

# **References from Other Council Bodies Streetsmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee / Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Cabinet**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

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## **1. Purpose and Reasons**

- 1.1 To consider references from meetings of the Streetsmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- 1.2 In particular, Cabinet is asked to consider:
  - 1.2.1 A request from the Streetsmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee to look at options for reducing street lighting energy use by 40%.
  - 1.2.2 Recommendations from the Health and Wellbeing Board that (i) the draft Homelessness Strategy for Swindon 2016 to 2021 be approved and the Allocations Policy be amended to offer a proportion of social housing voids in a targeted way to homeless households, as set out in Priority 4 of the Draft Strategy, and (ii) the new Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020 be adopted.
- 1.3 There are specific links to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, One Swindon and to Corporate Plans and Policies associated with Stronger Together and the Council's Vision and Pledges. These are highlighted in the original report.

## **2. Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to consider:

- 2.1 Minute 15 (1) of the Streetsmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Appendix 1), concerning street lighting and energy use.
- 2.2 Minutes 34 and 35 of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Appendix 2), concerning

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- 2.2.1 The approval of the draft Homelessness Strategy for Swindon 2016 to 2021 and the amendment of the Allocations Policy, and
- 2.2.2 The adoption of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020.

### **3. Detail**

#### StreetSmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 3.1 The StreetSmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and considered a report that included details of the current provision of street lighting and the options that were being considered to reduce energy consumption and manage street lighting assets.
- 3.2 Following its consideration of the report, and discussion of issues arising, the Committee resolved that Cabinet be requested to look at the options for reducing street lighting energy consumption by 40%. Minute 15(1) of the Committee refers (Appendix 1).
- 3.3 The original report considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, including the options being considered to reduce energy consumption and manage street lighting assets, is available on the Council's website, via the following link, or on request from Committee and Members Services (*the clerk's contact details are set out below*).

<http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=959&MId=6894&Ver=4>

#### Health and Wellbeing Board

- 3.4 The Health and Wellbeing Board met on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and considered two reports concerning strategies relevant to the Borough Council. The first report set out details of a draft Homelessness Strategy for Swindon 2016 to 2021, which was a statutory requirement for the Council in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Homelessness Act 2002. The second report highlighted a proposed new Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020 for Swindon, which superseded the previous NHS Swindon Sexual Health Strategy 2010 – 2014.
- 3.5 Following its consideration of the reports, and discussion of issues arising, the Board has recommended to Cabinet that (i) the draft Homelessness Strategy for Swindon 2016 to 2021 be approved and the Allocations Policy be amended to offer a proportion of social housing voids in a targeted way to homeless households, as set out in Priority 4 of the Draft Strategy, and (ii) the new Sexual

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and Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020 be adopted. Minutes 34 and 35 of the Health and Wellbeing Board refer (Appendix 2).

- 3.6 The original reports considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board, including the draft Homelessness Strategy and the Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020, are available on the Council's website, via the following link, or on request from Committee and Members Services (*the clerk's contact details are set out below*).

<http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=933&MId=6889&Ver=4>

#### 4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 It is a matter for Cabinet as to whether the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the Health and Wellbeing Board, are supported or not.

#### 5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

##### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 *Street Lighting* - The Board Director, Service Delivery has advised that the current cost of the street lighting service is covered in the body of the report submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The cost of the options identified in that report would be covered in the outline business cases for consideration in early 2016, together with some consideration of potential finance options through public and private sector finance, and European funding. The indicative costs quoted do not include for optimism bias and will be subject to a recommended level of optimism bias of 44% in accordance with Department for Transport guidance, which would be refined as the business case for each option is developed.
- 5.2 *Homelessness Strategy* - The Head of Housing and Community Safety has advised that the Homelessness Strategy should provide a steer for Supported Housing procurement, that will be reported on separately as part of the normal Budget setting procedure, and that the Strategy was key to delivering Homelessness Services within identified budgets. There were no additional financial implications from the proposals in the Strategy.
- 5.3 *Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy* – The Director of Public Health advised that there were no financial or procurement implications. Local Authorities faced significant financial challenges over the coming years and would need to ensure the requirements of the Strategy were completed in a way that did not require

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additional resources or that potentially could improve sexual health outcomes for people without the need for local authority funding.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.4 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. It is considered that the recommendations of this report are compatible with convention rights.

### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.5 This report has no other specific implications.

### Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.6 *Street Lighting* - The Board Director, Service Delivery has advised that no Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) is required at this stage. A DIA would be carried out where required for options proposed.
- 5.7 *Homelessness Strategy* - The Head of Housing and Community Safety has advised that a Diversity Impact Assessment has been carried out by the author of the report, and is available on request. Findings from the Diversity Impact Assessment have been incorporated into the Strategy itself. It is important to note that the shortage of affordable housing is a particular difficulty, as well as the support services people need to live independently. People at risk of social exclusion often need to develop skills to ensure that they can successfully maintain a home. The services commissioned and delivered by the Council such as the Outreach Service for those sleeping rough as well as the work of the Housing Options Team take account of these particular vulnerabilities. The action plan will be developed to improve service delivery where resources allow.
- 5.8 *Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy* – The Director of Public Health has advised that a Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) has been completed. No adverse impacts were identified based on religion, sexual orientation, marital/civil partnership status, or pregnancy/maternity. A copy of the DIA with more detailed information can be requested from the report author.

### Risk Management

- 5.9 There are no identified unmitigated risks.

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**6. Consultees**

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

**7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 None.

**8. Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Minute of StreetSmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 – Minutes of Health and Wellbeing Board – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015..

**9. Key Decision/Decision in Cabinet Work Programme/Forward Plan**

- 9.1 This is not a Key Decision and is included in the Cabinet Work Programme / Forward Plan for February 2016.