

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 27 June 2022

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Constitutional Matters

1. Notification of Chair and Vice-Chair

It was resolved to note that the Council had appointed Councillor Nethsingha as the Chair and Councillor Meschini as the Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2022-23.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Goldsack and Nethsingha.

3. Minutes – 29th March 2022 and Action Log.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 29th March 2022 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

4. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

Key Decisions

5. Decentralisation

It was resolved to:

- a) agree to the policy framework that drives the Council's decentralisation approach, sections 2.1;
- b) agree the design principles for decentralisation work, as laid out in section 2.3; and
- c) note and endorse the next steps and pilot approach in sections 4.1 and 4.2.

6. Secure Web Gateway

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree to the procurement of a set of services (Secure Web Gateway) via an approved framework agreement.
- b) Agree to delegate the award of this contract to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

7. Highways System Replacement

It was resolved to:

- ~~a) Approve the requirement to go out to tender for the new Highways IT system, the cost of which is likely to exceed £500,000 and to give permission to proceed with the procurement of the required system; and~~
- ~~b) Agree to delegate the decision to award these contracts to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.~~

defer the report to the next meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

8. Access Control Re-tender of Contract for Cambridgeshire County County Officers, Buildings and Care Parks

It was resolved to:

- a) Authorise the re-tender of the access control contract for Authority buildings and some car parks which is due to expire on 31st March 2023.
- b) Approve the commencement of the re-procurement of the access control Facilities Management Contract for a term of 8 years from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2031 with the option to extend for a two further years as single annual extensions, which equates to an 8 + 1 + 1 year term.
- c) Delegate authority to the Director of Resources and Assistant Director of Property to appoint a contractor after a competitive procurement process and complete all necessary contractual documents in accordance with Council procedures.

Other Decisions

9. Shared Services Update

It was resolved to:

- a) note the development of a clear set of services for continued sharing, at a senior level with Peterborough City Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Section 113 agreement between the 2 authorities.
- b) note that formal statutory consultation is underway in respect of reshaping the senior leadership of the Council, providing future clarity for these functions and sufficient differentiation between shared and non-shared services.
- c) approve that any future strategic decisions relating to entering any new or enhanced shared services arrangements will require a formal policy decision through the Strategy and Resources Committee.

10. Corporate Performance Report

It was resolved to:

- a) Review and agree the proposed additions to/removals from the Corporate Services Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) set, monitor progress of Corporate Services and identify remedial action as required.
- b) Scrutinise performance information for the Council's Joint Agreement Action Plan.
- c) Note progress on resuming business-as-usual performance reporting to Policy and Service Committees, including an update on development of KPIs.
- d) Agree proposed Strategic Key Performance Indicators (SKPIs).
- e) Approve an amendment to the Performance Management Framework.

11. Treasury Management Report – Quarter Four Update 2021-22

It was resolved to note the Treasury Management Quarter Four Outturn Report for 2021/22, and endorse it for consideration at Full Council.

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

It was resolved to:

- (i) review its agenda plan attached at Appendix 1;
- (ii) review its training plan attached at Appendix 2;
- (iii) review the appointments to outside bodies as detailed in Appendix 3;
- (iv) review the appointments to Internal Advisory Groups and Panels as detailed in Appendix 4, and agree to change the composition of the County Farms Working Group so that it becomes a cross committee working group under the auspices of Strategy and Resources and Environment and Green Investment Committees with a membership of eight with one member from each group from each of the parent committees; and
- (v) review the appointment of Member Champions as detailed in Appendix 5.

Key Decisions

13. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31st March 2022

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the additional £1.7m Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant income applied centrally, as set out in section 6.1;
- b) Approve a total minimum revenue provision payment for the year of £22.664m, including a voluntary overpayment, for the reasons set out in section 9.2;
- c) Approve the accounting for the internal borrowing funding swaps set out in section 12.6;
- d) Approve the transfers to and from earmarked reserves totalling a net £894k, as set out in section 13.1; and
- e) Note and comment on the Finance Monitoring Report for Corporate Services (Appendix 4).

14. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31st May 2022

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the budget virements proposed in the tables at 3.1, redistributing £4.5m of budget permanently, reducing budgets temporarily by £499k, and allocating £775k of increase in the Public Health Grant into Public Health services;
- b) Approve the allocation of funding from the Just Transition Fund of up to £2.175m for Net Zero Carbon and £1.7m for Flood Mitigation, subject to the endorsement of Energy & Green Investment Committee, as shown in 3.2;
- c) Note the government grant allocation of £3.58m to extend the Household Support Fund and agree the allocation of £1.87m from the Covid Grant Reserve to supplement this locally (as committed in the 2022-27 Business Plan), as shown in 3.3;
- d) Delegate to Adults and Health committee the allocation of this £2.6m reserve balance to public health projects, as shown in 3.4;
- e) Note the recommendation from Children & Young People Committee regarding the continuation of discretionary after school club transport arrangements, as shown in 3.5;
- f) Note changes in grants, and to approve the budget movements set out in table 4.5.1;
- g) Approve £280k additional prudential borrowing for the Northstowe bus link, to be repaid once the £280k S106 contribution is received, as set out in 4.6;
- h) Approve £847k additional borrowing in 2022/23 for the Waterbeach Waste Treatment Facilities scheme, as set out in 4.6.2;
- i) Give approval to proceed to contract award on the projects listed based upon the reprofiling of the programme that has taken place and the further review of the programme commencing in the Autumn as part of the annual business planning round, as set out in 4.7 ;
- j) Note the update on Highways Maintenance and Construction Programmes market conditions as outlined above, as set out in 4.8;
- k) Approve the net nil redistribution of reserves in the table at 5.1;
- l) Note the Corporate Services Finance Monitoring Report in Appendix B.

15. 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 Paragraphs 3 & 5 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) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

16. Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

It was resolved to agree 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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