

## **Cabinet – Meeting held on Monday, 9th March, 2015.**

**Present:-** Councillors Anderson (Chair), Carter, Hussain, Munawar, Parmar, Sharif and Swindlehurst

**Also present under Rule 30:-** Councillors Bains, Chahal and Nazir

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillor Mann

### **PART 1**

#### **90. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

#### **91. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2015**

**Resolved –** That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be approved as a correct record.

#### **92. Leisure Strategy**

The Commissioner for Community & Leisure and Assistant Director Community & Skills introduced a report which proposed taking further steps in the implementation of the Leisure Strategy, which had been approved by Cabinet in July 2014.

Consideration was given to the five year plan for community leisure which aimed to increase participation and engage people who were not currently active through a wide range of measures, for example targeted investment in locally accessible venues such as parks and enhanced levels of public access to facilities in schools. The Community Sports Activation Fund had so far engaged 1,000 young people in the programme and the latest figures from Sport England revealed a 2% increase in the number of people in Slough active for 30 minutes per week, which indicated that good progress was already being made.

In relation to the improvement of core leisure facilities, the Cabinet were advised that the feasibility work had been conducted, as set out at Appendix B to the report, which had assessed all of the available evidence of community needs for leisure and a recommended facility mix for the new leisure centre to replace the facilities at Montem as follows:

- Minimum 6 lane swimming pool, with a preferred option for 8 lanes.
- 125m<sup>2</sup> learner pool.
- 100-125 station gym.
- 3 studios (2 fitness studios and a spinning studio).
- 5 court sports hall.
- 1-2 squash courts.

Following the detailed evaluation of fourteen sites across the borough, it was recommended that The Centre site on Farnham Road be identified as the preferred site and that a comprehensive masterplan for the site be developed to determine the best mix of leisure, residential and community uses. The Cabinet noted the further testing that had been undertaken to compare the building of a new leisure centre at Farnham Road against refurbishing Montem. This was set out fully in the Part II Appendix D, which was noted by the Cabinet without disclosing any exempt information.

The Cabinet welcomed the progress that had been made and discussed a number of issues including the importance of ensuring excellent access to new leisure centre, including public transport and cycle links; the potential opportunities for new services and activities at The Centre site; and the links to the wider strategic aims to increase participation and reduce obesity. Encouraging people who were currently inactive to use the new leisure centre was a key challenge and promotion and engagement of the community offer was an important objective. Commissioners discussed the site options as part of the wider dispersed strategy which would ensure key facilities such as the leisure centres, ice arena, ten pin and community sport facility were located across the borough. In discussing the facilities mix for the new leisure centre the Cabinet reaffirmed their commitment to work with partners towards achieving an 8-lane swimming pool.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Cabinet agreed the recommendations, subject to a widening of the Commissioners to be consulted as part of the delegation under recommendation (g), and agreed to receive a further report in June 2015 on the masterplan for The Centre site and procurement options.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the five year community leisure plan (Appendix A to the report) be adopted and implemented.
- (b) That the recommended facility mix be approved as set out in section 6.3 of this report.
- (c) That the Centre site be approved as the preferred site for the new leisure centre.
- (d) That a comprehensive masterplan for the Centre site should be undertaken that identifies opportunities for a mix of leisure, community and residential use.
- (e) That the work identified at (d) is funded from the Leisure Strategy budget.
- (f) A report is brought back to Cabinet in June 2015 to finalise and agree the masterplan for the Centre site.

- (g) That the Strategic Director Customer & Community Services be authorised to implement the next steps as set out in the report, following consultation with the relevant Commissioners for Community & Leisure; Neighbourhoods & Renewal; Social & Economic Inclusion; Health & Wellbeing and Parks & Open Spaces, including:
  - i. Implement the five year community leisure plan, subject to detailed development of options and public consultation
  - ii. Agree the best procurement route for the ice arena refurbishment to secure best value and proceed to procurement and detailed designs.

**93. Agreement to Dispose of Two Sites for Free Schools**

The Head of Asset Management introduced a report which sought approval for the disposal of the Castlevue and former Arbour Vale School sites for new free schools and to agree potential funding from the Basic Need grant for the planned works at the Orchard Centre and St Joseph's in the event the level of funding from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) did not meet the actual cost of the planned works.

