

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 2 November 2021

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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor C Boden.

Councillor Criswell declared a non statutory disclosable interest in Agenda Item No.4 as a member of his family had let land to the tenant of Mill Farmhouse.

2. Minutes – 21st September 2021 and Action Log.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21st September 2021 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

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

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the earmarking of £464k from income the Council expects to receive this year from the Cambridgeshire business rates pool dividend to contribute to the Council Tax Compliance and Counter-Fraud Initiative as set out in 5.1;
- b) Approve additional prudential borrowing of £450k across 2021/22 and 2022/23 for the Mill Farmhouse scheme as set out in section 6.6 **and agree that any expenditure before the next meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee be in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair;**
- c) Note the additional £0.4m contributions due in 2021/22 for the March Future High Street project as set out in section 6.7;
- d) Note the additional £0.3m contributions due in 2021/22 for the St Neots Future High Street project as set out in section 6.8; and
- e) Note and comment on the Finance Monitoring Report for Corporate Services (Appendix 3).

5. Gas Supply Contract Renewal

It was resolved to:

- a) agree to renew the mains gas supply contract using the ESPO framework for the supply period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2027;
- b) agree that expenditure on gas supplies may exceed £500,000 during the contract period as set out in Section 2.8 of the report; and
- c) discuss with ESPO how the Council can encourage a transition to greener fuels.

6. Business Planning update for 2022-27

It was resolved to:

- a) note the progress made to date and next steps required to develop the business plan for 2022-2027; and
- b) comment on ~~and endorse~~ the budget and savings proposals that are within the remit of the Committee as part of consideration of the Council's overall Business Plan.

7. Service committee review of the draft 2022-23 capital programme

It was resolved to:

- a) agree that the advisory limit on the level of debt charges (and therefore prudential borrowing) should be kept at the levels set out in section 3.4.;
- b) note the overview and context provided for the 2022-23 Capital Programme for Corporate Services; and
- c) Comment on the draft proposals for Corporate Services' 2022-23 Capital Programme and ~~endorse~~ their development.

8. 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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