

CABINETTuesday, 22nd September 2015**COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 46**

The following action taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 46 is reported. In consultation with the appropriate Executive Councillor(s):-

1. The Corporate Director for Corporate Services authorised:**1.1 Demolition of 59/61 East Street**

The Council was required to purchase this pair of semi-detached houses from the Diocese as part of the leasehold acquisition of the adjacent school which is now due to open in September. These buildings will therefore be in the immediate proximity of the school entrance and playground and present unacceptable level of risk both in terms of health and safety and safeguarding. Demolition is required on health and safety grounds following receipt of an external structural engineer's report. There is no prospect of economic repair and the properties are dangerous, a view confirmed by both the South Essex Building Preservation Trust, the structural engineer and shared by the ingoing headteacher; therefore demolition is recommended. A budget is already allocated in the Capital Programme for the works. Because the properties are in Prittlewell Conservation Area, consent from the planning authority is required therefore this SO.46 endorses the recommendation to demolish, subject to planning.

1.2 Sealife Adventure Expansion

The existing Sealife Adventure leases are to be surrendered and replaced with a single new lease to enable the extension of Sealife Adventure on to the land to the East of the current buildings in accordance with the planning permission which is in place. The proposed arrangement will consolidate existing leases and deliver a modest increase in the long term revenue position for the Council and the terms for the lease have been independently certified for best consideration in accordance with s.123 Local Government Act 1972. In addition to the terms having been certified for best consideration, the enhancement of Sealife Adventure will bring significant private sector investment in the seafront area, create additional jobs and improve the year-round, all-weather tourist offer for the town.

- 1.3 Acquisition of Land adjacent to Westbarrow Hall Farm / Airport Business Park
Acquisition of 2.1 Ha of undeveloped strategic land at the above location to be acquired using funds allocated for the Airport Business Park to provide the Council with greater control the flow of development land into the business park development.
- 1.4 Sandy Lodge, Southchurch Avenue – Sale
Sale of surplus property following thorough investigation of options to retain, convert/redevelop and generate long term revenue income which demonstrate, notwithstanding the general presumption against sale, that in this case sale by public auction is the best financial option for the Council.
- 1.5 Lease surrender – 93-99 Southchurch Road
As part of the accommodation strategy and relocation of staff to the Civic Campus, the lease on 93-99 Southchurch Road has been surrendered back to the Landlord bringing to an end all the Council's liabilities in respect of the property.
- 1.6 Purchase of 62 Chiltern, Coleman Street, Southend-on-Sea
The completion of the purchase by auction of 62 Chiltern, Coleman Street.
- 1.7 Property Searches Litigation against Local Authorities Nationwide
The acceptance of the further advice and the completion of a settlement agreement facilitated by the Local Government Association's legal advisor in respect of the claim by APPS Claimants.

2. The Corporate Director for Place authorised:

- 2.1 Clifton Drive Cliff Stabilisation
The virements of the amounts detailed on the confidential sheet to fund the above-mentioned project.
- 2.2 Environment Agency, Targeted Adaption support for Councils (TASC) Initiative
The submission of a formal application to the Environment Agency outlining the Council's interest in becoming a local authority partner in TASC and the making of the application before the deadline of 31 July 2015. The purpose of the initiative is to secure £30,000 worth of consultancy advice to help the Council improve its resilience to the impacts of climate change and provides the Council with an opportunity to secure additional resources to deliver the aims of the Low Carbon Energy and Sustainability Strategy 2015-2020.

2.3 Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme at the Old Central Library and Central Museum

The submission of an application to the Local Growth Fund in the sum of £720,000 to enable the Council to undertake the energy efficiency and infrastructure project at the old Central Library and Central Museum and help support the delivery of the Low Carbon Energy and Sustainability Strategy 2015-2020 and the Council's economic growth agenda.

2.4 Consultation on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Surface Water Management Plan

Approval to publish the above-mentioned documents for public consultation prior to consideration by Cabinet at its meeting in September 2015.

2.5 Minor Modifications to the Streetscape Manual Supplementary Planning Document (SPD3)

The details of relevant minor modifications to the above-mentioned Manual

3. The Corporate Director for People authorised:

3.1 Cecil Jones College

The transfer agreement in respect of the Cecil Jones High School and Lower School becoming an Academy.