The EFA had agreed to purchase land near Castlevue for use by Ditton Park Academy and agreement had been reached to lease part of the land formerly used by Arbour Vale School to the Secretary of State for use by the Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy. The Cabinet was updated on the progress since the previous decisions on these matters in April 2014 and September 2014. Commissioners considered the independent valuation of the Castlevue site, as included in the Part II appendix and tabled updated valuation, without disclosing any exempt information. The Officer stated that the independent valuation had confirmed the Council would obtain best value for the land at Castlevue. In relation to the former Arbour Vale School site, it was noted that in addition to the new Free School, the agreement would provide for enhancements to St Joseph's including replacement classrooms, dance studio, sports hall and multi-use games area and land for the Community Sport Facility to proceed. Free Schools were externally funded by the Department for Education and the construction costs of the two new secondary schools were estimated to be £36m of new investment in much needed school places in Slough at no cost to the Authority.

Commissioners discussed the arrangements for relocating the Creative Dance Academy to Orchard YCC and the West Wing Arts Centre to a combination of the Orchard Centre and The Curve. In agreeing the recommendations set out in the report, the Cabinet welcomed the significant progress that had been made in reaching a position to provide the two new Free Schools, enhancements at St Joseph's and new Community Sports Facility at Arbour Park.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Commissioner for Education & Children, be given delegated authority to:
  - i. finalise the agreement between the Council and the EFA regarding the EFA's contribution to the accommodation works required in order that the Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy project can proceed on the former Arbour Vale site (specifically, relocation of the Creative Dance Academy, internal remodelling for St Joseph's to provide replacement classrooms and a dance studio, a new 4-court sports hall and MUGA), and
  - ii. agree the sum that Slough will contribute to deliver these projects.
- (b) That any contribution from Slough towards the accommodation works be financed from Basic Need grant.
- (c) That Officers proceed with the accommodation works once contracts are exchanged for Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy.
- (d) That land near Castlevale be leased to the Trust of Ditton Park Academy for a new school.
- (e) That land formerly used by Arbour Vale School be leased to the Secretary of State for use by Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy.

**94. Proposed Disposal of Land at Ledgers Road to Slough Regeneration Partnership**

The Head of Asset Management introduced a report which sought approval to dispose of land at Ledgers Road, formerly the Town Hall annexe, to Slough Regeneration Partnership (SRP) to commence a 73 unit housing development.

Commissioners were informed that the scheme had been approved by the Planning Committee last year and comprised 50 units for sale and 23 would be acquired by the Council for social rent. Independent surveyors had been appointed and the valuation in excess of £3m was confirmed as not being less than best value. The Cabinet welcomed the work that had been done in bringing the site forward to provide much needed housing whilst achieving good value from the land asset. It was agreed to dispose of the site to the SRP with delegation of the final valuation sum and non-financial matters following consultation with the relevant Commissioners.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the disposal of land at Ledgers Road to SRP for a sum that represents no less than the best value valuation be authorised.

- (b) That authority to agree the final valuation sum be delegated to the Assistant Director, Assets Infrastructure & Regeneration, following consultation with the Leader and the Council's Section 151 Officer.
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Assets, Infrastructure and Regeneration, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods & Renewal, to approve the non-financial terms for disposal.

**95. Manifesto Update for Pledges 2014/15**

The Communications Manager introduced a report which informed Commissioners of progress made and projects undertaken following adoption of the manifesto by the Cabinet on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.

A number of specific areas were discussed, including the additional steps taken to tackle anti-social behaviour such as alley gating and the installation of CCTV and success in returning to the Council 30 illegally sub-let properties to enable them to be re-let to households in genuine need. Excellent progress had also been made towards the ambitious target of building or starting construction of 200 new Council homes at sites across the borough including sites in Britwell, Chalvey and Wexham. Commissioners welcomed the progress that had been made over the past nine months since the manifesto had been adopted and noted that further progress would be made in the remainder of the municipal year.

