

General Purposes Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 2nd February 2016

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Decision review deadline: 8th February 2016



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
	<u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u>	
1.	Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest	<p>Apologies received from Councillors Bates, D Brown and Bullen.</p> <p>Councillor Reeve declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to item 4, as Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Association.</p> <p>In pursuant to S.33(2)(c) of the Localism Act 2012, the monitoring officer exercised his discretion to grant a dispensation to all elected members of Cambridgeshire County taking part in the debate on the council's business plan during the General Purposes Committee meeting on the 2nd February 2016.</p>
2.	Minutes – 14th January 2016 and Action Log	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>to approve the minutes of the meeting of 14th January 2016 as a correct record and note the action log including oral updates at the meeting.</p>
3.	Petitions	None received.

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	<u>KEY DECISIONS</u>	
4.	Municipal Bonds Agency Update	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend to Council that they note: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The risks of entry into the Framework Agreement and Guarantee, and undertaking borrowing from the UK Municipal Bonds Agency; and b) The Counsel opinion of Jonathan Swift QC 2. Recommend to Council that they approve entry into the Framework Agreement and accompanying Schedules (Document 3 of the Documents Package within confidential Appendix A: Documents Package) listed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c) Schedule 1: Form of Authority Accession Deed d) Schedule 2: Form of Guarantee e) Schedule 3: Loan Standard Terms f) Schedule 4: Form of Loan Confirmation 3. Subject to the above, delegate authority to the Council's Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to execute all the necessary contractual arrangements, including the Framework Agreement, Guarantee and Schedules listed in recommendation number 2.
	<u>OTHER DECISIONS</u>	
5.	Minimum Revenue Provision Policy	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recommend full Council approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2015-16.

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6.	Business Plan	<p>It was resolved <u>not</u> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Recommend to Council the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. That approval is given to the Service/Directorate cash limits as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan. b. That approval is given to a total County Budget Requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £764,225,000 as set out in Section 2 Table 5.3 of the Business Plan. c. That approval is given to a recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £253,238,306.80 (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 2, Table 5.3 of the Business Plan. 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 (217,164), as set out in Section 2, Table 5.4 of the Business Plan reflecting a 1.99% increase in the County Council element of the Council Tax:

Band	Ratio	Amount (£)
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A	6/9	£778.02
B	7/9	£907.69
C	8/9	£1,037.36
D	9/9	£1,167.03
E	11/9	£1,426.37
F	13/9	£1,685.71
G	15/9	£1,945.05
H	18/9	£2,334.06

- 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 2 of the Business Plan.
- f. That approval is given to the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 6 of the Business Plan.
- g. That approval be given to capital expenditure in 2016-17 up to £185.8m arising from:
 - Commitments from schemes already approved; and
 - The consequences of new starts in 2016-17 shown in summary in Section 2, Table 5.9 of the Business Plan.
- h. That approval is given to the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Section 7 of the Business Plan.

		<p>i. That approval is given to the Prudential Borrowing Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of Section 7 of the Business Plan.</p> <p>3. Endorse the priorities and opportunities as set out in the Strategic Framework.</p> <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.	Customer Services Transitional Funding	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) Support the use of transitional funding of £382,309 to underpin the current operation of the Contact Centre, whilst a business case for the transformation of the Contact Centre is developed as part of a wider review of our Customer Strategy.</p>
8.	Corporate Risk Register Update	It was resolved to note the position in respect of corporate risk.
9.	Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the Period Ending 30th November 2015	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyse resources and performance information and note the remedial action currently being taken and consider if any further remedial action is required.
10.	Finance and Performance Report – November 2015	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.

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11.	General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups, and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels	It was resolved to: a) review its Agenda Plan; and b) review and agree its Training Plan.

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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