

General Purposes Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 14th January 2016

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Decision review deadline: 20th January 2016



Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented at 9.30am on the fourth full working day after the publication date, unless it is subject of a decision review. [see note on decision review below].

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| | <u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u> | |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest | <p>Apologies received from Councillors Bullen, McGuire and Nethsingha.</p> <p>Councillor Jenkins declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to item 5, as a member of Histon and Impington Parish Council.</p> |
| 2. | Minutes – 22nd December 2015 and Action Log | <p>It was resolved:</p> <p>to approve the minutes of the meeting of 22nd December 2015 as a correct record and note the action log including oral updates at the meeting.</p> |
| 3. | Petitions | None received. |
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| | <u>KEY DECISIONS</u> | |
| 4. | Outline Business case for Milton Keynes Council to join LGSS shared services partnership | <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Based on the attached Outline Business Case, approve the proposal for Milton Keynes Council (MKC) to join LGSS shared services. ii) Subject to approval from Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) Cabinet and MKC's Cabinet (which was being sought in parallel with approval from the General Purposes Committee), delegate to the LGSS Managing Director in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members of the LGSS Joint Committee, authorisation to negotiate and agree, subject to appropriate terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the provision of services to MKC, under the auspices of the LGSS Joint Committee and the terms and conditions under which the Partnering and Delegation Agreement (PDA) will operate; b. any changes to the staffing structures necessary or incidental to the implementation of the service delivery; and c. to prepare, approve and complete any necessary legal documentation, including a proposal for amendments to the current PDA between Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) relating to the setup of LGSS (and any resulting changes to the constitutions of CCC and NCC). This proposal will be brought to CCC and NCC Full Council for approval. |
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| 5. | Cottenham, Development of Land in Rampton Road | <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>authorise the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee (GPC) and the Investment Review Group, to enter into appropriate agreements outlined in this report required to implement the development by the Council of land at Rampton Road in Cottenham and to explore during this process whether it is possible to bring forward a Community Land Trust or other appropriate model, working with the community, as a means to deliver this development and realise its assets appropriately.</p> |
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| | <u>OTHER DECISIONS</u> | |
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| 6. | Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement - Update | <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) Note the impact of the provisional local government finance settlement on the Council's Business Plan; and</p> <p>b) Agree that the Chief Finance Officer write to the Secretary of State confirming that the Council is not currently 'minded' to set a 2% Adult Social Care precept for the 2016-17 financial year reminding the Secretary of State notes that this is decision for full Council in February.</p> |
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| 7. | Service Committee Review of Draft Business Planning Proposals for 2016/17 to 2020/21 | <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the overview and context provided for the 2016/17 to 2020/21 Business Plan proposals for the Service, updated since the last report to the Committee in December. b) comment on the draft revenue savings proposals that are within the remit of the General Purposes Committee for 2016/17 to 2020/21, and endorse them to the General Purposes Committee as part of consideration for the Council's overall Business Plan. c) note the ongoing stakeholder consultation and discussions with partners and service users regarding emerging business planning proposals. d) approve the proposal to increase Blue Badge charges from April 2016 for new and replacement Badges to the maximum permitted under legislation. |
| 8. | Treasury Management Strategy 2016-17 | <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend to Council that it approve the draft Treasury Management Strategy for 2016-17, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2016-17 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Council's policy on the making of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 ii) The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2016-17 as required by the Local Government Act 2003 b) The Investment Strategy for 2016-17 as required by the Communities and Local Government (CLG) revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2010. |

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| | | 2. That the authority be delegated to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee, to make temporary changes needed to the Council's borrowing and investment strategy to enable the authority to meet its obligations. |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups, and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels | It was resolved to: a) review its Agenda Plan; and b) review and agree its Training Plan. |
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Notes:

(a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

(b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:-

- a. At least 24 elected members of the Council may submit a request for a review of a decision by the Full Council;
- b. The request must be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of 3 full working days after the decision has been published and shall specify the reason(s) why the decision should be reviewed.

(c) Full details of the decision review process, including those decisions which may not be subject to review, are set out in the Decision Review Procedure Rules at Part 4.5 of the Constitution.

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