

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 11 July 2023

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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 2023-24.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Sanderson.

3. Minutes – 28th March and 6th June 2023 and Action Log

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 28th March and 6th June 2023 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

4. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

Key Decisions

5. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 March 2023

It was resolved to:

- a) note and comment on the outturn position; and
- b) approve the transfers to and from earmarked reserves totalling a net -£4,586k, as set out in section 5.2.

6. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 May 2023

It was resolved to:

- a) approve the budget virements proposed in the tables at 3.1, redistributing £5.8m of budget permanently;
- b) approve draw-down of £260k from Cambridgeshire Skills earmarked reserve as funding to the Business & IP Centre Cambridgeshire, as set out in section 3.3; and
- c) note changes in grants, and to approve the budget movements reflecting the annual roll-forward and re-phasing process set out in table 4.5.1.

7. Digital Strategy for Cambridgeshire County Council

It was resolved to agree:

- a) the approval of the Digital Strategy for the Council and the related Data, Technology and Cyber Strategies for Cambridgeshire County Council; and
- b) the funding of the strategy through the business planning process.

8. General Security Re-tender of Contract for Cambridgeshire County Offices, Buildings, Land Assets and Employee Safety

It was resolved to:

- a) authorise the re-tender of the security contract for Authority buildings and land assets, which is due to expire on 31st March 2024;
- b) approve the commencement of the re-procurement of the security Facilities Management Framework Contract for a term of 3 years from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2027 with the option to extend for **two** a further years which equates to a 3 + 1 + 1 year term; and
- c) delegate ~~responsibility~~ **authority** for awarding and executing a contract for the provision of general security for Cambridgeshire County offices, building, land assets and employee safety, starting 1st April 2024 for a 3 year term plus two annual extensions, to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources and, in accordance with Council procedures, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee.

9. Retender of Asbestos Removal Services

It was resolved to:

- a) agree re-procurement of the Asbestos Removal Services Framework (1st January 2024 to 31st December 2026~~7~~ or **2027 if extended**; and
- b) delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources to appoint a contractor after a competitive procurement process and complete all necessary contractual documents in accordance with Council procedures in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee.

10. This Land Annual Business Plan and progress monitoring

It was resolved to:

- a) receive the latest business plan from This Land and note the latest financial appraisal of the Council's risk relating to its loan to and equity in This Land.
- b) note rephrasing of the Council's expected capital receipt from possible overage entitlements to align with This Land's submission as set out in section 2.6 .
- c) delegate authority to the section 151 officer to enter into parent company guarantee(s) or bond deeds in relation to This Land, as set out in section 3.3.
- d) permit the land transactions proposed by This Land at Foxton, as set out in section 3.2 and in accordance with the latest business plan, delegating authority to the Section 151 officer to release the Council's pre-emptions, overage and legal charge.
- e) delegate authority to the section 151 officer acting pursuant to the Council's constitution and in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair, to enter into a shareholder agreement with This Land, and agree updates to the articles of association, further to the good practice review described at section 3.6.

Other Decisions

11. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy

It was resolved to recommend the EDI Strategy for approval to Full Council.

12. Annual Risk Management Report

It was resolved to:

- note and comment on the Annual Risk Management Report (Appendix 1) and Corporate Risk Register (Annex A); and

- endorse the updated Risk Management Policy (Annex B), and Risk Strategy (Annex C).

13. Cambridge Biomedical Campus Update

It was resolved to:

note the update on progress, support and delegate the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the other land owners on the site in further support of the campus development to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources in consultation with the Chair of this Committee and the Monitoring Officer.

14. Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 4 2022-23

It was resolved to:

- a) Monitor progress of Corporate Services and identify remedial action as required; and
- b) Scrutinise performance information for the Council's Joint Agreement Action Plan.

15. Treasury Management Report – Quarter Four Update and Annual Report 2022-23

It was resolved to:

- a) note the Treasury Management Quarter Four Update and Annual Report for 2022/23 and endorse it for consideration at Full Council;
- b) recommend to Full Council to increase the counterparty limit for the deposits outlined in 4.13 from £10m to £20m; and
- c) add training on Treasury Management to the Committee's training plan/

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

The committee 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, and appoint:

- Councillor McDonald to replace Councillor Murphy on Pathfinder Legal Services Limited.
 - Councillor Shailer to replace Councillor Goodliffe on all the ESPO bodies.
 - **Councillor Howitt to replace Councillor Bird on the Cambridge BID Board.**
- (iv) review the appointments to Internal Advisory Groups and Panels as detailed in Appendix 4.
- (v) review the appointment of Member Champions as detailed in Appendix 5.

17. 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 Paragraph 3 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).

18. Shire Hall, Cambridge – Commercial update

It was resolved to approve 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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