

General Purposes Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 26 January 2021

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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 22 December 2020 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 December 2020 were agreed as an accurate record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

4. Performance report – Quarter 2 2020-21 financial year

It was resolved to note and comment on performance information and take remedial action as necessary.

5. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 30 November 2020

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the allocation of the £1.459m Covid Winter Grant for ringfenced purposes to the People & Communities directorate, to be received in instalments over the coming months, as set out in section 5.1;
- b) Approve the allocation of the currently estimated £760k unringfenced Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) grant to the People & Communities directorate as set out in section 5.2;
- c) Approve the reinvestment of the £458k contractor rebate as set out in section 5.3;
- d) Note the new ringfenced capital grant funding for the Decarbonisation Fund scheme as set out in section 6.6;

- e) Note the £2.063m new capital funding for the Abbey Chesterton Bridge scheme as set out in section 6.6.

6. Covid-19 Update Report

It was resolved to note the progress made to date in responding to the impact of the Coronavirus.

7. Business Plan 2021-22 to 2025-26

It was resolved to:

1. Consider the Business Plan, including supporting budget, business cases, Transformation Fund Bids, consultation responses and other material, in light of all the planning activities undertaken to date.
2. Consider the options set out in Section 4 of this paper to establish a balanced budget position.
3. Agree the Transformation Fund bid set out in Appendix 1 which supports the Adult Social Care Transport Business case.
4. Agree to amend the draft business plan, subject to a recommendation from the Communities and Partnerships Committee, allocating £300k to an extension of the Cultivate fund, in accordance with section 3.4 of this report.
5. Review the following recommendations to Council:
 - a) That approval is given to the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan.
 - b) That consideration is given to a total county budget requirement and precept level
 - c) That consideration is given to 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 District Councils as set out in Section 2, Table 6.4 of the Business Plan.
 - d) That approval is given to the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 6 of the Business Plan including:
 - Commitments from schemes already approved;
 - Expenditure on new schemes in 2021-22 shown in summary in Section 2, Table 6.7 of the Business Plan.

- e) That approval is given to 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 2021- 22 (as required by the Local Government Act 2003).
 - iii. The Investment Strategy for 2021-22 as required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2018, and the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of Section 7 of the Business Plan.

8. Development of Asset-Based Area (ABA) Approach to Commissioning and Delivery

It was resolved to approve the proposed Asset-Based Area concept and investment.

9. General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the agenda plan.
- b) Note the training plan.
- c) Note that committee appointments to outside bodies and internal advisory groups and panels remained unchanged.

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