



Democratic Services
County Hall
Northampton
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CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 at 2:00pm

Venue: The Blue Room, County Hall, Northampton (Meeting held in public)

PRESENT (FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING):

Cabinet Member

Councillor Heather Smith
Councillor Andre Gonzalez De Savage
Councillor Robin Brown
Councillor Matthew Golby
Councillor Sylvia Hughes
Councillor Ian Morris
Councillor Bill Parker
Councillor Suresh Patel

Portfolio

Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader & Public Protection
Finance
Children's Services
Public Health & Wellbeing
Transport, Highways & Environment
Adult Care Delivery
Corporate Parenting

OTHER COUNCILLORS PRESENT (FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING):

Councillor Wendy Brackenbury
Councillor Mary Butcher
Councillor Adam Collyer
Councillor Gareth Eales
Councillor James Hakewill
Councillor Dudley Hughes
Councillor Malcolm Longley
Councillor John McGhee
Councillor Bob Scott
Councillor Danielle Stone

Councillor Julie Brookfield
Councillor Michael Clarke
Councillor Elizabeth Coombe
Councillor Brendan Glynane
Councillor Jill Hope
Councillor Graham Lawman
Councillor Arthur McCutcheon
Councillor Allan Matthews
Councillor Mick Scrimshaw
Councillor Michael Tye

ALSO PRESENT (FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING):

Officer

Dr Paul Blantern
Tony Ciaburro
Darren Dovy
Barbel Gale
Laurie Gould
Lesley Hagger
Paul Hanson
Dave Harding
Dr Carolyn Kus

Role

Chief Executive
Corporate Director for Place Commissioning
Chief Fire Officer
Democracy Officer (Minutes)
Monitoring Officer
Director of Children, Families and Education
Democratic Services Manager
Acting Deputy Chief Fire Office
Director of Adult Social Services & Managing Director of Olympus
Care Services Ltd
NCC Director of Finance

Damon Lawrenson

There were 13 members of the press and public in attendance.

168/16 Apologies for non attendance

There were none.

169/16 Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting

Item 11 - Review of Targeted Early Help and Children's Centres

- Jean Morgan, Home-Start Daventry & South Northants.

Item 16 - Adult Social Care – Drayton Centre and Stephenson Court Day Centres

- Mr Paul Crofts.
- Mrs Nova Keown.
- Mr Wayne Keown.
- Rachela Amalfitano.
- Mr Norman Adams.
- Mr Russell Hickman.
- Mr Dave Green.
- Nicola Bullock.
- Mr Ron Mendel.

170/16 Minutes of the meeting held in public on 13 December 2016

RESOLVED: The minutes of meeting held in public on 13 December 2016 was agreed and signed as a true record.

171/16 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

There were none.

172/16 Announcements

The Chairman proposed to bring Item 16, Adult Social Care – Drayton Centre and Stephenson Court Day Centres forward because of the number of public speakers for this item.

The Chairman announced that Northamptonshire County Council had recently won 3 awards, 2 were for energy management and carbon reduction and 1 for fostering and adoption for the way the recruitment was handled.

The dates of the future Cabinet meetings for 2017-18 were noted.

173/16 Adult Social Care – Drayton Centre and Stephenson Court Day Centres

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Care Delivery, Councillor Parker, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and made the following points:

- The report was not about the closure of the Drayton centre or the Stephenson Court centre facilities, it was looking at the Council's statutory responsibility to meet eligible care needs and ensuring that the Council achieved best value at all times;

- The Council had looked at the Drayton centre and the Stephenson Court centre and located nearby were Shaw facilities that would provide care for people on a daily basis;
- The proposal was to move the people who currently attended the Drayton and Stephenson Court centres to the facilities at Turnfurlong in Northampton and Longlands in Daventry;
- The transition would be well managed to mitigate any issues from moving from one centre to the other;
- There was a total vacancy rate of 54% on average across the centres at Turnfurlong and Longlands and the Council would ensure that the same quality of care was received for the people who were transferred; and
- The contract being discussed was regarding people with dementia and people who were funded by the county Council and it was clarified that those who could self fund could continue to use Drayton and Stephenson Court centres.

At the Chairman's invitation the Director of Adult Social Care made the following points:

- The proposals were not about closing a service, they were about moving the location that the services were accessed;
- The new services at Turnfurlong and Longlands would be available 6 days a week; and
- She clarified that assessment of needs would be carried out.

