

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 27 January 2022

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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Criswell and Wilson.

2. Minutes – 17th December 2021 and Action Log.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 17th December 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 30th November 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the proposals for the use of uncommitted Public Health reserves totalling £2.9m, as set out in section 5.1;
- b) Note the forecast £300k Alconbury Weald Enterprise Zone National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) retained business rates income, as set out in section 5.2;
- c) Note the decisions taken by Adults and Health Committee to approve the allocation of the discretionary elements of a series of ring fenced Covid-19 grants, as set out in section 5.3;
- d) Note the use of additional £0.3m revenue contributions for Strategy and Scheme Development work, as set out in section 6.6; and
- e) Note and comment on the Finance Monitoring Report for Corporate Services (Appendix 3).

5. Education Systems Programme

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the funding of £2.5m for the Education Systems Programme. This would be payable in two financial years: £1.4m in 2022/23 and £1.1m in 2023/24.
- b) Give permission to proceed with the procurement of the required system(s).
- c) Agree to delegate the decision to award these contracts to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

6. Shareholder Review of This Land

It was resolved to:

- (a) Receive the report into This Land from the reviewer;
- (b) Take account of the reviewer's recommendations, as set out at section 3.5;
- (c) Agree the actions for the Council, as set out at section 3.6; and
- (d) Note that a further monitoring and progress report on This Land will be received at the March meeting.

7. Strategic Framework

It was resolved to:

- a) Review and recommend the Strategic Framework to Full Council as part of the 2022/23 Business Plan; and
- b) Review and recommend the Performance Management Framework

8. Business Planning Proposals for 2022-27: Current Position

It was resolved:

1. Considers the Business Plan, including supporting budget, business cases, consultation responses and other material, in light of all the planning activities undertaken to date.
2. Agrees the proposed approach to balancing the budget in 2022-23 set out in section 3.
3. Reviews the following recommendations to Council:
 - a) Approve the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan.
 - b) Approve a total county budget requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £922,004,000, including a levy of

£9,684,976 payable to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the delivery of Transport Services and a levy of £433,000 payable to the Environment Agency for flood and coastal services.

- c) Approve a recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £346,853,825.13 (to be received in equal instalments in accordance with the fall-back provisions of the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1995).
- d) Approve 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 Districts (235,800.2), reflecting a 3% ASC precept increase and a 1.99% increase in Basic Council Tax Precept:

Band	Ratio	Amount
A	6/9	£979.74
B	7/9	£1,143.03
C	8/9	£1,306.32
D	9/9	£1,469.61
E	11/9	£1,796.19
F	13/9	£2,122.77
G	15/9	£2,449.35
H	18/9	£2,939.22

- e) Approve the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 6 of the Business Plan including:
 - Commitments from schemes already approved;
 - Expenditure on new schemes in 2022-23 shown in summary in Section 2, Table 8.2 of the Business Plan.
- f) Approve 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 2022-23 (as required by the Local Government Act 2003).
 - iii. The Investment Strategy for 2022-23 and the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of Section 7 of the Business Plan.
- 4. Authorise the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader & Deputy Leader of the Council, to make technical revisions to the Business Plan,

including the foregoing recommendations to the County Council, so as to take into account any changes deemed appropriate. This includes updated information on District Council Tax Base and Collection Funds, Business Rates forecasts and Collection Funds, capital receipts and prudential borrowing, and updated grant values from awarding bodies

9. CUSPE Policy Challenges Research on Models of Local Government after COVID-19

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the research undertaken by CUSPE on the wellbeing economy as a proposed model of local government decision-making after the emergence of COVID-19;
- b) Consider the recommendations made by CUSPE as set out in the full report at Appendix 1, pages 17-18; and
- c) Task officers to prepare a detailed strategy setting out the ways in which recommendations (if agreed) could be driven forward and delivered, either by the Council or in collaboration with our partners.

10. 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.

11. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the grounds that agenda item no. 12 contains exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

12. Shire Hall Campus. Cambridge – Commercial Update

It was resolved to:

- a) approve the updated commercial arrangements set out in this report; and
- b) re-confirm the delegation to agree the final terms and consequential amendments to the contractual documentation, as set in the July 2021 report, to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of this Committee.

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

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