

## **Appendix B:**

### **Summary of December service committee discussions on business planning proposals**

This is a very brief overview of the main discussion around key business planning proposals at December's service committee meetings. For full details, please view the minutes of the relevant service committee meeting.

#### **Adults Committee – 1 December 2015**

##### ***Summary of discussion and decisions***

- The Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults Services provided an overview of some of the key messages from the spending review – in particular the announcements around the possibility of increasing council tax by a further 2% specifically to fund social care for adults and older people, the extension of the Better Care Fund and the flexibility around capital receipts
- The proposals were unchanged to those presented in November and the committee chose not to 'endorse' the proposals at this stage but instead to 'note' them ahead of final proposals being re-presented in January
- The Committee discussed and is keen to consider what impact the additional 2% council tax increase would have on the savings proposals – and asked that this be included in the January papers. They are aware that the living wage pressure is likely to offset the good news from the spending review
- They considered a specific recommendation asking GPC to consider the 2% rise but deemed it unnecessary as this had already (in effect) been requested at the November Committee meeting.
- The Committee asked that the concept around funding being released from capital sales for transformational activity be explored – and added this as an additional decision

It was resolved to:

a) note the overview and context provided for the 2016/17 to 2020/21 Business Plan revenue proposals for the Service, updated since the last report to the Committee in November

b) comment on the draft revenue savings proposals that were within the remit of the Adults Committee for 2016/17 to 2020/21.

c) comment on the changes to the capital programme that are within the remit of Adults Committee and endorse them

d) note the ongoing stakeholder consultation and discussions with partners and service users regarding emerging business planning proposals.

e) welcome the Chancellor's spending review statement that capital receipts may be used to fund the revenue costs of transformation spending and asks the General Purposes Committee to consider whether any of the projected capital receipts of the Council could be so used.

***Full minutes of the meeting***

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<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1081>

**Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee – 1 December 2015**

***Summary of discussion and decisions***

It was resolved unanimously to:

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 November.

d) note the ongoing stakeholder consultation and discussions with partners and service users regarding emerging business planning proposals.

There was some debate on specific proposals, including Highways Maintenance, Mobile Libraries, School Crossing Patrols, Community Grants and Streetlighting.

It was resolved, by a majority, to:

b) comment on the draft revenue savings proposals that are within the remit of the Highways and Community Infrastructure 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, **excluding Highways Maintenance (cyclic and reactive) and Mobile Libraries**;

c) comment on the changes to the capital programme that are within the remit of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee and endorse them

***Full minutes of the meeting***

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<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1083>

**Economy & Environment Committee – 3 December 2015**

***Summary of discussion and decisions***

It was resolved by a majority to:

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 November.

b) comment on the draft revenue savings proposals that were within the remit of the Economy and Environment Committee for 2016/17 to 2020/21, to endorse them for the General Purposes Committee, as part of consideration of the Council's overall Business Plan **with the exception of:**

- **Community Transport (Referred to in the budget pages as B/R .6 208 Reduction in Passenger Transport Services)**
- **Fenland Learning Centre (B /R .6 207)**

c) comment on the changes to the capital programme that were within the remit of the Economy and Environment Committee and endorse them.

d) Note the ongoing stakeholder consultation and discussion with partners and service users regarding emerging business planning proposals.

***Full minutes of the meeting***

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**Children & Young People Committee – 8 December 2015**

***Summary of discussion and decisions***

- The Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults Services provided an overview of some of the key messages from the spending review – in particular the announcements around the possibility of increasing council tax by a further 2% specifically to fund social care for adults and older people, the extension of the Better Care Fund and the flexibility around capital receipts
- The Committee discussed and is keen to consider what impact the additional 2% council tax increase would have on the savings proposals
- During a general discussion on which cuts Members would most wish to avoid, should additional funding become available, the following services were highlighted: Recommissioning of Early Help; Locality Teams; Speech and Language Therapy; Children's Centres; Early Years workforce; Home to school/college transport.
- Following debate, the Chairwoman suggested that there appeared to be a degree of consensus around the following services being protected, should additional funding become available:
  - Home to school/college transport for post 16 students –there was also support for a campaign to promote the take up of bursaries. There was also a need for further review of the possibility of any decision to withdraw support leading to a potential increase in the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET).
  - Assistant Locality Managers – the importance of early intervention and the work of the locality teams was emphasised.
  - Children's Centres – further work was needed to investigate the scope for

greater partnership working and income generation.

- The Executive Director requested that the proposals relating to personal budgets for children with disabilities also be treated sympathetically if any additional funding became available.

It was resolved to:-

1. Note the overview and context provided for the 2016/17 to 2020/21 Business Plan revenue proposals, updated since the last report to the Committee in November.
2. Comment on the draft revenue savings that are within the remit of the Children and Young People Committee for 2016/17 to 2020/21.
3. Comment on the changes to the capital programme that are within the remit of the Children and Young People Committee and note them.
4. Note the ongoing stakeholder consultation and discussions with partners and service users regarding emerging business planning proposals.

***Full minutes of the meeting***

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**Health Committee – 17 December 2015**

***Summary of discussion and decisions***

Not possible to include a summary of discussions at this committee meeting prior to the deadline for GPC papers.

***Full minutes of the meeting***

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