**Resolved –** That the progress made to date on the projects undertaken as part of the commitment to the manifesto pledges adopted in June 2014 be noted.

**96. Community Investment Fund 2014/15 Update and 2015/16 Allocations**

The Communications Manager introduced a report which set out the projects supported by the Community Investment Fund in 2014/15 and considered a tabled list of proposed allocations for 2015/16.

The fund had been established in 2012 to direct funding to smaller street level projects that benefitted the local community and in the past year the funding had been used to support multi-use games areas; CCTV movable cameras; alley gating projects; a second year of the programme to renew street name plate signs; pavement parking; and neighbourhood enhancements.

The Commissioner for Neighbourhoods & Renewal tabled a proposed list projects to be supported in 2015/16 from the £350k available. This included a wide range of schemes such as improvements to Chalvey recreation ground, additional parking spaces at Salt Hill Park, further alley gating projects and four new or replacement movable electronic anti-speed 30mph signs. The Cabinet considered the schemes and agreed the proposed list as tabled.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the progress made to date on the Community Investment Fund projects be noted; and
- (b) That the Community Investment Fund available in 2015/16 be allocated as detailed in the tabled report.

**97. Five Year Plan Projects Funded Through the Thames Valley Berkshire LEP**

The Cabinet received a comprehensive summary of the current and historic projects submitted by the Council to the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for consideration for funding under the Local Growth Fund (LGF).

The schemes were focused on improving Slough's transport networks including key strategic corridors, external links and rail stations to increase the economic attractiveness of the Borough. Projects were at various stages of development and funding approval by both the LEP and the Council and it was noted that a number of schemes would need further financial approval at the appropriate stage. Whilst a majority of the schemes were transport related, the Council were continuing to develop bids for other schemes such as a Conference Centre/Higher Education Facility and further bids may be possible in the future to support the Smart Cities digital agenda.

Commissioners welcomed the fact that significant external funding had been secured to improve Slough's transport infrastructure and they agreed to continue to seek such additional investment where it would help the Council deliver its strategic objectives and priority schemes. The Cabinet were mindful of the match funding requirements for each scheme, and particularly the potential risks if the cost of schemes rose, and emphasised the need to carefully prioritise resources and rigorously assess business cases to ensure they met the Council's priorities. It was confirmed that any scheme with the SBC funding element not yet approved would come back to the Cabinet, following consideration by the Capital Strategy Board, as part of the consideration of the Capital Strategy and it was agreed to reflect this in agreeing the recommendations. The Cabinet also agreed delegate authority to the Strategy Director, Regeneration, Housing & Resources to progress future bids, following consultation with the relevant Commissioners.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That it be noted that the projects set out in the report had been submitted by Slough Borough Council to the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, in order to be considered for Local Growth Fund (LGF) funding;
- (b) That a number of these projects had been accepted for LGF funding, as detailed in section 5 of the report;

- (c) That schemes currently not funded be supported in principle, subject to approval by the Capital Strategy Board and Cabinet at the appropriate stage;
- (d) That the Strategic Director, Regeneration, Housing & Resources, following consultation with the Leader and Commissioner for Social & Economic Inclusion, be given delegated authority to continue dialogue with businesses and internal stakeholders and submit bids to the LEP on behalf of Slough Borough Council.

**98. Better Care Fund Pooled Budget Agreement 2015/16**

The Assistant Director Adult Social Care introduced a report seeking agreement enter in a Pooled Budget Agreement for the Better Care Fund (BCF) with the Slough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to bring together some health and social care funding.

The creation of a pooled budget was part of the national conditions for the BCF and was permitted in legislation through Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 and it was proposed that the Council be the host of the pooled budget as a majority of the expenditure related to social care. The agreement included a number of schedules setting out the planned expenditure, governance arrangements and risk sharing agreement. Risk share would be on a scheme by scheme basis depending on who was managing the relevant scheme. The final BCF plan for Slough had set out a pooled budget of £8.76m for 2015/16 of which the financial contribution from the Council was £694,000. The budget included a contingency fund of £1.15m in 2015/16 to cover possible risks including failing to achieve the target of a 3.5% reduction in non-elective admissions to hospital.