At the Chairman's invitation Mr Paul Crofts made the following points:

- There was universal hostility from carers to the proposal;
- The services at Turnfurlong were not comparable to those offered at Drayton;
- The occupancy rate at Drayton was around 80% on average, which showed that Turnfurlong and the Shaw facilities were not wanted or preferred;
- It was queried why the Council's contract with Shaw could not be ceased; and
- It was suggested that further investigation into dementia care should be carried out.

At the Chairman's invitation Mrs Keown made the following points:

- Her partner had dementia and she had been attending Alzheimer's groups for a long time;
- Drayton was a very dementia orientated centre where days were well organised to minimise any anxiety; and
- The facility at Turnfurlong included everyone being situated in one large room, which was very noisy and wouldn't be suitable.

At the Chairman's invitation Mr Wayne Keown made the following points:

- He and his family were devastated at the proposals and did not know who they would manage the changes;
- The proposal was not offering a like for like service;
- Turnfurlong would not be able to cope with the increased, challenging needs of those with dementia;
- The Drayton Centre was the right care offered in the right place; and
- It was queried why the under occupancy was not being investigated.

At the Chairman's invitation Rachela Amalfitano made the following points:

- It was a constant struggle with all aspects of her mothers life;

- She used the services of the Drayton Centre because she knew that her mother was safe and being cared for;
- Turnfurlong was not a like for like service, all the clients were put together regardless of their needs and no reassurance had been provided that the staff could cope with the complex needs of some clients;
- Dementia and Alzheimer's had taken over heart disease and cancer in terms of death rates; and
- She predicted that there would be a large emotional cost to her family if the changes were implemented.

At the Chairman's invitation Mr Russell Hickman made the following points:

- The plan presented did not address the need for places;
- No information had been provided on the cost impacts of changing the contract with Shaw;
- It was not clear what the financial benefits of the proposal were; and
- He requested that a moratorium and investigation should be carried out on any further closures.

At the Chairman's invitation Mr Dave Green made the following points:

- The need for dementia care was growing and he felt the proposal was a backwards step;
- It was queried why the users of Turnfurlong could not be transferred to the Drayton Centre instead;
- He felt that people were being asked to use Turnfurlong because it was tied into a long PFI contract;
- Shaw Healthcare was one of many PFI contracts in the county and he felt the Council was spending more on it's services that it needed to and was cutting other services to fund those contracts; and
- He suggested that the Council should investigate how others had got out of those contracts.

At the Chairman's invitation Nicola Bullock made the following points:

- The message received was that it was too expensive and there was nothing the Council could do about it;
- There were lots of innovative schemes in the county which exercised the importance of working with the communities;
- The services offered were very important for the people and their carers;
- It was queried if the under occupancy was because people did not know that those services were available; and
- The Council needed to do more work on advocacy and finding innovative solutions.

The Director of Adult Social Care noted that the PFI contract with Shaw was started in 2003 and it was very upsetting to hear about the quality of care at Turnfurlong and she would speak with the group about their concerns.

The Chairman explained that the Council could not get out of the very lengthy contract.

Councillors made the following points:

- Reservations about moving people from the Drayton Centre were expressed because it was an excellent centre and was set up to ensure people felt comfortable when attending;
- It was felt that the Drayton Centre should be used as an example of good practice;
- The proposal should be revisited to ensure that the excellent service continues;
- Turnfurlong was not set up in the same manner and it would be too much of a change for the people using the service;
- It could end up costing the Council more money if people end up going into care rather than using the day centres;
- It was felt that it was not a balanced report and that the proposals should be reviewed to ensure the right decision was taken; and
- It was queried why the centre was under occupied and the services offered should be promoted.

Members of the Cabinet including Councillor Parker made the following points in response:

- It was explained that the Drayton Centre was not closing and services there would be available for those who self funded;
- Turnfurlong would continue to provide the service and the Director of Adult Social Services would investigate to ensure that services were up to the appropriate standards;
- Appreciation was given to the speakers for taking the time to attend the meeting to put their views forward;
- There would be a transition period while people were moved from the Drayton Centre to Turnfurlong and any problems would be addressed within 2-3 months following that transition.

