

## Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 23 March 2023  
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### 1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Batchelor (substituted by Councillor Coutts), Councillor Billington (substituted by Councillor Gardener), and Councillor French.

Councillor Bulat declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 (The Council's Approach to Supporting Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Migrants), due to her employment in the migrant and refugee sector.

Councillor Hathorn declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 (Cultivate Cambs – Endorsement of Recommendations (March 2023)), as the local member for Histon and Impington.

### 2. Minutes – 8 December 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2022 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

The Committee noted the Minutes Action Log.

### 3. Petitions and Public Questions

No public questions or petitions were received.

### 4. Coroner Service Toxicology Provision

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the commencement of the procurement process for toxicology provision, as set out in Section 2 of the report;
- b) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, to award and execute a contract once the procurement process has been completed; and

- c) Agree an extension to the existing waiver until 30 June 2023.

## 5. Household Support Fund 2023/24

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the approach to delivery of the Household Support Fund 2023/24, as set out in Section 2 of the report; and
- b) Delegate further decisions relating to the delivery of the Household Support Fund to the Assistant Director for Communities, Employment and Skills, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

## 6. Library Stock Procurement

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree to the procurement of library stock through the East Midlands and Mid Anglia consortium;
- b) Delegate the authority to the Service Director of Policy and Communities, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, to award and execute the contract once procurement has been completed; and
- c) Delegate the authority to the Service Director of Policy and Communities to approve all necessary legal documentation relating to the contract award, along with any transactions, associated arrangements and their formal executions.

## 7. Cambridgeshire Skills Six Month Review

It was resolved to:

Note the 6-month progress of the service operating as Cambridgeshire Skills.

## 8. The Council's Approach to Supporting Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Migrants

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree the role description of Migrant Champion, as set out in Paragraph 2.2 of the report, and appoint Councillor Bulat as the Migrant Champion;

- b) Approve that the Council signs the City of Sanctuary pledge and continues to work towards becoming an awarded Council of Sanctuary member; and
- c) Support the Council making a commitment to upskill its officers who work directly with refugees and asylum seekers.

## 9. Cultivate Cambs – Endorsement of Recommendations (March 2023)

It was resolved to:

Agree to fund the following sixteen applications:

- i) Hope Against Poverty CIC
- ii) Groundwork East
- iii) Soham Community Association
- iv) Camtrust
- v) Cambourne Men's Shed
- vi) Rowan
- vii) Social Echo North Huntingdonshire CIC
- viii) SSAFA Cambridgeshire
- ix) Home start Cambridgeshire
- x) Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination
- xi) Orchard Park Community Council
- xii) The Baca Charity
- xiii) Switch180
- xiv) Sports Connections Foundation
- xv) Next Generation CIC
- xvi) Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative.

## 10. Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 3 (2022/23)

It was resolved to:

Note the contents of the report.

## 11. Finance Monitoring Report – January 2023

It was resolved to:

Note and comment on the report.

## 12. Community, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Agenda Plan

The Committee noted its agenda plan and agreed to:

- a) Appoint Councillor Bulat to:
  - i) County Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies
  - ii) Cross Party Working Group for Library Services
  - iii) Cultivate Cambs Steering Group
- b) Councillor Daunton to:
  - i) The Library Presents
- c) Councillor Meschini to:
  - i) Capital Fund Steering Group
- d) Councillor Shailer to:
  - i) Cambridge & District Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee
  - ii) Community Safety Partnerships
  - iii) White Ribbon Delivery Group
- e) Councillor Wilson to:
  - i) Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations