a proposed capital provision of £0.7m for the redevelopment (including contingencies) over the period March 2017 – 2019;
- give delegated authority to the Group Head of Regeneration and Growth (in consultation with the Leader) to agree the actual spend of the budget, to deal with any minor variations (with the agreement of the Deputy Chief Executive as required) and to agree any subsequent minor amendments to the proposals as a result of results of surveys, advice from the Local Planning Authority or other responses.

#### **Extraordinary Cabinet – 5 April 2017**

##### **1. Acquisition of an asset for investment**

1.1 We considered an exempt report on the acquisition of an asset for investment.

1.2 We approved the acquisition of the investment asset and gave authority to:

- the Chief Executive to undertake any necessary negotiations and complete the acquisitions (in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance);
- the Chief Finance Officer to decide the most financially advantageous funding arrangements for the purchases and ensure the acquisitions are prudentially affordable; and
- the Head of Corporate Governance to enter into any legal documentation necessary to acquire the asset.

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