

General Purposes Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 26th July 2016

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Decision review deadline: 1st August 2016

Implementation of Decisions not subject to review:
2nd August 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	There were no apologies. There were no declarations of interest.
2.	Minutes – 31st May 2016 and Action Log	It was resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 31st May 2016 as a correct record and note the action log including oral updates at the meeting.
3.	Petitions	None received.

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	<u>KEY DECISIONS</u>	
4.	Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2016	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the Council's year-end resources and performance position for 2015/16. b) Approve the adjustments for year-end provisions, as set out in paragraph 3.2.5. c) Delegate to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee, the approval of the changes to the Prudential Borrowing requirement in 2015/16, as set out in section 11.5, following clarification of the reasons for the reduction in Section 106 funding available.
5.	Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the Period Ending 31st May 2016	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Analyse resources and performance information and note the remedial action currently being taken and consider if any further remedial action was required. b) Approve the changes to capital funding requirements as set out in section 6.9. c) Approve the allocation of the Staying Put Implementation Grant and the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Implementation Grant as set out in section 7.1. d) Consider and approve the proposals for the use of service reserves, as set out in Appendix 4. e) Consider and approve the virements within CFA, as set out in Appendix 5.

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6.	Detailed Business Case for the Development of an Agency Company with Cambridgeshire County Council	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Authorise the LGSS Managing Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee and Section 151 Officer, to enter into an agreement with Suffolk County Council (Via Opus People Solutions) to supply Agency Workers to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) from the 9th of January 2017; b) Authorise the LGSS Managing Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee and Section 151 Officer, to also negotiate a longer term agreement with Suffolk County Council (Via Opus People Solutions) whereby CCC and other potential strategic partners agree a “sharing in success” business model which would result in future increased savings to CCC and the wider partners; c) Approve the extension of the current Agency Worker contract with Guidant until 8th January 2017 to enable the implementation of the arrangements with Opus People Solutions; and d) Authorise the LGSS Managing Director, in consultation with Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Section 151 Officer, to negotiate and execute all the necessary documents to extend the existing contract with Guidant and set up all the joint arrangements and appropriate company structures with Opus People Solutions including those with the extended supply chain.

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7.	Total Transport Proposal	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) notes that revised school bus networks would be introduced in the pilot area from September 2016, along with smartcard technology, and instructs officers to continue to maximise the efficiency of these networks based on the principles set out in this report; b) supports the implementation of a new Flexible Minibus Service in the pilot area from January 2017, replacing existing contracts/grants for day centre minibuses, dial-a-ride and once-a-week local bus services; c) approves the award of the contract(s) necessary to achieve recommendation (b); d) agrees that discounts for concessionary pass holders on the Flexible Minibus Service should be the same as the discounts funded by the County Council on community transport services; and e) requires a report to be presented to this Committee (and shared with Adults Committee and Children and Young People Committee, for information) by the end of 2016, setting out the results of a detailed assessment of the costs and benefits of altering day care session times to allow transport provision to be integrated with special needs school transport.

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	<u>OTHER DECISIONS</u>	
8.	Citizen First, Digital First – Outline Business Case	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree the approach set out in the Outline Business Case; b) Approve the investment of £1,995.2K revenue from the Transformation Fund to enable the approach set out in the Outline Business Case; and c) Agree that tranches of finance to support each element of the Outline Business Case would only be drawn down following agreement with the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee.
9.	Transformation Programme	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the progress on developing the Council's corporate transformation programme; b) Endorse the process for agreeing investment proposals from the Transformation Fund as set out in paragraph 5.2; c) Note the approach adopted for engaging external support to assist in developing the programme; and d) Note the mechanism for integrating the Transformation Programme within the business planning process.

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10.	Medium Term Financial Strategy	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Acknowledge the indicative departmental cash limits and the move towards transformation; b) Confirm, in light of the move towards a more corporate approach to Business Planning, the policy for 2016-21 on whether any additional savings requirement arising from service pressures and investments be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocated corporately and redistributed on the basis of services' budget size; and c) Recommend the Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy to Council for approval subject to the above recommendations.
11.	Capital Strategy	<p>It was resolved to review and recommend to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Revisions to the Capital Strategy to align it with the Transformation Delivery Model and reflect the introduction of a Capital Programme Board. b) Whether the advisory limit on the level of debt charges (and therefore prudential borrowing) should be kept at existing levels, which are higher than the level of debt charges approved in the 2016-21 Business Plan. c) That borrowing related to Invest to Save/Earn schemes should continue to be excluded from the advisory debt charges limit.

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12.	County Council Consultation Strategy (including the approach to Business Plan 2017/18 Consultation)	It was resolved to: a) approve the approach to Business Plan 2017/18 consultation as laid out in this paper; and b) approve the consultation questions as laid out in Appendix One.
13.	County Council Elections 2017	It was resolved to defer the report to a future meeting.
14.	Finance and Performance Report – Outturn 2015-16	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.
15.	Finance and Performance Report – May 2016	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.
16.	General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels and	It was resolved to: a) review its Agenda Plan attached at Appendix 1; and b) review and agree its Training Plan attached at Appendix 2.

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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