

# General Purposes Committee

## Decision Statement

**Meeting:** 24th November 2015

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**Decision review deadline:** 30th November 2015



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].

Item	Topic	Decision
	<b><u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u></b>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest</b>	Apologies received from Councillors Bailey and D Brown.  Councillors Schumann and Rouse declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to item 5, as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of East Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee and did not take part in the discussion or vote.
2.	<b>Minutes – 20th October 2015 and Action Log</b>	It was resolved:  To approve the minutes of the meeting of 20th October 2015 as a correct record and note the action log.
3.	<b>Petitions</b>	None received.

	<b><u>KEY DECISIONS</u></b>	
4.	<b>March – Maple Grove community group – Lease Disposal</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>authorise the County Council to enter into a surrender and renewal of a lease of land and buildings to the Maple Grove Community Group at less than best consideration, on terms to be agreed by the Head of Strategic Assets, in consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.</p>
5.	<b>Soham Solar Park</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>authorise the development of the Solar Farm project and the specific commitments set out within this report and delegate any amendments to the non-financial elements to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee.</p>
	<b><u>OTHER DECISIONS</u></b>	
6.	<b>Service Committee Review of Draft Revenue Business Planning Proposals for 2016/17 to 2020/21</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) note the overview and context provided for the 2016/17 to 2020/21 Business Plan revenue proposals for the Service;</li> <li>b) comment on the draft revenue savings proposals that were 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 the consideration for the Council's overall Business Plan;</li> <li>c) approve the funding of the current transformation resource in Corporate Services for 2016/17 through the use of the Corporate Services operational reserves of £673k (based on October 2015 outturn position); and</li> <li>d) note the insufficient resource to support the on-going delivery of the Council's transformation programme, and support the bid that had been made to the</li> </ul>

		Operating Model Implementation Reserve to cover the shortfall in 2016-17, and note the work required to identify support for transformation for 2017-18.
7.	<b>Treasury Management Quarter Two Report</b>	It was resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Note the Treasury Management Quarter Two Report 2015-16;and</li> <li>b) Forward the report to full Council to note.</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Integrated Resources and Performance Report For the Period Ending 30th September 2015</b>	It was resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Analyse resources and performance information and note the remedial action currently being taken and consider if any further remedial action is required.</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Finance and Performance Report - September 2015</b>	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.
10.	<b>Charging Arrangements for Disabled Blue Badges</b>	It was resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Note the information provided on the Council's current subsidy of the Blue Badge scheme;</li> <li>- Note the current Business Planning proposal to increase Blue Badge charges from April 2016 for new and replacement Badges to the maximum permitted under legislation;</li> <li>- Approve a consultation to further understand the community impact of the proposed increase.; <b>and</b></li> <li>- <b>Consider recommending to Full Council, as part of the Business Planning for 2016/17, that if at any point in the future the Government increases the statutory maximum fees for Blue Badges then the County Council would increase its fees accordingly.</b></li> </ul>

11.	<b>General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups, and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) review its Agenda Plan attached at Appendix 1;</li> <li>b) review and agree its Training Plan attached at Appendix 2;</li> <li>c) agree the following appointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the appointment of Councillor Mandy Smith to Cambridgeshire County Council's employees disability support group; and</li> <li>- the appointment of <b>the following</b> substitutes to the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Councillor Schumann (Con)</b>  <b>Councillor Reeve (UKIP)</b>  <b>Councillor Jenkins (LD)</b></p>
12.	<b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b>	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following report on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information under paragraphs 3 &amp; 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.</p>

**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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