



FRESHNEY PLACE CABINET SUB COMMITTEE

DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Freshney Place Cabinet Sub Committee held on the 15th November 2023 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of the Cabinet Sub Committee are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)

Councillors, Harness and Shepherd.

DN.SC.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

DN.SC.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from any Councillor for this meeting.

DN.SC.12 MINUTES

The minutes of the Freshney Place Cabinet Sub Committee meeting on 19th July 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.SC.13 FRESHNEY PLACE BUSINESS PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT

The Cabinet Sub Committee considered a report from Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder Economy, Net Zero, Skills, and Housing providing a review of the first 12 months of the Council's ownership of Freshney Place and seeking approval of the Business Plan.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the annual report now submitted be noted.**
- 2. That the business plan, now submitted be approved.**
- 3. That responsibility be delegated to the Executive Director, Place & Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to implement and to bring another report by way of review within 12 months.**

REASONS FOR DECISION -. To continue to achieve optimum performance of Freshney Place, whilst strategically driving the tenant mix towards a more varied visitor experience.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The Annual Report and Business Plan have been prepared by experienced and qualified Asset Managers who are considered essential in ensuring the Council has visibility of how the centre is performing and is planning ahead. During preparation of the documents a variety of strategies were considered by the Asset Manager and have presented what they consider to be the optimum approach. The Council could choose not to require such documents, but it is considered this would be a sub-optimal approach to the management of the asset.