

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 6 July 2021

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1. Notification of Chair and Vice-Chair

It was resolved to note that the Council had appointed Councillor Nethsingha as Chair and Councillor Meschini as Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2021-22.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Count, M King and P McDonald.

Councillor Howell declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in Agenda Item 7, as the report referred to a building in Papworth Everard where he used to be employed, and he also currently resided close to that building.

3. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee and Commercial and Investment Committee – 23 March 2021 and 19 March 2021

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee and Commercial and Investment Committee meetings held on 23rd and 19th March 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Petitions and Public Questions

The Committee received a petition asking the Council to 'stop the sale of Milton Road Library immediately and then keep it as a community resource permanently' containing 1207 signatures at the time of submission. The Committee also received six public questions which were considered at the relevant agenda items.

5. Joint Agreement – Action Plan

It was resolved to note and comment on the Joint Agreement draft Action Plan and agree:

- a) to discuss, develop and agree actions with the relevant committees and officer leads.

- b) to monitor progress against the action plan at each meeting of this committee for this municipal year.
- c) that officers create a tracker, with a comprehensive base line position on all of these actions dated from the last AGM. This to happen at the next meeting of this committee, or at the earliest opportunity.**

6. Integrated Finance Monitoring Reports

6(a) Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 March 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the allocation of the accrued £1.47m Business Rates Retention 2020-21 Pool Dividend to the corporate grants account within Funding Items, as set out in section 6.1.
- b) Approve accounting for £17,914k Greater Cambridge Partnership funding in place of borrowing, to partially offset the additional borrowing required to repay the recognition in previous years of £19,963k Basic Need funding and £1,401k Combined Authority funding for the Wisbech Access Strategy, and also approve the resulting increase of £3,450k in the prudential borrowing requirement.as set out in section 13.6;
- c) Note the use of £9,569k Section 106 contributions for applicable schemes where expenditure was incurred in prior years, and the resulting reduction of £9,569k in the prudential borrowing requirement for 2020/21 as set out in section 13.6.
- d) Approve the transfers to earmarked reserves totalling £7,323k as set out in section 14.1; and
- e) Note the additional funding for the Emergency Active Travel scheme, previously recommended in the February 2021 report, as set out in Appendix 3.

6(b) Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 May 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve allocating £25k in order that all directly employed staff are paid at least the living wage throughout 2021-22 and to commence work to explore achieving the Real Living Wage Foundation accreditation, with the full implications to be considered by this Committee in collaboration with Staffing & Appeals Committee, as set out in section 2.3.4;
- b) Approve allocating up to £537k, from the Transformation Fund reserve, to

People & Communities (Education) in order to provide children eligible for free school meals with that provision in Summer 2021, as set out in section 2.3.5.

- c) Approve the net the budget revision and redistribution set out in the table at 2.3.6: deducting £2.7m budget for items that are not currently required and investing £956k for additional pressures.
- d) Approve the carry forward of £33.8m capital funding from 2020/21 to 2021/22 and beyond as set out in section 5.6.
- e) Approve the -£25.4m revised phasing of funding in relation to schemes as set out in section 5.6.
- f) Note the changes in capital grants of £2.8m, and the associated reduction of £3.6m in the prudential borrowing requirement as set out in section 5.6.
- g) Approve £869k virement between property budgets, as set out in section 5.6.
- h) Note the changes in other contributions and Section 106 funding of £6.8m as set out in section 5.6 and
- i) Note the £0.3m reduction in capital receipts funding in 2021/22 as set out in section 5.6.

7. Future of the Shire Hall Campus, Cambridge

It was resolved to:

- a) note the updated commercial arrangements as set out in the report.
- b) note the due diligence report of the proposed hotel provider as set in confidential Appendix 3.
- c) approve the commercial proposals as set out in confidential Appendix 2 including the revision of the revenue / capital split described in section 8 and 9 of this report.
- d) note the resulting provision of office accommodation across the County as a result of the whole Cambs 2020 programme, and commit to keeping this closely under review as office usage changes post-pandemic, addressing areas where there is a shortage of service provision emerging, as described in section 1.5; and
- e) delegate agreement of the final terms and consequential or minor amendments to the contractual documentation, as set out in paragraph 10.6, to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of this Committee.
- f) **note that this includes binding arrangements for public ownership and access to the green space on this site.**

8. Independent Living, Princess of Wales Development – Outline Business Case

It was resolved to approve:

- (i) the recommended option as set out in paragraph 2.5.7 and its financial and social justification.
- (ii) the overall capital investment case and in particular elements which affects land and property and the monies required for the next stage.
- (iii) an addition capital provision into the 2021/22 Business Plan as set out in paragraph 2.7.1.
- (iv) an expenditure of £1.1m to complete detailed design works and present an FBC as set out in paragraph 2.7.4.
- (v) delegate approval and sign-off of the inter-authority agreement and the non-binding Heads of Terms to the Chief Finance Officer and Commissioning Service Director.
- (vi) prepare and submit Planning Application for the construction works.
- (vii) the final investment levels forecast including the initial land valuation and plan to refresh both.
- (viii) revised timetable; and
- (ix) preparations on concept and detailed design, and co-production and consequently move towards full business case.

The Committee is also asked to note and comment on:

- (i) the proposed design principles employed for independent living services as set out in paragraph 2.2.3.
- (ii) the plan to put in place a formal agreement between NHS, CCC and a housing management provider about ways of working.
- (iii) the benefits case at this outline business case stage which affects Adult Social Care operating budgets.
- (iv) the general procurement approach for a contract value of £72.6m, and to procure and sign agreement with a housing management provider and a care provider; and
- (v) delegating the award of the new contract to the Executive Director of People and Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Adult and Health Committee.

9. Treasury Management Report – Quarter Four Update 2020-21

It was resolved to note the Treasury Management Quarter Four Report for 2020/21 and forward to Full Council to note.

10. Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, and the Appointment of Member Champions

It was resolved to:

- (i) review and agree the appointments to outside bodies as detailed in Appendix 1.
- (ii) review and agree the appointments to Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, as detailed in Appendix 2.
- (iii) appoint a County Farms Champion responsible for providing a focus, and challenge, for officers in developing papers for the County Farms working group.
- (iv) appoint an Evidence-Informed Policy Member Champion to promote the use and presentation of evidence and creating opportunities for fellow Councillors and officers to use that evidence in the decisions they make.
- (v) delegate, on a permanent basis between meetings, the appointment of representatives to any vacancies on outside bodies, groups, and panels, within the remit of the Strategy and Resources Committee, to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee.

11. Strategy and Resources Committee Agenda Plan and Training Plan

It was resolved to note the Committee Agenda Plan and Training Plan.

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

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