

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 21 September 2021
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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors M Goldsack and M King.

2. Minutes – 6th July 2021 and Action Log.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 6th July 2021 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

4. Peer Challenge Report and Action Plan

It was resolved to note and comment on the Peer Challenge Report and draft Action Plan and agree to:

- a) discuss, develop and agree actions with the relevant committees and officer leads.
- b) monitor progress against the Peer Challenge Action Plan at each meeting of this committee for this municipal year.

5. Joint Agreement Action Plan Tracking and Monitoring

It was resolved to review the monitoring against actions identified in the joint agreement action plan.

6. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 July 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the additional £292k extended rights to free home to school travel grant for 2021-22, as set out in section 6.1;
- b) Note the allocation by CCC of £109k for biodiversity activities as set out in section 6.2;
- c) Approve the debt write-offs of £71,737 and £27,253 relating to the estates of service users where there was now no prospect of debts being recovered, as set out in section 7.2;
- d) Approve the -£4.2m revised phasing of the capital programme variations budgets as set out in section 8.6;
- e) Note the additional £0.4m grant funding awarded for the Papworth to Cambourne cycling scheme as set out in section 8.6;
- f) Note the receipt of £21.955m as the local transport capital grant allocation for 2021/22 and its application towards the spending plans set for the 2021/22 budget, as set out in section 8.7;
- g) Approve additional prudential borrowing of £432k in 2021/22 for the Building Maintenance scheme as set out in section 8.8;
- h) Note and comment on the Transformation Fund Monitoring Report as set out in Appendix 4;
- i) Note and comment on the Finance Monitoring Report for Corporate Services (appendix 5);
- j) Delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to progress and/or settle litigation in relation to a property in Fenland, as set out in confidential Appendix 6, including a potential debt write-off exceeding the normal officer threshold.
- k) Approve additional prudential borrowing in 2021/22 for the Waterbeach Waste Treatment Facilities scheme as set out in confidential Appendix 7.

7. This Land monitoring update and land at Soham Northern Gateway (pre-emption)

It was resolved to:

- a) approve the acquisition of land at Soham Northern Gateway and agree delegation of the final terms to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair;

- b) permit the sale of property by This Land, at Burwell and Worts Causeway, in accordance with the Business Plan, and consequential amendments to legal charges on those properties
- c) note the updated This Land business plan 2021; and
- d) note the commencement of a formal review of This Land as set out in section 2.8

8. Contract Commencements and Renewals

a) Re-procurement of Minor Works Contractor Framework and Relocation of Temporary Buildings & Associated Groundworks Term Contract

It was resolved to:

- a) Endorse the re-procurement of the following frameworks which were due to expire in the next 12 months:
 - (i) Minor Works Contractor Framework (due to expire 31 March 2022)
 - (ii) Relocation of Temporary Buildings and Associated Groundworks Term Contract (due to expire 30 April 2022)
- b) Endorse the appointment of contractors once the re-procurement process had completed in the Spring of 2022 in conjunction with the Councils procurement team (both frameworks).
- c) Delegate the award of the new Framework to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee

b) Cleaning re-tender of contract for Cambridgeshire county offices & buildings

It was resolved to authorise the re-tender of the cleaning and grounds contract that was due to expire on 31st March 2022 and:

- a) Approve the commencement of the re-procurement of the Cleaning & Grounds Maintenance Facilities Management Framework Contract for a term of three years from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 with the option to extend for a further year;
- b) Delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer and Assistant Director Property to appoint a contractor following a competitive procurement process and complete all necessary contractual documents in accordance with Council procedures.

- c) Delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer and Head of Procurement to approve a procurement waiver for a temporary extension to the existing contract pending completion of the re-procurement.

c) Procurement of laptop supply and Multifunction Device (MFD) contracts

It was resolved to:

- A) Agree to the procurement of two call-off contracts for an initial period of three years from October 2021 to October 2024, with options to extend for up to a further two years.
- B) Agree to delegate the award of these contracts to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

d) Opus LGSS Update

It was resolved to approve:

- a) an extension of the joint venture for a further 5 years from 8 January 2022; and
- b) to delegate the re-negotiation of the Services Agreement for Cambridgeshire to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee

9. Business Planning Proposals for 2022-27 – opening update and overview

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the overview and context provided for the 2022 – 2027 business plan.
- b) Note the initial estimates made for demand, inflationary and other pressures.

10. Treasury Management Report – Quarter One Update 2021-22

It was resolved to note the Treasury Management Quarter One Report for 2021/22.

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

It was resolved to note the Committee Agenda Plan.

Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting and strikethrough indicates deletions.

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