The pooled budget had been set at the minimum amount required by NHS England, and Commissioners discussed the reasons for this and it was responded that a steady approach was being taken for the first year of the fund. A range of other issues were discussed including partnership working between the Council and the CCG; the risks and challenges of reducing hospital admissions; and the potential for future devolution of NHS spend following the General Election. It was noted that the CCG Governing Body would not be meeting to agree the pooled budget until April, which meant the original planned start date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 would not be met. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Cabinet agreed to enter into the pooled budget and to be the host of the budget. It was also agreed to delegate authority to finalise the Section 75 agreement following consultation with the relevant Commissioners.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the Council enter into a pooled arrangement under S75 of the NHS Act 2006 with Slough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

- (b) That the Council be the host of the Pooled Budget.
- (c) That the Council's financial contribution to the budget together with the proposed arrangements for governance and management of the plan be approved.
- (d) That the Director of Wellbeing, following consultation with the Leader and the Commissioner for Health & Wellbeing, be given delegated authority to finalise the Section 75 agreement subject to approval by the Slough CCG Governing Body.

**99. Care Act 2014 - Implications for Charging Policy**

The Assistant Director Adult Social Care introduced a report seeking ratification of changes to Slough's charging policy for Adult Social Care to comply with the requirements of the Care Act 2014.

Commissioners were advised on the options in relation to charging for care in a care home; for support to carers; of self-funders for arranging non-residential care; and the policies on the universal deferred payment agreements and 'top-up' fees in care homes. After consideration, the Cabinet agreed the recommendations are set out in the report and the policies on Deferred Payment Agreements and Top-ups in Care Homes as attached at Appendices A and B to the report.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That Slough's policy on charging for care in care homes would continue unchanged.
- (b) That Slough would continue not to charge for carers' support, though this would be reviewed by autumn 2016 when a considered view could be taken following implementation of the revised Carers' Strategy during 2015.
- (c) That Slough would review the option to charge self-funders who ask it to arrange their non-residential care by autumn 2015 following changes to social care processes and pathways.
- (d) That Slough adopt the policies on Deferred Payment Agreements and Top-ups in Care Homes (Appendices A and B).

**100. Welfare Policies**

The Assistant Director Finance & Audit introduced a report which sought approval for policies on Local Welfare Provision, Discretionary Housing Payments and Council Tax Hardship as detailed in Appendices A-C to the report.



The Local Welfare Provision (LWP) set out the policy in respect of crisis awards and community care awards which had been underspent in the past two years. The policy was broadly in line with the existing scheme and it was proposed to spend any funds rolled over from the previous years with a further report to Cabinet to consider the future of scheme once the Government grant neared its end. The Council had received an additional £197k for LWP which was not ring-fenced, however, the allocation for the Discretionary Housing Payments was £243k less than current financial year and it was anticipated that there would be continued pressure on this funding. It was therefore proposed and agreed to seek to offset the funding where possible.

The Cabinet approved the policies and agreed to receive a further report later in the year on the future of LWP.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the respective policies for Local Welfare Provision, Discretionary Housing Payments and Council Tax Hardship as set out in Appendices A to C to the report be approved.
- (b) That a further paper be brought to Cabinet to consider the future of Local Welfare Provision scheme once the Government Grant is nearing its end.

**101. Business Rates Transitional Relief Discretionary Policies 2015-16 and 2016-17**

The Assistant Director Finance & Audit introduced a report which sought approval of a new policy in relation to Business Rates collection to extend Transitional Relief for small and medium sized businesses for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Transitional relief limited the amount by which a business' rates could be increased or decreased following a revaluation and the policy was required as the existing Transitional Relief scheme would end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The Chancellor had announced arrangements in his Autumn Statement for Council's to use their powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 to award discretionary relief to such businesses as if the expiring scheme had been extended. The amount of relief awarded by the Council would be paid back as a section 31 grant. The relevant legislation had been amended to give this change effect and the Council needed to adopt a policy to deliver the scheme.

After due consideration, the Cabinet agreed to approve the policy as set out in Appendix A to the report.

**Resolved –** That the 'Business Rates Relief – Extension of Transitional Relief for 2015-16 and 2016-17' policies, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, be approved.

## **102. Children's Services Organisation Decisions**

The Chief Executive introduced a report which updated the Cabinet on the progress to date on the Children's Services transition project and sought delegation to finalise various matters relating to the scope of services to be externalised and legal model for the new organisation.

Commissioners noted that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the Secretary of State for Education which had been considered by Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 had been completed on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 and a joint project team had since developed a project plan for the transition. The Council's approach was to secure the best outcome for vulnerable young people in Slough and this required careful consideration of the scope of services to transfer to the new organisation. Commissioners noted the services that had provisionally been agreed to be in scope and excluded as detailed in sections 5.7 and 5.8 of the report and were informed that a number of services set out in paragraph 5.9 were still under discussion. In order to conclude this process in a timely manner, including during the pre-election period, it was proposed and agreed to delegate the finalisation of the scope of services to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the relevant Commissioners.

The Cabinet were also informed that further due diligence and detailed discussions were required before the legal vehicle for the new organisation could be settled with various options under consideration such as a Community Interest Company. Discussions on the likely date of transfer were also ongoing and the Cabinet were informed that this was potentially from the end of September onwards. It was proposed and agreed that determination of the transfer date and timetable form part of the delegation.

### **Resolved –**

That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Commissioner for Education & Children, be given delegated authority to:

- (a) Finalise the scope of children's services that will transfer to the new Children's Organisation.
- (b) Finalise the legal model for the new Children's Services company and its incorporation.
- (c) Determine the provisional transfer date and timetable for developing and implementing transfer to the new organisation.

**103. Re-commissioning and Procurement of a Responsive Repair & Maintenance Service for Housing Properties**

The Cabinet considered a report advising Members of the progress made in the re-commissioning process for a responsive repair and maintenance service for housing properties.

The existing contract for the housing repairs and maintenance service would end in March 2016 and the work undertaken so far to understand the aspirations of the Council, tenants and leaseholders for the future provision indicated that the new model was likely to be very different to the current contract in terms of scope, delivery, performance and outcomes. In order to achieve an outcome that reflected these ambitions, it was therefore proposed to evaluate the options for interim provision for an additional period of between 12 and 20 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Commissioners discussed a range of issues including data sharing and IT provision; the in house expertise in commissioning and procurement to manage this process; using the knowledge and experience of other local authorities; and the potential links with other major contracts. The links with the Amey contract were considered and the Cabinet were therefore supportive of a 20 month period of interim provision to make the contract co-terminus and maximise the potential re-commissioning opportunities.

The options for the future model and interim provision were considered, including the Part II Appendix which included exempt information relating to the interim provision. After due consideration, the Cabinet agreed that officers could explore the options to procure interim provision for up to 20 months beyond the end of the current contract and that the Strategic Director of Regeneration, Housing and Resources have delegated authority to pursue the best option following the options appraisal. A further report would come back to Cabinet in the summer of 2015 recommending a course of action to approve the business case for the final option to be prepared for market.

**Resolved –** That the progress made in evaluating options to re-procure an alternative service provision, including in the accompanying Part II report, be noted and the resulting proposed changes to the implementation plan and to resolve:

- (a) That in order to alleviate the time constraints and provide sufficient time for the re-procurement project to achieve its full aims, that officers be empowered to explore and evaluate options to procure an interim provision of services from April 1st 2016 for a period of between 12 and 20 months.
- (b) That following completion of an options appraisal, the decision to pursue the best option for interim service provision be delegated to the Strategic Director, Regeneration, Housing and Resources, following

consultation with the Leader and the Commissioner for Neighbourhoods & Renewal, to decide on the interim provision solution.

- (c) That following an exercise to determine the scope of the project and subsequently which vehicle should be used to deliver the objectives therein, to be carried out by the project team and agreed by the commissioning and procurement board, the Cabinet resolve to delegate to the Strategic Director, Regeneration, Housing and Resources, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Commissioner for Neighbourhoods & Renewal, the choice of option for the final business case to be based upon.

