

## STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 27TH JUNE 2022

Amendments proposed by Councillor Steve Count

Additions in bold and deletions shown in strikethrough

### Agenda Item No.5 - Decentralisation

The Committee is asked 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.
- (d) allocate £400k Just Transition funding per year for three years to fund a team who will implement decentralisation projects as part of the restructured communities directorate.**
- (e) ask officers to bring back to Strategy and Resources Committee as soon as possible an overarching strategic framework and targets for this project to operate in. Using Key Performance Indicators (KPI) indicating quantitative and qualitative criteria, including the repayment of the £1.2m initial staffing costs.**

### Agenda Item No.12 - Strategy and Resources Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, and the Appointment of Member Champions

It is recommended that the Strategy and Resources Committee:

- (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 **politically proportional** cross committee working group under the auspices of Strategy and Resources and Environment and Green Investment Committees with a membership of eight with **four** ~~one~~ members from each ~~group from each~~ of the parent committees; and

**(v) ask Full Council to amend the Constitution to enable all internal working groups to be politically proportionate; and**

**(v vi)** review the appointment of Member Champions as detailed in Appendix 5.

### Agenda Item No.13 Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 March 2022

Strategy & Resources Committee (S&R) is recommended 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~~, **£19.136m** 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);-
- (f) For transparency note the outturn revenue budget underspend of £18.76m is after recommendations are agreed. The actual pre-recommendation figure is £24.76m. Note the capital programme underspend of £43.7m does not include the capital variations budget. Once this is incorporated the Capital Programme under delivery is actually £80.4m; and**
- (g) Introduce a new MRP/ASC precept reserve for £3.528m. (Noting, if not necessary for change in MRP guidance £3.525m to be refunded to Cambridgeshire Taxpayers).**

## Agenda Item No.14 - Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 May 2022

Strategy & Resources Committee (S&R) is recommended 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) **Amend the table at 5.1 on page 210 referred to in recommendation (k). That table to be substituted with a new table, where the post pandemic fund is removed +£7.017m, Refund of Council Tax is introduced £-6.579m, with the balance £0.438m put into the General fund, and approve the net nil redistribution of reserves in the table at 5.1, subject to recommendation m below;**

- l) Note the Corporate Services Finance Monitoring Report in Appendix B.
- m) **Instruct Officers to work with District and City partners to prepare a proposal through which the County Council would arrange for a refund of £6.579m to local tax payers, offsetting the increases imposed through the business planning process for 2022-23.**