

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services

(i) CHARVILLE WARD BY-ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the result of the Charville by-election be noted.

Background Information

1. Following the resignation of Councillor Horne a by-election was held to fill the vacant seat in Charville Ward on 27 November 2015. The result is shown below and has resulted in no change to the political balance of the Council:

John Oswell	The Labour Party Candidate	950 ELECTED
Mary O'Connor	Local Conservatives	929
Cliff Dixon	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	468
Wally Kennedy	Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts	40
Paul McKeown	Liberal Democrats	37

(ii) MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2014/2015

RECOMMENDATIONS: That upon the recommendation of the Labour Group the following changes be made to Committee Memberships 2014/15:

- Councillor Oswell to be appointed to the vacancy on the Social Services, Housing and Public Health POC
- Councillor Oswell to replace Councillor Dhot on North Planning Committee.

(iii) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Urgency decisions detailed below be noted.

Information

1. The Constitution allows a Cabinet or Cabinet Member decision to be implemented before the expiry of the 5 day call-in provided there is agreement from the Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Executive Scrutiny Committee to waive this. All such decisions are to be reported for information only to the next full Council meeting.
2. Recently the following decisions have been made using the urgency procedures:

Date of Decision	Decision Type / Nature of Decision	Decision-Maker
03/11/2014	Capital Release - Kings College Pavilion Running Track: Refurbishment and Infield Drainage Works (£227k).	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency)
12/11/2014	Tender - Housing Services Maintenance and Replacement Programme - Warm, Safe, Dry - Engagement of External Specialist Consultant.	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health & Housing (Special Urgency)
12/11/2014	Capital Release - Disabled Facilities Grant 2014/15 No. 4 - adaptation of multiple properties for elderly and/or disabled residents who require assistance (£232k).	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency)
12/11/2014	Capital Release - Disabled Facilities Grant 2014/15 No. 5 - adaptation of multiple properties for elderly and/or disabled residents who require assistance (£46k).	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency)
20/11/2014	Cabinet - a decision in respect of interim delegated authority for executive decision-making over the winter season.	Cabinet (Urgency)
24/11/2014	Capital Release - HRA Works to Stock 2014/15 - adaptations required to Council properties for disabled tenants at various properties across the Borough - Release No.4 (£148k).	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency)
28/11/2014	Capital Release - Housing Revenue Account Works to Stock Programme 2014/15 - Reactive Replacement of Domestic Boilers - Melbourne House - Release No 41 - (£130k).	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency)
18/12/2014	Combined Tender & Capital Release - Primary School Capital Programme - Cherry Lane Primary School - conversion of the existing School Library in to a Specialist Resource Provision Area.	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency)
22/12/2014	Capital Release - ICT Single Development Plan 2014/15 - implementation of a a bespoke ICT system ' ClearCore' for multi-agency working across children's services (£71k).	Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Urgency)

BACKGROUND PAPERS: Decision Notices

(iv) **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2015/16**

RECOMMENDATION: That the timetable of meetings for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix A, be approved and the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chief Whip of the Majority Party be authorised to make any amendments that may be required throughout the course of the year.

Members should note that during the course of the year meeting times and dates of some meetings may change or additional meetings may be called in order for the effective conduct of the council's business.