#### **104. References from Overview & Scrutiny**

The Cabinet received a report including recommendations from the Neighbourhoods & Community Services (NCS) Scrutiny Panel in relation to Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) for bus services and street cleaning.

##### RTPI

The Cabinet noted that the NCS Scrutiny Panel had recommended the following points in relation to RTPI:

- “That the Panel recommend Cabinet reviews the current level of accuracy of RTPI in order to set a target for RTPI accuracy and a suitable timeframe.
- That the responsible Cabinet member is recommended to report back to the NCS Scrutiny Panel in six months (summer / early autumn 2015).
- That the Panel recommends that no further capital expenditure on RTPI be made until the Cabinet is satisfied that worthwhile levels of RTPI will be achieved.”

Commissioners welcomed the work that the Scrutiny Panel had conducted and agreed that further action was needed to improve accuracy which was 26% at the time of the report to scrutiny and currently 59%. Members expressed frustration about the levels of performance given the significant Council investment and asked about the actions First were taking to ensure the system worked properly and the sanctions available to the Council if accuracy did not reach acceptable levels. It was therefore agreed to receive a further report at the next meeting in April which addressed these concerns and set an ambitious target for RTPI accuracy and that the Commissioner for Social & Economic Inclusion would report progress to the Scrutiny Panel in the summer or early autumn. The Cabinet were advised that there would be an impact on major schemes, including the Curve and Slough, Burnham and Langley stations, if capital investment was halted and they agreed not to approve this recommendation at the present time.

Street Cleaning

The Cabinet considered the request to approve the following points in relation to street cleaning:

- “That the Panel recommends that, if financially viable, housing land be included in the next contract.
- That the Panel recommends that, to ensure improved monitoring of contractors’ work, SBC monitor street cleanliness on
  - a) The day of the contractor inspection; and
  - b) The day of cleaning.This is in preference to the present system of random locations which has lacked sufficient focus.”

In line with discussions earlier in the meeting (minute 103 refers), Commissioners agreed that including housing land in the street cleaning contract and the monitoring arrangements would be considered as part of the re-commissioning process.

**Resolved –** That the recommendations from the Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel be noted and the following actions be agreed:

Real Time Passenger Information

- (a) That the Cabinet receive a further report in April 2015 to review the current level of accuracy of RTPI and to set a target for Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) accuracy within a suitable timeframe.
- (b) That the Commissioner for Social & Economic Inclusion report back to the NCS Scrutiny Panel in summer / early autumn 2015.

Street cleaning:

- (c) That, if financially viable, housing land be included in the next contract.
- (d) That to ensure improved monitoring of contractors’ work, SBC monitor street cleanliness on:
  - 1. The day of the contractor inspection; and
  - 2. The day of cleaning.

**105. Notification of Forthcoming Decisions**

The Cabinet considered the published Notification of Key Decisions for the forthcoming three month period.

**Resolved –** That the published Notification of Forthcoming Key Decisions for the period between March to May 2015 be endorsed.

**106. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved –** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items in Part II of the agenda as they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to individuals and to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I the Schedule 12A the Local Government Act 1972.

Below is a summary of the decisions of the Cabinet taken during Part II of the agenda.

**107. Leisure Strategy - Appendix D**

Appendix D to the report on the Leisure Strategy setting out the options appraisal of the advantages and disadvantages of between refurbishing Montem Leisure Centre and building a new leisure centre at Farnham Road was noted and considered during Part I without disclosing any exempt information.

**108. Agreement to Dispose of Two Sites for Free Schools - Appendix A**

Appendix A on the proposed disposal of land at Castlevew, which included exempt information relating to the valuation and financial transactions of the disposal was noted and considered in resolving the matters in the Part I report without disclosing any exempt information.

**109. Re-commissioning and Procurement of a Responsive Repair & Maintenance Service for Housing Properties**

The further information advising Members of the options available for the interim provision of a responsive repair and maintenance service for housing properties was noted and considered in determining the matters detailed in the Part I report.

**110. Slough Library Site**

A way forward was agreed in relation to the Slough Library site to enable the continued delivery of the regeneration strategy for the town centre.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.31 pm and closed at 9.24 pm)