

General Purposes Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 29th November 2016

Published: 30th November 2016

Decision review deadline: 5th December 2016

Implementation of Decisions not subject to review:
6th December 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	Apologies received from Councillors Criswell (Councillor Schumann substituting), Hipkin (Councillor Mason) and Whitehead (Councillor Onasanya substituting) There were no declarations of interest.
2.	Minutes – 25th October 2016 and Action Log	It was resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th October 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>OTHER DECISIONS</u>	
4.	Finance and Performance Report – September 2016	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.
5.	Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the Period Ending 30th September 2016	It was resolved to: Analyse resources and performance information and note any remedial action currently being taken and consider if any further remedial action was required.
6.	Business Planning Update	It was resolved to: consider the Council's current budget position and provide comment ahead of Service Committee consideration of Business Planning proposals in December.
7.	Consultation Results for the 2017-18 Business Plan	It was resolved to: note the results of the 2017/18 Business Plan consultation.
8.	Total Transport Pilot	It was resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - maintain existing day centre times, accepting that the potential costs involved in changing times would outweigh the benefits. - note the alternative approach of considering the Flexible Minibus Service as an enabler for residents, helping them maintain their independence and to access community-based solutions.

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9.	Treasury Management Report Quarter 2	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the Treasury Management Report; and b) Forward to Full Council for approval.
10.	General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels and	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) review its Agenda Plan attached at Appendix 1; b) review and agree its Training Plan attached at Appendix 2; c) note the appointment of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Connor to replace Councillor McGuire on the Police and Crime Panel; - Councillor Smith to replace Councillor McGuire on the Community Safety Strategic Board; - Councillor Bullen to replace Councillor McGuire on the Conservators of the River Cam; and - Councillor Cearns to replace Councillor Nethsingha on the Consultation Working Group.

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	<u>KEY DECISION</u>	
11.	Cambridgeshire Guided Busway Defects	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the advice of the Council's expert technical advisers regarding the causes of, and options, for rectification of the defects as set out in the report and Appendices A, and B. b) Note the advice of Mr Stephen Furst QC regarding the Council's legal remedies and assessment of the strength of case, as set out in <u>confidential</u> Appendix C. c) Resolve to carry out works on the basis of Option 1 from this report to rectify all of the superstructure, foundation and drainage defects in accordance with the assessment of the Project Manager and the advice of the Council's expert technical advisers, subject to securing funds from Bam Nuttall in accordance with the defect provisions in the construction contract or alternative legal argument. d) Instruct Officers to initiate negotiations and any necessary legal proceedings to recover the assessed cost of defect correction in accordance with the contract, consequential losses arising from those defects, and any costs incurred to date and incurred in future in investigating and taking advice on the defects and to report to General Purposes Committee as those negotiations continue. Final decisions on the outcome of those negotiations are to be reported to General Purposes Committee and decided by Full Council. e) Note that in the event that a settlement was not reached and it was necessary to pursue the matter through the courts the estimated costs of legal action would exceed the amount remaining in the specific reserve and agree that any additional costs should be met from the general reserve, this to be approved by the General Purposes Committee..

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12.	Exclusion of Press and Public	It was resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following report on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information under paragraphs 3 & 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
13.	Waste Private Finance Initiative Review	It was resolved to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

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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