

## City of Durham

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Thursday, 3 August, 2006, at 5.30 p.m.

**Present:** The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor Lodge (in the Chair) and Councillors Bell, Carr, Colledge, Cowper, Dickie, Freeman, Graham, Hawgood, Holland, Hopgood, Howarth, Jackson, Kellett, Kinghorn, Lightley, McDonnell, Marsden, Pitts, Rae, Reynolds, , Rochford, Shaw, Simmons, Simpson, Smith, Southwell, Syer, Thomson, Turnbull, van Zwanenberg, Walker, Wolstenholme, Woods, Wynn and Young.

### **205. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crathorne, Cummings, Gibbon, Gill, Griffin, Hepplewhite, Robinson, Stoddart, Taylor and Walton.

#### **Report of the Executive Director**

**Note:** Councillor Southwell declared a personal interest in the undermentioned item and remained in the meeting during consideration thereof.

### **206. PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL DEVELOPMENT, FREEMANS PLACE - UPDATE REPORT**

The Executive Director submitted a comprehensive report to update Council on progress to date on the above project, and to seek agreement on the terms of two key agreements in connection with the project. (See Report File).

**Resolved:** (i) That a 20 year term agreement with Competition Line UK in relation to the Health and Fitness Suite within the new Building be agreed.

(ii) That a 99 year lease agreement with Durham County Council on terms as laid out in the report be agreed.

(iii) That the work undertaken to date on the design and organisation of the project be noted.

### **207. JOINT DEVELOPMENT, ELVET WATERSIDE – SELECTION OF PREFERRED DEVELOPER**

Cabinet had previously considered reports on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2005 and 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 regarding an opportunity for a joint development partnership with the University of Durham at Elvet Waterside. The Executive Director submitted a comprehensive report that outlined the conclusion of the developer selection process. (See Report File).

**Resolved:** (i) That H J Banks and Esh Group Consortium be approved as the developer for the Elvet Waterside joint development site.

(ii) That the City Council in partnership with the University of Durham now commit to the legal work necessary to sell freehold of the land to the appointed developer.

(iii) That full public consultation be undertaken with all residents and stakeholders throughout the design process in line with the development brief.

**208. IN PRIVATE**

**Resolved:** That pursuant to Section 100.A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting during consideration of the items listed in Column 1 below, being reports of the Officers mentioned in Column 2 below on the grounds that if members of the public were present during discussion of these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined in Section 100.I) of the description indicated in Column 3 below.

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
Proposed Swimming Pool Development, Freemans Place, - Update Report – Fitness Partner	Executive Director	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Para.3)
Joint Development Elvet Waterside – Selection of Preferred Developer – Financial Issues	Executive Director	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Para.3)
Procurement of a New Computerised Housing Management Software Application	Joint Report of the Head of Property Services, Head of Financial Services and Head of Housing Services	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Para.3)

**Report of the Executive Director**

**Note:** Councillor Southwell declared a personal interest in the undermentioned item and remained in the meeting during consideration thereof.

**209. PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL DEVELOPMENT, FREEMANS PLACE, - UPDATE REPORT – FITNESS PARTNER**

The Executive Director submitted a report on two key elements of the proposed agreement with Competition Line UK.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

**210. JOINT DEVELOPMENT ELVET WATERSIDE – SELECTION OF PREFERRED DEVELOPER – FINANCIAL ISSUES**

The Executive Director submitted a comprehensive report on the Selection of Preferred Developer - Financial Issues.

**Resolved:** That details of the final value of the capital receipt be reported to Cabinet at a future date.

**Joint Report of The Head of Property Services, Head of Financial Services and Head of Housing Services**

**211. PROCUREMENT OF A NEW COMPUTERISED HOUSING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE APPLICATION  
MIN 594, 5 APRIL, 2006**

The Head of Property Services, Head of Financial Services and Head of Housing Services submitted a comprehensive report to update Members with regard to the award of 'Preferred Supplier' status in relation to the proposed replacement for the current Reality based Housing Management software system, supplied by Northgate Information Solutions PLC. The report was further to a previous report to Cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006 and sought approval to extend the project to incorporate links to the CRM system. The report also identified the cashable and non-cashable efficiencies, plus improved performance that was expected as a result of implementing these systems and addressed the financing of the project. The report had been considered and endorsed by the Council's ICT Steering Group.

**Resolved:** (i) That the procurement selection process undertaken be noted and Northgate Information Solutions as the preferred supplier be approved.

(ii) That the actions of the ICT Steering Group in terms of widening the project brief, and allocation of additional capital resources from the ICT capital programme be approved.

(iii) That Council delegate authority to the Head of Property Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Procurement and Housing, to re-negotiate the financing terms of the potential contract with Northgate Information Systems – within existing budgets of a maximum of £750,000 capital expenditure and an annual support and maintenance costs of no more than £88,714 per annum.

(iv) Contract with Northgate Information Solutions for the replacement of its Housing system.

(v) That a further report be presented to members outlining actual efficiencies and improvements generated from the system within 9 months of implementation.

The Meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.

Mayor