

## Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 26 January 2023

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### Constitutional Matters

#### 1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Hoy and Wilson.

#### 2. Minutes – 16th December 2022 and Action Log

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 16th December 2022 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

#### 3. Petitions and Public Questions

No public questions were received.

### Key Decisions

#### 4. Children's Services IT System Procurement

It was resolved to agree:

- a) the procurement of the IT solution supporting Children's Services.
- b) to delegate the decision to award the contract to the Executive Director of Children's Services and the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee.
- c) to delegate to the Executive Director of Children's Services and the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Committee to approve all necessary legal documentation relating to the contract award, any transactions, associated arrangements and their formal executions.

#### 5. Electricity Procurement for 2024-28

It was resolved to: **defer the report to the next meeting on 28 March 2023.**

- ~~a) approve the renewal of the electricity supply contract with Total Energies via the ESPO framework for the supply period October 2024 to September 2028.~~

- b) ~~request an update in 12 months' time as to the steps taken by officers to engage with ESPO, as a shareholder, to support higher levels of low carbon energy in ESPO's forward strategy.~~

## Other Decisions

### 6. Proposed Business Plan for 2023-28

It was resolved to:

1. Consider the draft Business Plan, including supporting budget, business cases, consultation responses and other material, in light of all the planning activities undertaken to date.
2. Agree the proposed approach to balancing the budget in 2023-24 set out in section 3.
3. Review and endorse the following recommendations to Council:
  - a) Approve the Service budget allocations as set out in each Service table in section 3 of the Business Plan.
  - b) Approve a total county budget requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £998,433,000, including a levy of £9,878,676 payable to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the delivery of Transport Services and a levy of £442,000 payable to the Environment Agency for flood and coastal services.
  - c) Approve a recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £371,942,139.49 (to be received in equal instalments in accordance with the fall-back provisions of the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1995).
  - d) Approve a Council Tax increase for each Band of property, based on the number of "Band D" equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the Districts (241,071.60), reflecting a 2% Adult Social Care precept increase and a 2.99% increase in Basic Council Tax Precept:

Band	Ratio	Amount
A	6/9	£1,028.58
B	7/9	£1,200.01
C	8/9	£1,371.44
D	9/9	£1,542.87
E	11/9	£1,885.73
F	13/9	£2,228.59
G	15/9	£2,571.45
H	18/9	£3,085.74

- e) Approve the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 6 of the Business Plan including:
    - Commitments from schemes already approved;
    - Expenditure on new schemes in 2023-24.
  - f) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Section 7 of the Business Plan, including:
    - i. The Council's policy on the making of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
    - ii. The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2023-24 (as required by the Local Government Act 2003).
    - iii. The Investment Strategy for 2023-24 and the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of Section 7 of the Business Plan.
  - g) Approve the establishment of an Executive Director for Children, Education and Families and an Executive Director for Adults, Health and Commissioning, revising Part 7 of the Constitution, utilising funding allocated through this Business Plan.
4. Authorise the Service Director: Finance and Procurement, as the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, to make technical revisions to the Business Plan, including the foregoing recommendations to the County Council, so as to take into account any changes deemed appropriate. This may include updated information on District Council Tax Base and Collection Funds, Business Rates forecasts and Collection Funds, capital receipts and prudential borrowing, and updated grant values from awarding bodies.

7. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 30 November 2022

It was resolved to note and comment on the report.

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

It was resolved to note the agenda and training plans.

## Key Decisions

9. 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.

10. Shire Hall, Cambridge – Commercial update and review

It was resolved to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

11. Waste PFI Technical, Risk and Service 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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