RESOLVED That Cabinet agreed to:

- 1. Take into consideration the consultation regarding the proposed termination of the contract with Olympus Care Services in respect of two day services for older people at the Drayton Centre and Stephenson Court.**
- 2. Noted the Financial and Equality Impact analysis relating to the termination.**
- 3. Agreed to the proposal to terminate the contract on the two day centres subject to any caveats and provisos contained in the report.**
- 4. Delegated authority to the Director of Social Care in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Care Delivery to implement the termination in a manner which ensures the needs of service users at present using the two day services continues to be met.**

174/16 The Draft Council Plan and Revenue Budget Report for 2017-18

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance, Councillor Brown, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and made the following points:

- The proposals detailed the second year of the Council's 4 year budget and Council plan;
- It was aiming to save a further £66.9m over the next 12 months;

- With service demands still soaring around the county and the amount of money to run those services being heavily reduced, the Council was publishing its plans to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable were met while keeping Council Tax amongst the very lowest in the country;
- At the heart of the proposals were targets to reduce some frontline services where duplication was occurring meaning those services could be streamlined;
- The proposals also included the first savings through the consolidation of 12 buildings into the new 1 Angel Square;
- Further proposals had also been included about the unitary council proposal and assurance was given that it would not be within the next 2 years because the Council had to publish a 4 year plan;
- The Council would look to raise the Council Tax by 1.95% which was inline with the inflation forecast along with continuing the social care precept of 2%;
- The budget had been a zero based budget and the approach taken by the services had been that they had looked at the actual requirement of delivering those services as opposed to taking the previous budget and making adjustments to that;
- It had been made clear by the Government that the Council could use in year capital receipts to fund the transformation within our services; and
- The budget would now go through a consultation and scrutiny process.

Councillors made the following points:

- It was noted that the Council did not know what the social care precept would be from the Government when setting the draft budget;
- It was felt that changes were being made that would lead to the closing of nursing homes and children's centres;
- There was a rumour that 1 Angel Square would be sold once completed and then leased back to the Council;
- 50% of cuts would be made in the Adult Social Care budget and it was queried how realistic the budget for that area was;
- It was noted that £35m was being removed from the Adult Social Care budget, and raising the precept would not address those issues;
- The cost of running care homes was exceeding the money paid by the Council for its placements therefore it was queried how were people going to afford the cost of care going forward;
- Last year the Council was required to save £65m and this year it's required to save another £67m, it was queried how it would achieve it;
- The required savings were not being delivered and now there was a structural budget deficit;
- The Council say that zero based budgeting had taken place however there was no evidence of it;
- It was felt that becoming a unitary council was a low priority; and
- The budget scrutiny review was a high quality, cross party scrutiny process, which started at 9.30am on Monday 19 December 2016 where the items to be scrutinised further would be identified.

Councillor Brown suggested that all the comments raised should be raised again at the budget scrutiny review meeting and he clarified that the Council was not selling 1 Angel Square and it would deliver significant savings to the Council.

RESOLVED That Cabinet approved for consultation:

- a) the Draft Budget which sets:
 - i. a net revenue budget of £407.97m
 - ii. a Council Tax requirement of £269.36m
 - iii. a Band D Council Tax increase of 3.95%, including Social Care Precept of 2% taking Band D Council Tax from £1,111.25 to £1,155.14
- b) the Council Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 at Appendix A
- c) draft Medium Term Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 as summarised at Appendix B
- d) the planned utilisation of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017-18 at Appendix C pending the final DSG settlement
- e) the Fees and Charges at Appendix E and detailed schedule as published on website. (See section 6.5)
- f) the detailed proposals underpinning the MTP revenue budgets for 2017-18 set out at Appendix H(1-5)
- g) the Capital Strategy at Appendix I
- h) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement at Appendix K

That Cabinet:

- i) notes the Fees and Charges Policy Appendix D
- j) notes the Reserve Policy at Appendix F
- k) notes the Reserve Summary Statement at Appendix G
- l) notes the Asset Utilisation Strategy 2016-17 at Appendix J

175/16 Monthly Financial Report as at the end of October for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 including review of Budget Delivery Proposals

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance, Councillor Brown, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and explained that there had been a slight change to the overall balance from last month and the service areas were looking into it.

Councillors noted that there had been no change to the overspend in Adult Social Care since last month and it was queried which services would be cut and where the deficit would be found.

Councillor Brown explained that every opportunity available would be used to ensure that the budget was balanced.

RESOLVED That Cabinet noted;

- I. the Council's financial position

176/16 Monthly Capital Report (MCR) as at the end of October 2016 (Period 7) for the financial year ending 31 March 2017

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance, Councillor Brown, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and noted that there had been no significant changes since last month.

Councillors noted the statutory duty to provide school places had been recognised.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

- 1. Noted the current capital forecast expenditure outturn of £176m for the financial year 2016-17.**
- 2. Approved and recommend the inclusion of one new scheme with investment totalling £220,000 to enable entry into the Council's Committed Capital Programme:**
 - i. DSG Children's Centres to Childcare £220,000**
- 3. Approved capital investment totalling £2,274,209 to promote two schemes included in the Capital Strategy 2016-17**
 - i. Country Parks Equipment £60,000**
 - ii. Capitalisation of Community Equipment £2,214,209**
- 4. Approved further extensions to two schemes already within the current Capital Programme totalling £429,015:**
 - i. LTP Integrated Transport £276,925**
 - ii. Belinda Ferrison House £152,090**

(further detail on all of the above schemes can be found in section 9)

177/16 Quarterly corporate report on performance

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Members, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and made the following points:

- The number of early years providers rated good and outstanding continued to increase;
- The level 2 smoking cessation support in libraries was giving people greater choice of where to go for support;
- The percentage of home safety fire checks completed in high or very high risk areas had exceeded the Council's target;
- Everyone was urged to ensure they had a working smoke detector in the home;
- There was a downward trend on the permanent admissions of older people to residential care homes which was due to people wanting to stay in their own homes for longer; and
- The targets for the percentage of household waste sent for re-use, recycling or composting and the percentage of municipal waste from recycling centres not sent to landfill had been exceeded.

Councillors made the following points:

- The percentage of referrals to social care with a previous referral within 12 months was going down and it was queried how those families were being monitored;
- There was a need for up to date information regarding the Looked after Children;
- It was queried why children on child protection plans were not accessing children's centre services;
- The types of employment that young people were find and how long that employment lasted was queried;
- It was queried what tracking was in place for the pupils who were persistently absent from Primary and Secondary Schools;
- It was harder for schools to achieve a good rating;
- It was clarified that the target for transfers from hospital was 3 days; and
- It was clarified that the access to the children's centres services was down to how the contracts were operated.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

- 1. Noted the contents of the 2016-17 quarter 2 performance report at Appendix 1**
- 2. Considered if the report requires any further detail on the Council's delivery of its outcomes.**

178/16 Place Transformation – Proposed Public Private Sector Joint Venture Initiative (Managing Agent)

At the Chairman's invitation the Deputy Leader with responsibility for Public Protection, Councillor Gonzalez de Savage, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and made the following points:

- The purpose of the report was to consider a new operating model for the Place directorate; and
- Option 7, integrator delivery partner was consider the preferred option.

Councillor Brown explained that the financial benefits were set out in the report and the changes would ensure a different approach was used for the Council's assets.

Councillor Morris explained that the report would come back to Cabinet at regular intervals and the final business case would be due for consideration in September or October 2017. The compliance team would be retained at the County Council.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

- 1. Noted progress in the development of the Place Directorate;**
- 2. Agreed to adopt the preferred option for a Managing Agent as set out within the Options Appraisal Report, attached in Appendix 1 for further development;**
- 3. Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Place Commissioning, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment, and the Cabinet Member for Finance, to undertake a Business Case and the subsequent procurement process for the Managing Agent;**
- 4. That a Member and Officer Project Board be established to oversee the development and delivery of the Managing Agent Concept as set out in Section 4 of this report;**
- 5. Agreed that the outcome of the procurement process and final Business Case be reported back to Cabinet for further consideration and approval.**

179/16 Review of Targeted Early Help and Children's Centres

At the Chairman's invitation Jean Morgan, Home-Start Daventry & South Northants made the following points:

- Home-Start could work with and compliment the Council's services;
- They worked to support the whole family at an early stage;
- They worked under the AFC contracts and were able to leverage in other funding and wanted to continue working with the Council;
- They were able to support a family for well under £2000 a year and the Home-Start model worked because it bridged the gap; and
- She welcomed the proposal that the contract be extended but wanted to work directly with the Council.

