

# General Purposes Committee

## Decision Statement

**Meeting:** 27th January 2015

**Published:** 28th January 2015



Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented, three working days after the publication date, unless eight or more Councillors of the Council or 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].

Item	Topic	Decision
	<b><u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u></b>	
1.	<b>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>	Apologies received from Councillor Bates.  There were no declarations of interest.
2.	<b>Minutes 6th January 2015 and Action Log</b>	It was resolved:  To approve the minutes as a correct record, and note the action log.
3.	<b>Petitions</b>	None received.
	<b><u>KEY DECISIONS</u></b>	
4.	<b>LGSS Asbestos Removal Framework Contract</b>	It was resolved to:  (a) Approve the commencement of procurement of a framework of asbestos removals contractors with the intention that the new service provider(s) will commence on 1st June 2015 for a duration of 4 years; and

Item	Topic	Decision
		<p>(b) Delegate authority to the LGSS Director Law, Property &amp; Governance and the Head of Property Services, <b>in consultation with the Chairman of the LGSS Joint Committee</b>, to appoint framework contractors following a competitive process and complete all necessary contractual documents in accordance with Council procedures.</p>
5.	<b>March – Estover Road Site – Declaration Surplus</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>In respect of the County Council owned land known as Estover Fields, to grant a lease for a term of 99 years at a peppercorn rent, to an organisation duly established and constituted for the purpose of managing the land as a community sports facility.</b></li> <li>ii) Authorise the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, <b>subject to the following conditions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>compliance with all legal requirements and processes;</b></li> <li>b) <b>following conduct of due diligence in respect of the transferee organisation, and</b></li> <li>c) <b>Fenland District Council and March Town Council having entered into binding agreements committing each to provide £100k funding to the transferee organisation for the improvement of the sporting facilities at Estover Fields.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>to enter into any agreements necessary or incidental to the implementation of these proposals.</b></p>

	<b><u>OTHER DECISIONS</u></b>	
6.	<b>Business Plan - update</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider the Business Plan, including supporting Budget, Community Impact Assessments, Consultation Responses and other material, in the light of all planning activities undertaken to date.</li> <li>2. Recommend to Council the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That approval is given to the Service/Directorate cash limits as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 4 of the Business Plan.</li> <li>b. That approval is given to a total County Budget Requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £767,883,000 as set out in Section 3, Table 5.4 of the Business Plan.</li> <li>c. That approval is given to a recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £244,122,035.27 (to be received in ten equal instalments in accordance with the fall-back provisions of the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1995), as set out in Section 3, Table 5.4 of the Business Plan.</li> <li>d. That approval is given to a Council Tax for each Band of property, based on the number of "Band D" equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the District Councils (213,344.9), as set out in Section 3, Table 5.5 of the Business Plan reflecting a 1.99% increase in the County Council element of the Council Tax:</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

Band	Ratio	Amount (£)
A	6/9	762.84
B	7/9	889.98
C	8/9	1,017.12
<b>D</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>1,144.26</b>
E	11/9	1,398.54
F	13/9	1,652.82
G	15/9	1,907.10
H	18/9	2,288.52

- e. That approval is given to the report of the Chief Finance Officer on the levels of reserves and robustness of the estimates as set out in Section 3 of the Business Plan.
  - f. That approval is given to the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 7 of the Business Plan.
  - g. That approval be given to capital expenditure in 2015-16 up to £218.6m arising from:
    - Commitments from schemes already approved; and
    - The consequences of new starts in 2015-16 shown in summary in Section 3, Table 5.10 of the Business Plan.
  - h. That approval is given to the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Section 8 of the Business Plan.
  - i. That approval is given to the Prudential Borrowing Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of Section 8 of the Business Plan.
3. Endorse the priorities and opportunities as set out in the Strategic Framework (Sections 1 & 2).

		<p>4. Authorise the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make technical revisions to the Business Plan, including the foregoing recommendations 2a to 2i to the County Council, so as to take into account any changes deemed appropriate, including updated information on District Council Tax Base and Collection Funds, Business Rates forecasts and Collection Funds and any grant changes.</p>
7.	<b>Corporate Risk Register Update</b>	It was resolved to note the position in respect of corporate risk.
8.	<b>General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies</b>	<p>It was resolved to note the agenda plan including the updates reported orally at the meeting <b>and the appointment of the following:</b></p> <p><b><u>Rewiring Public Services Group</u></b></p> <p><b>Group Leaders</b>  <b>Cllr Criswell (Con)</b>  <b>Cllr Cearns (LD)</b>  <b>Cllr Bywater (UKIP)</b>  <b>Labour - TBC</b>  <b>Independent - TBC</b></p> <p><b><u>Treasury Strategy Review Working Group</u></b></p> <p><b>Cllr Hickford (Con)</b>  <b>Cllr Nethsingha (LD)</b>  <b>Cllr Bullen (UKIP)</b>  <b>Cllr Hipkin (Ind.)</b>  <b>Labour - TBC</b></p>

**Notes:**

- (a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) A 'decision review' can be requested by eight or more Councillors of the Council, or more than a third of the total number of serving Councillors of the Council, within three working days of a decision being published. 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 the General Purposes Committee or Full Council, as appropriate.

For more information contact: Michelle Rowe Telephone: 01223 699180 /e-mail: [michelle.rowe@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.rowe@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)