

Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 31 October 2024
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Constitutional Matters

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Corney, Nethsingha, Sharp and Whelan. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes – 9th July 2024 and Action Log

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2024 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

Key Decisions

4. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for Period 5 2024-25

It was resolved:

- a) To note changes in capital grants and contributions, and to agree capital budget changes including funding from prudential borrowing where appropriate, as set out in section 4.5.1 of annex A;
- b) To delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, to draw-down up to £1.6m from earmarked reserves to cover the legal costs and preparation of the case relating to the guided busway prosecution;
- c) To draw-down up to £674k for temporary posts and capacity in the Human Resources service and Policy, Insight and Change service to support the delivery of the council's Change Strategy contingent upon the Change Strategy being approved by the committee which was being considered as another item on the agenda;

- d) To authorise draw-down of £400k from the Public Health grant reserve to support the mitigation of risks if Drug and Alcohol Grants end in March 2025; and
- e) To authorise the write-offs of three customer accounts totalling £165k following the exhaustion of recovery actions, as set out in sections 5.3.6 and 5.3.7 of annex A.

5. Waterbeach Train Station Relocation – Funding Agreement

It was resolved to:

- (a) Approve, for the County Council's part, to receive funding from Homes England by way of repayable grant of up to £23.35m to forward fund the delivery of the station and haul road, with repayment by the developers of the Waterbeach New Town;
- (b) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, to agree the final terms and execute documents to enable this funding approach; and
- (c) Note that the total budget, which will be agreed formally by the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board, will now total £43.35m, with £20m from the Greater Cambridge City Deal.

Other Decisions

6. Business Planning and Budget setting 2025-26 – 2029-30

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the process and timelines for setting the Business Plan and Budget 2025-26 to 2029-30;
- b) Approve the plans for engagement and consultation with residents and key stakeholders; and
- c) Delegate any amendments requested by the committee to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, and Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee.

7. Quality of Life Survey Results 2024

It was resolved to note the key findings from the 2024 Quality of Life Survey and consider the implications of these findings for the council's Strategic Framework ambitions and Business Plan and Budget setting process.

8. Strategic Framework - Update

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the newly updated Strategic Framework 2023-28 (Appendix 1); and
- b) Delegate any amendments to the Strategic Framework, approved by the committee, to the Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy, Resources and Performance committee.

9. Our Future Council – Change Strategy

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the 'Our Future Council' change strategy (Appendix 1); and
- b) Delegate any amendments to this strategy, approved at the committee, to the Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy, Resources and Performance committee.

10. Engagement and Consultation Strategy Refresh

It was resolved to

- a) Approve this Engagement and Consultation Strategy; and
- b) Delegate any further amendments to the strategy, agreed by the committee, to the Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee.

11. Performance Management Framework Refresh

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the refreshed Performance Management Framework; and
- b) Delegate any further amendments to the Performance Management Framework, agreed by the committee, to the Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee

12. Corporate Performance Report

It was resolved to note performance information and act, as necessary.

13. Corporate Risk Register

It was resolved to note the Corporate Risk Register.

14. Agenda Plan and Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

It was resolved to not the agenda plan and training plan **and appoint Councillor Beckett as the Member Technology Champion.**

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

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