

# General Purposes Committee

## Decision Statement

**Meeting:** 19th May 2015

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Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented, three working days after the publication date, unless 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>Notification of Chairman/woman and Vice-Chairman/woman</b>	It was resolved to note that the Council had appointed Councillor Count as the Chairman and Councillor McGuire as the Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2015-16.
2.	<b>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>	Apologies received from Councillor S Rylance <i>[Note – Councillor D Jenkins texted his apologies after the meeting had started]</i>  There were no declarations of interest.
3.	<b>Minutes 14th April 2015, and Action Log from 12th March 2015</b>	It was resolved:  To approve the minutes of the meeting of 14th April 2015 as a correct record, and note the action log for the meeting on 12th March 2015.
4.	<b>Petitions</b>	None received.

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	<b><u>KEY DECISIONS</u></b>	
5.	<b>Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the Period Ending 31st March 2015</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Analyse resources and performance information and note the remedial action currently being taken and consider if any further remedial action was required.</li> <li>b) Approve the write-off of a client contribution debt for the sum of £29,502 (section 3.2.3).</li> <li>c) Approve that the £261,900 additional Education Services Grant (ESG) received in 2014/15 be transferred to the General Fund (section 7).</li> <li>d) Approve a supplementary capital estimate in the sum of £1.104m (Cambridgeshire County Council's cost share) for the implementation of a replacement Enterprise Resource Planning system (section 6.7).</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS) – Allocation of Funding from Central Government 2015-16</b>	<p>It was resolved to increase the current allocation of £350K to a maximum of £513K for Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS), as set out in the Government's February announcement confirming the allocations to Local Authorities for local welfare and health and social care needs, noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The current allocation of £350k was likely to be insufficient to meet the demand for direct provision despite the agreement to reduce the amount per successful application from £535 to £350; and</li> <li>(b) The £513k funding would be reoccurring but a decision about the future funding of CLAS would be reviewed in the light of some of the plans to make CLAS more self-sustaining during 2015-16.</li> </ul>

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7.	<b>Review of Investment Principles for Energy Projects</b>	<p>It was resolved to agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that the existing delegated authority to provide loan funding for individual projects at schools and County Council sites be extended from £5m to £10m;</li> <li>(b) that charges made by the County Council to academy schools can be greater than those to maintained schools in order to reflect the different contractual structure now proposed for academies and its slightly greater risk to the County Council;</li> <li>(c) that investments into energy projects can be used to match fund European Regional Development Fund grant if the Council's bid succeeds.</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Soham Solar Park</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>authorise the development of an Investment Grade Proposal for the solar farm and delegate the final decision to enter into a contract for the construction of a Solar Farm at Triangle Farm, Soham subject to the project meeting the minimum financial returns set out in this report to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee.</p>
	<b><u>OTHER DECISIONS</u></b>	
9.	<b>Treasury Management Quarter Four Report</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>note the fourth quarterly update and Treasury Management Outturn Report 2014-15 and recommend it to full Council for approval.</p>
10.	<b>Community Centre Premises, Newmarket Road, Cambridge</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>authorise the grant of a Tenancy at Will for less than best consideration, and for detailed terms to be agreed by the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee</p>

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11.	<b>Corporate Risk Register Update</b>	It was resolved to:  note the position in respect of corporate risk.
12.	<b>Corporate Services and LGSS Cambridge Office Finance and Performance Report – March 2015</b>	It was resolved to:  review, note and comment upon the report.
13.	<b>Schools Capital Funding Update</b>	It was resolved:  that the current Business Plan capital funding projections be updated to reflect the additional funding as set out within paragraph 5 of this report.
14.	<b>Delegations for Property Decisions</b>	It was resolved that:-  (1) the Delegations for property decisions remain as drafted in the Constitution;  <b>(2) the production of a protocol for improved engagement of members be drawn up by the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with members of the Treasury Strategy Review Working Group.</b>  <b>(3) delegations associated with the approval of land and property transactions with a capital value, or a total cumulative revenue value, of between £250,000 and £500,000 will follow the requirements of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 in order to achieve greater transparency.</b>

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15.	<b>Accountable Body Role for the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Consider and endorse Cambridgeshire County Council's continued role as Accountable Body for the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (GCGPEP).</li> <li>ii) Delegate day to day responsibility for the Accountable Body role for the GCGPEP to the Section 151 Officer.</li> <li>iii) Endorse the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership Assurance Framework and delegate responsibility for making relevant changes or updates to this to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.</li> <li>iv) Delegate responsibility to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman for GPC to develop and finalise an Accountable Body Agreement between Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership and Cambridgeshire County Council</li> </ul>
16.	<b>General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory groups, and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels</b>	<p>It was resolved to note the agenda plan <b>and to delegate the appointment of members to the Fenland Crime Reduction Partnership and Wisbech Market Town Transport Strategy to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders.</b></p>

**Notes:**

- (a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Within three working days of a decision being published a review of the decision by the full Council can be requested by at least 24 elected members of the Council. 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 Full Council, as appropriate.

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