Council Forum

23rd April 2015

AGENDA

PART 1: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

- 1 Chief Executive to read the notice convening the meeting
- 2 Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain
- 3 Apologies for Absence
- 4 Minutes

To receive and confirm the minutes of the Finance Council meeting held on 2nd March 2015. (pages 1-11)

5 Declarations of Interest

A form is attached (page 12)

- 6 Mayoral Communications
- 7 Council Forum

To consider questions from members of the public received under Procedure Rule 10.

8 To consider motions submitted under Procedure Rule 12

One Motion has been submitted under Procedure Rule 12:

MOTION

"This Council is concerned that the PFI contract at Blackburn Royal Hospital means that money is diverted for private profit. We believe that consideration should be given to "buying out" the PFI contract. The Council therefore asks the Acting Leader or his successor to convene a meeting of leaders of the appropriate organisation to examine the feasibility of such a move so that money can be put into front line services."

Proposed by Councillor David Foster Seconded by Councillor Roy Davies.

9 Revised Elected Ward Councillor Member Referral Scheme for Planning Applications

The Council is requested to approve the revised referral scheme as set out in the "Proposal" section of the report presented to the Planning and Highways Committee on 19th March 2015. (Pages 13-17)

10 Streamlining the Planning process – Scheme of delegation to Officers.

Council are requested to approve amendments to the Constitution relating to the Scheme of Delegation and the powers of the Planning and Highways Committee. (pages 18-25)

11 Mayoralty 2015 -16

To consider recommendations relating to the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2015/16. (page 26)

12 Policy and Corporate Resources Committee

Report of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (pages 27-28)

13 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios

- 13.1 Leader (pages 29-31)
- 13.2 Regeneration (pages 32-33)
- 13.3 Resources (pages 34-35)
- 13.4 Schools and Education (pages 36-37)
- 13.5 Health and Adult Social Care (pages 38-40)
- 13.6 Children's Services (pages 41-42).
- 13.7 Environment (pages 43-44)
- 13.8 Leisure, Culture and Young People (pages 45-47)
- 13.9 Neighbourhoods Housing and Customer Services (pages 48-49)

14 Constitution update

Council is advised that the Constitution has been updated following changes in organisational structure previously noted and agreed, statutory changes, changes to the delegations, and to reflect recommendations from the Planning and Highways Committee, and the Standards Committee during 2014/15. (pages 50-51)

15 To consider any questions received from Members under Procedure Rule 11.

PART 2: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

There are no items to be considered under Part 2.

Harry Catherall Chief Executive 15th April 2015