

General Purposes Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 28th July 2015

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Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented, three working days after the publication date, unless more than a third of the total number of serving Councillors of the Council request the decision be reviewed *[see note on decision review below]*.

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	<u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u>	
1.	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Councillor Jenkins declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to Item 13, as Chairman of Histon and Impington Parish Council which had an interest in one farm.
2.	Minutes 19th May 2015 and Action Log	It was resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of 19th May 2015 as a correct record and note the action log.
3.	Petitions	None received.
	<u>KEY DECISIONS</u>	
4.	Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the year ending 31st March 2015	It was resolved to: a) Note the Council's year end resources and performance position for 2014/15. b) Approve the following year end adjustments:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reserve to the value of £893k to mitigate against potential contract disputes; ○ A reserve to the value of £56k in respect of back-scanning work; and ○ A reserve to the value of £1.0m in respect of anticipated costs associated with the implementation of the Operating Model for Business Planning (section 3.2.10)
5.	Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the Period Ending 31st May 2015	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ai) Analyse resources and performance information and note the remedial action currently being taken. aii) Invite Committee Chairs to report at the next meeting of General Purposes Committee on actions in place to address emerging overspends. b) Approve the transfer of £200k from the General Reserve to LGSS Managed to address the budget error that arose when creating the 2015/16 base budget in relation to the City Deal (section 3.2.5). c) Approve the use of the full £31.9m capital carry forward funding in 2015/16 (section 6.5). d) Approve that the remaining £20.0m budget in relation to the Science Park Station scheme be removed from the Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) capital programme in 2015/16 (section 6.5). e) Approve that the additional Growth Deal funding of £1m in 2015/16 be allocated in full to ETE (section 6.5). f) Approve that the 2015/16 element of the second tranche of the Cycle City Ambition grant of £1.48m be allocated in full to ETE (section 6.5).

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		<p>g) Approve an increase of £1.24m to the Prudential Borrowing requirement in 2015/16 to offset the reduction in funding received from the Department for Education (DfE) RE: Condition, Suitability and Maintenance funding (section 6.5).</p> <p>h) Approve the -£5.8m rephasing of Children, Families and Adults (CFA's) S106 funding in 2015/16 (section 6.5).</p> <p>i) Approve the -£7.1m rephasing of CFA's Prudential Borrowing requirement in 2015/16 (section 6.5).</p> <p>j) Approve the inclusion of the additional CFA capital schemes into the 2015/16 and 2016/17 capital programme, along with the associated Prudential Borrowing requirement of £3.2m in 2015/16 and £2.6m in 2016/17 (section 6.5).</p> <p>k) Approve CFA's additional Prudential Borrowing requirement of £1.5m in 2015/16 (section 6.5).</p>
6.	East Barnwell Community Centre	<p>It was resolved to agree the following in relation to East Barnwell Community Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to remove option (a) and receive a report in two months detailing further information including discussions with neighbours on the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) Develop a Council only site mixed development including the redesigned community facilities; and (c) Develop proposals for a wider development including the redesigned community facilities, providing that the Heads of Terms could be developed within six months of the meeting of General Purposes Committee held on 28 July 2015.

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7.	Overview of the Business Planning Process	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the Business Planning timetable b) note the responsibilities that it had in both the Business Plan Setting Process and the on-going delivery of the Plan and General Purposes Committee's enthusiasm for a rapid transition to an outcome-based approach to business planning.
8.	Business Planning – Medium Term Financial Strategy	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Acknowledge the indicative departmental cash limits; and b) Recommend the Medium Term Financial Strategy to Council for approval.
9.	Business Planning – Capital Strategy	<p>It was resolved to recommend to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Revisions to the Capital Strategy to align it with the Operating Model approach, including that prioritisation of capital proposals would be undertaken using an amended version of the Investment Appraisal process that reflected the new outcome-based focus of Business Planning. b) that the advisory limit on the level of debt charges (and therefore prudential borrowing) should be kept at existing levels, which were higher than the level of debt charges approved in the 2015-20 Business Plan; c) That borrowing related to Invest to Save/Earn schemes should continue to be excluded from the advisory debt charges limit.
10.	Soham, Northern Gateway, Marketing Update	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>note the current situation in respect of marketing of Council owned land in the Soham Northern Gateway.</p>

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11.	Business Case for the Formation of the Greater Cambridge City Deal Housing Development Agency	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Make comment on the business case for the establishment of the HDA; (b) Agree to the establishment of the HDA and the associated governance arrangements contained within the business case; (c) Request that the three city deal shared service partners agree to the establishment of a Company construct for the HDA to become operational by the end of 2016; and (d) The detail of the company and its governance be brought back to this Committee for ratification in due course
12.	Recruitment Strategy Report	<p>Following consideration by Adults and Children and Young People Committees, the Committee resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) review and comment on the proposed measures to improve recruitment and retention of social care staff. b) approve the in-year revenue virement of £0.74m set out in paragraph 5.1.1 and confirm that the future full year costs (£1.59m) would be addressed by Children, Families and Adults through the Business Planning process; and c) ask officers to come back with an action plan in October with a strategy for retention and recruitment of social care staff including the potential of creating a council owned agency, measures to reduce reliance on agency staff and measures to increase the overall pool of resource.

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13.	County Farms Estate Strategic Review	It was resolved: to endorse the proposal to carry out a review of the County Farms Estate, in consultation with Treasury Strategy Review Working Group, and to delegate to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee, the decision to allocate appropriate resources to progress the review.
14.	Finance and Performance Report – Outturn 2014/15	It was resolved to: a) review, note and comment on the report; b) approve the use of the Corporate Services carry forward reserve on projects in 2015-16 and future years as detailed in Section 3.2 of this report.
15.	Finance and Performance Report – May 2015	It was resolved to review, note and comment on the report.
16.	Appointments to Outside Bodies, Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, and Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups	It was resolved to: (i) agree the appointments to outside bodies as detailed in Appendix 1 including the appointment of Councillor McGuire to the Conservators of the River Cam. (ii) agree appointments to the Member Development Panel and the Council's Diversity Group, and review and continue to refer appointments to the other internal advisory groups and panels, as detailed in Appendix 2, to the relevant policy and service committee. It was also agreed to delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Group Leaders, the appointment of a UKIP and Independent Group representative to the Diversity Group. (iii) agree appointments including the appointment of Councillor Hoy to the Fenland Crime Reduction Partnership , and continue to refer appointments to the other partnership liaison and advisory groups, as detailed in Appendix 3, to the

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		relevant policy and service committee.
17.	General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan	It was resolved to note the agenda plan including two additional items for the September meeting.
18.	General Purposes Committee Training Plan	It was resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - agree the training plan that had been developed as set out as Appendix 1 to the report.
19.	Burwell, Development of Land in Newmarket Road	It was resolved to authorise the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee (GPC) and the Treasury Strategy Review Working Group to enter into appropriate agreements outlined in this report required to implement the development by the Council of the land at Newmarket Road in Burwell.
20.	Cambridge, Milton Road, Community Hub	It was resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Self-develop – Cambridgeshire County Council reviews the parameters for delivering a viable and sustainable scheme for the provision of a new library and community building, procuring planning, design and construction resources from the market, managing and funding the development by retaining revenue producing elements of the site.

Notes:

- (a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Within three working days of a decision being published a review of the decision by the full Council can be requested by at least 24 elected members of the Council. The request must be received in writing and shall specify the reason(s) why the decision should be reviewed. The decision to be reviewed will be referred by the Proper Officer to the next scheduled meeting of Full Council, as appropriate.

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