

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 28 March 2023

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Constitutional Matters

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Goldsack.

2. Minutes – 26th January 2023 and Action Log

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2023 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

One public question was received and considered at agenda item no.5.

Key Decisions

4. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 January 2023

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the government grant allocations of £4.148m for Business Rates Relief Reconciliation Grant and of £548k for the Council's share of the Business rates levy account surplus for 2022-23, as set out in section 3 of the IFMR;
- b) Transfer £2.891m of the Business Rates Relief Reconciliation Grant additional income to an earmarked reserve for Guided Busway path widening work in 2023-24, as per section 3.2 of the IFMR;
- c) Allocate funding of £1.07m from the Business Change Reserve to enable the first stages of the Strengthening Services changes within Children's, Education & Families, and delegate authority to draw down this funding to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Chair & Vice-Chair of this committee, as per section 3.3 of the IFMR;
- d) Add the Guided Busway Southern Section - Path Widening scheme, £2.891m to the capital programme for 2023-24, to be funded from an earmarked reserve, per section 4.6.1 of the IFMR;

- e) Add school capital schemes totalling £11.3m, as set out in confidential appendix D, to the capital programme for 2023-24 onwards, per section 4.6.2 of the IFMR;
- f) Approve capital budget rephasing in relation to the A14 Improvement Scheme payments to the Department for Transport as set out in table 4.5.1 of the IFMR; and,
- g) ~~Note the update provided on Waste budgets in Appendix E, referenced in section 1.3.3 of the IFMR.~~

5. Disposal of the former Mill Road Library, Cambridge

It was resolved to:

- a) Receive the results of the marketing and invitation for bids and consider this fully, drawing on the assessment the Council has undertaken and officers recommendation;
- b) Select Bidder A as its preferred bidder; and
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources to agree terms, execute the documentation, and complete the disposal, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee.

6. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement re-procurement

It was resolved to:

- a) agree the procurement of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement contract.
- b) Delegate responsibility for awarding and executing a contract for the provision of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement starting 1 October 2023 to the Executive Director for Finance and Resources in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of the Strategy & Resources Committee.

7. Network Services Procurement

It was resolved to agree:

- a) the re-procurement of network services (Eastnet) currently delivered through the contract with MLL Telecom managed by the Eastnet Partnership;
- b) to delegate the decision to award the contract to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources/Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of the Strategy & Resources Committee; and

- c) to delegate the execution of the contract/agreement to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources/Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of the Strategy & Resources Committee.

8. Electricity Procurement for 2024-28

It was resolved to:

- a) approve the termination of the electricity supply contract with Total Energies via the ESPO framework at the end of the current supply period (30 September 2024);
- b) ask officers to carry out further research on alternative suppliers and routes to procurement of an electricity supply contract, and return to this committee with a recommendation in September 2023 (option 2 as set out in the paper); and
- c) request an update in 12 months' time as to the steps taken by officers to engage with ESPO, as a shareholder, to support higher levels of low carbon energy in ESPO's forward strategy.

Other Decisions

9. People Strategy 2023-2028

It was resolved to recommend the People Strategy for approval to Full Council.

10. Corporate Risk Register

It was resolved to note and comment on the corporate risk register.

11. Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 3 2022-23

It was resolved to:

- a) Monitor progress of Corporate Services and identify remedial action as required.
- b) Scrutinise performance information for the Council's Joint Agreement Action Plan.

12. Strategy and Resources Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups & Panels

It was resolved to note the agenda and training plans and appoint Frank Jordan and a second person who was independent of the Council and named in the confidential appendix to non executive directorships at This Land.

13. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the agenda 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, as it referred to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

14. Shire Hall, Cambridge – Commercial update

It was resolved to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting and strikethrough indicates deletions.

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