

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE:

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 25th February 2016

Time: 2.00-3.15pm

Place: Suite 2, Stanton House Training and Conference Centre, Huntingdon PE29 6XL

Present: Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC): Councillors Paul Bullen, Ian Manning and Mac McGuire (Chairman)

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC): Councillors Graham Lawman, Bill Parker (Vice-Chairman) and Bob Scott.

Others in attendance:

Quentin Baker (LGSS Director of Law, Property and Governance), Matt Bowmer (LGSS Director of Finance), Ian Farrar (LGSS Director of IT Services), Sue Grace (Director of Customer Service and Transformation, Cambridgeshire County Council), John Kane (LGSS Managing Director), Christine Reed (Director of People, Transformation and Transactions), Daniel Snowdon (Democratic Services Officer) and Claire Townrow (Head of Service Assurance, Customers and Strategy).

Apologies: Councillors Andre Gonzalez de Savage.

105/15 MINUTES – 17TH DECEMBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

106/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

107/16 LGSS MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Joint Committee received the monthly budget monitoring report. Officers drew attention to the broadly stable position of the budget and highlighted to Members that redundancy costs from recent restructures had been absorbed and there was no need for smoothing reserves to be drawn upon.

The managed budgets on behalf of Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire County Councils showed a reduction in overall pressure.

Officers confirmed that work was being undertaken regarding establishing a housing developer role for Cambridgeshire County Council. Members also noted the delay in leasing Castle Court at the Shire Hall site that was intended to commence from October 2015. Officers also confirmed that the Democratic Services committee manager system, CMIS was nearing implementation

It was resolved to:

1. Note the financial monitoring position as at 31 December 2015.
2. Note the summary position on carry forward balances.

108/16 ARRANGEMENTS FOR MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL TO JOIN LGSS JOINT COMMITTEE SHARED SERVICES PARTNERSHIP.

Members received a report that set out a summary of the required changes to the existing Delegation and Joint Committee Agreement, originally signed by the founding Councils in July 2010 in order to reflect the addition of Milton Keynes Council as a full partner within LGSS. Officers drew Members attention to paragraph 3.3 of the report that set out the proposed arrangements for the rotation of the Chair and Vice-Chair roles.

It was proposed by the Chairman with the unanimous agreement of Members that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for remainder of the meeting on the grounds that it contained exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))

It was resolved:

- i) Following approval of the Outline Business Case in December 2015 and January 2016 by the LGSS Joint Committee; Cambridgeshire County Council's General Purposes Committee and the Cabinets of Northamptonshire County Council and Milton Keynes Council, approve and support the proposal for Milton Keynes Council to become a full partner of LGSS from 1st April 2016.
- ii) To recommend to Cambridgeshire County Council and Northamptonshire County Council that they:
 - a. Approve the proposed changes to the existing Delegation and Joint Committee Agreement to reflect the addition of Milton Keynes Council as a full partner of LGSS Joint Committee and the consequent updates to the

constitutions of the Councils required to enable this, as reflected in Schedule 2 of the agreement; and

- b. Delegate to the LGSS Managing Director the power to make these and any other necessary or incidental amendments in order to finalise and implement these arrangements.

109/16 LGSS LAW – CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE UPDATE.

The Joint Committee received an update regarding the progress towards the merger of Central Bedfordshire Legal Team with LGSS Law Ltd. Officers informed Members that the anticipated merger will take place on 1st April 2016.

It was resolved to note the oral update provided to the Joint Committee.

Chairman