

Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Thursday 21 July 2022
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1. Notification of the Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee noted that Councillor Tom Sanderson had been appointed Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, and Councillor Hilary Cox Condron appointed Vice-Chair, by Full Council on 10th May 2022 for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Billington (substituted by Councillor Gardner), Dew, Prentice (substituted by Councillor J King) and D Schumann.

Councillor Gardener declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in agenda item 7 (Communities Capital Fund), as the local member for Alconbury and Kimbolton.

3. Minutes – 14 April 2022 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

4. Petitions and Public Questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

5. Household Support Fund

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the findings of the evaluation of the operation of the Government-funded Household Support Fund between October 2021 and March 2022; and
- b) Note the update on the delivery of the Household Support Fund and associated activity in the financial year 2022-2023.

6. Decentralisation – The Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Perspective

It was resolved to:

- a) Endorse the policy framework, design principles and next steps for the Council's approach to decentralisation agreed by the Strategy and Resources Committee;
- b) Support the potential role that the Think Communities service can play in delivering the policy framework for decentralisation;
- c) Agree that the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee will oversee learning from the decentralisation pilots on the principles set out in Paragraph 2.3.2 of the report; and
- d) Note the current operational model and funding arrangements for the Think Communities service.

7. Communities Capital Fund

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the progress of the projects awarded funding by the Communities Capital Fund, including eight projects that remain incomplete;
- b) Agree to the formation of a Capital Fund Steering Group, as set out in section 4 of the report;
- c) Subject to recommendation b), agree the draft Terms of Reference for the Capital Fund Steering Group, attached at Appendix 1 of the report;
- d) Subject to recommendation b), nominate seven Members to the Steering Group in alignment with political proportionality of the Council; and
- e) Agree to the proposals set out in Section 6 for the use of currently unallocated funds and further money that is currently allocated to incomplete projects but may be returned to the Fund in the future.

8. Cambridgeshire Skills Six Month Review

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the 6-month progress of Cambridgeshire Skills; and
- b) Identify other priority areas of focus to support the Council's overall priorities.

9. Cambridgeshire Archives Service

It was resolved to:

- a) Endorse the scope and reach of the Archives Service since its move from Shire Hall to the new archive centre in Ely over 2019-20; and
- b) Welcome the achievement of Accredited Archive status.

10. Domestic Abuse Act 2021 – Update One Year On

It was resolved to:

Note the Council's progress towards fulfilling its statutory duty in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

11. Communities Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Performance Report, Quarter 1

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the recommended suite of key performance indicators to be reported to the Committee; and
- b) Note the transfer of elements of the Joint Agreement Action Plan from the Strategy and Resources Committee to the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

12. Finance Monitoring Report - May 2022

It was resolved to:

Review and comment on the report.

13. Finance Monitoring Report - Outturn 2021-22

It was resolved to:

Review and comment on the report.

14. Community, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups, Panels, and the Appointment of Member Champions

It was resolved to:

- a) Review its agenda plan attached at Appendix 1 of the report;
- b) Review its training plan attached at Appendix 2 of the report;
- c) Review and confirm the appointments to outside bodies as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, subject to the appointment of:
 - (i) Councillor Bulat to the ESOL Local Planning Partnership South;
 - (ii) Councillor Hoy to the ESOL Local Planning Partnership North;
 - (iii) Councillor Taylor to the St Neots Museum Management Committee, to replace Councillor Prentice;
- d) Review and confirm the appointments to Internal Advisory Groups and Panels as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report, subject to the appointment of:
 - (i) Councillors Costello and French to the County Advisory Group, to replace Councillors Sanderson and Taylor;
 - (ii) Councillor Daunton to the Cross Party Working Group for Library Services, to replace Councillor Thompson;
 - (iii) Councillor Hathorn to the Cultivate Cambs Fund Bid Assessment Panel, to replace Councillor Thompson;
 - (iv) Councillor Daunton to the Cultivate Cambs Steering Group, to replace Councillor Hathorn; and
- e) Review and confirm the appointment of Councillor Hilary Cox Condron as the Community Safety Champion.

- a) Statements in larger type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:- a. At least 9 full members of Strategy and Resources Committee to initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee. 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.

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