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, Councillor Golby, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and made the following points:

- He thanked Home-Start for their valuable work which needed to be incorporated going forward;
- The paper informs Cabinet of the natural ending of the current contracts for the delivery of targeted early help children's centre services delivered by Action for Children and Spurgeons as of 31st March 2017;
- The paper also informs Cabinet about the proposals for the future direction of targeted early help Children's Centre Services;
- It also provides assurance regarding the continued delivery of Universal Children's Centre services and the County Council's statutory role;
- The report also sought agreement to commence a consultation exercise with relevant stakeholders;
- The Northamptonshire children's centre offer currently consists of a number of components which included a universal offer which would be delivered through Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Services and First for Wellbeing, early years childcare delivered through the private, voluntary independent and maintained sector as well as accredited child minders, along with the health and employment services delivered by a range of partner organisations and targeted early help offer delivered by 3 organisations;
- The report showed that 531 families engaged in Tier 3 activities however 61% of them did not complete their engagements;
- There was a need to remove duplication and associated costs from the service and maximise investment;
- The changes would be implemented from April 2017; and
- The Children, Learning and Communities Scrutiny Committee would also be considering the proposals.

Councillors made the following points:

- Home-Start has been essential at the Pen Green Centre and the centre contributed to them financially;
- The reductions of £4.5m gave concern to how the service could be run effectively;
- The report was vague about what was being put in place for the services in the future;
- There was also concern for the timescales given in the report;
- The Home-Start service provided good value for money; and
- The Sure Start centre in Corby worked well with troubled families and Home-Start had been a great support.

Councillor Golby invited members to attend the scrutiny meeting in January and he was confident in the business plans going forward.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

- 1. agreed to commence a consultation exercise with relevant stakeholders on the proposals contained in this report; and**
- 2. Receive a further report at its meeting in February 2017 which will present the outcome of the consultation which will form part of any decision making process when cabinet considers the next steps for the provision Targeted Children's Centre Services**

180/16 Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service Statement of Assurance

At the Chairman's invitation the Deputy Leader with responsibility for Public Protection, Councillor Gonzalez de Savage, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) who explained there was a need to produce an annual Statement of Assurance the details of which had been appraised. The Integrated Risk Management Plan was out for consultation at the moment.

RESOLVED That the Cabinet agreed that the Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, Fire Authority Statement of Assurance 2016 be approved for publication.

181/16 Update On Council Prioritisation Framework And Process

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Hughes, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) explaining that this was an update on the progress going forward and an evidence based approach was been used.

Councillors indicated that it would be hard to get cross party agreement on the proposals.

The Chairman indicated that not enough responses had been received to form a view and those responses received did not include enough alternative suggestions.

Councillor Brown felt that it was right that further consultation was carried out and the efforts would be focused initially on Children's, then Adults including the vulnerable and there was a need to ensure that the document could be used to take a decision within a framework.

RESOLVED That Northamptonshire County Council aimed to introduce a standardized method of prioritising how and where it uses its resources. To do this, in September, Cabinet approved the development of a prioritisation framework ("the framework"). Since then, there has not been as much progress as expected and more time is needed to develop a robust system.

Therefore, Cabinet approved

A change to the timetable for further development of the statement of values and the criteria for the framework, through additional engagement with councillors and the public, including:

- a) An extended public consultation, including public meetings and direct engagement with communities, particularly vulnerable groups.**
- b) Continued engagement with councillors, including an additional Overview and Scrutiny workshop(s)**

182/16 Commissioning of wellbeing and social care information, advice, goods and services portal "Brolly"

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Care Delivery, Councillor Parker, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and made the following points:

- The report was a result of 2 years of hard work;
- The report listed the benefits of the proposals; and

- The estimate loan requirement from NCC over 3 years was £1.4m which was due to be paid by 2018/19.

Councillors made the following points:

- It was queried how the fees would be reviewed and how services would be monitored; and
- Would help be available to assist people access the service?

Councillor Hughes explained that the service would initial focus on Adult Social Care but would also like to First for Wellbeing in the long term.

Councillor Parker noted that there was a need to ensure that carers and family members could use it on the client's behalf but the relevant safety measures needed to be in place.

RESOLVED That Cabinet noted and approved:

1. **To formalise contractual arrangements for the development of the e-market place portal "Brolly" as part of the joint venture for delivery of wellbeing and social care information, advice, goods and services;**
2. **Noted the on-going development of the joint venture;**
3. **Delegated to the Strategic Director of Adults Commissioning and Transformation the authority to enter into all necessary legal agreements with the Joint Venture Vehicle for the development and implementation of the joint venture, subject to approval for the required development investment by the Major Projects Board;**
4. **Delegated to the Strategic Director of Adults Commissioning and Transformation the authority to enter into the commissioning and procurement arrangements with the Joint Venture Vehicle for the purchase of the portal for use by Council Services and service users across Northamptonshire and;**
5. **Further reports will be made to Cabinet as and when required.**

183/16 School organisational changes: Proposal to amalgamate Earls Barton Infant and Junior Schools and form an all-through primary school; and Proposal to amalgamate Whitefriars Infant and Junior Schools (Rushden), and form an all-through primary school.

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, Councillor Golby, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and explained that most of the submission received regarding the proposals had been positive.

Councillors welcomed the report and felt it was right that all through primary schools were being created.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

1. **Approved the 'technical' closure of Earls Barton Junior School in relation to the proposed amalgamation;**
2. **Approved the extension of age-range from 4-7 to 4-11 years of age at Earls Barton Infant School, to create a new, 'all-through' primary school;**
3. **Delegated to the Director of Children, Families and Education, in consultation with the respective Cabinet member for Children and Education all necessary authority to effect the above; and**

- 4. Noted that a final decision on the proposal to amalgamate Whitefriars Infant and Junior Schools (Rushden) will be made at the Cabinet meeting scheduled in February 2017.**

184/16 Dementia Village Initiative

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Care Delivery, Councillor Parker, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and made the following points:

- The report was proposing to build the first care village for people with dementia in the Country;
- People would be able to stay there throughout the various stages of dementia; and
- If the proposal was successful it would be replicated.

Councillors made the following points:

- The report was welcomed;
- The consideration of the Wootton Hall site for this proposal was welcomed; and
- Would affordable housing also form part of the proposals?

Councillor Hughes felt that it was an exciting opportunity.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

- 1. Noted the concept of a Dementia Village initiative;**
- 2. Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Place Commissioning, in consultation with the Director for Adult Social Services and Cabinet Member for Adult Care, to commission a Business Case, high-level designs and preparatory planning works for the Dementia Village concept;**
- 3. Agreed that a Member and Officer Project Board and Project Team be established to oversee and deliver the initiative as set out in section 7 and 8 of this report;**
- 4. Agreed that the University of Northampton be invited to formally engage in the establishment of a joint partnership with the County Council in order to develop the Business Case for the Dementia Village initiative;**
- 5. Agreed that a further report will be submitted to Cabinet outlining a recommended way forward and next steps, subject to the outcome of the Business Case.**

185/16 Development of a Business Case for a new Energy Park

At the Chairman's invitation the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport, Highways & Environment, Councillor Morris, introduced the report (copies of which had previously been circulated) and explained that it was the right time to consider the proposal and no locations had been considered at this time.

Councillors made the following points:

- Assurances were sought that the St James' site was not going to be considered for the proposal;
- More information was required before decisions could be made;

- It was suggested that the proposals should be considered by scrutiny before coming back to Cabinet for approval;
- It was queried if other authorities were also considering this type of proposal;
- Information on the capacity of the site was sought;
- Would the site deal with the disposal of contaminated waste;
- There was a need to recognise and consider the location issues of a site before going ahead; and
- The report was endorsed.

Councillor Morris explained that it would be down to the Environment Agency to control the site through permits and there were lots of options for the site to be considered.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

- 1. Noted the need to explore alternative ways of dealing with waste in order to meet the financial saving included in the Medium Term Financial Plan;**
- 2. Agreed the development of a business case for the establishment of a new Energy Park as outlined in section 3 of this report;**
- 3. Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Place Commissioning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and the Environment, and the Cabinet Member for Finance, to commission and undertake all necessary work associated with the development of the business case for the Energy Park;**
- 4. Agreed that a Project Board be established as set out in Section 3 of this report; and**
- 5. That the outcome of the business case development be reported back to Cabinet for further consideration.**

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Cabinet was scheduled for Tuesday 10 January 2017 and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.25PM

Barbel Gale
Democratic Services

Signed: _____ Dated: _____