

# General Purposes Committee

## Decision Statement

Meeting: 14th July 2020

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Item	Topic	Decision
	<b><u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u></b>	
1.	<b>Apologies for absence and declarations of interest</b>	<b>Apologies received from Councillor Bates.</b>
2.	<b>Minutes – 2nd June 2020 and Action Log</b>	It was resolved:  To approve the minutes of the meeting of 2nd June 2020 as a correct record and note the action log.
3.	<b>Petitions and Public Questions</b>	None received.
	<b><u>OTHER DECISIONS</u></b>	
4.	<b>Finance and Performance Report – May 2020</b>	It was resolved to:  a) review, note and comment upon the report.  b) approve the carry forward of funding from 2019/20 to 2020/21, as set out in section 2 of Appendix A.

	<b><u>KEY DECISION</u></b>	
5.	<b>Integrated Finance Monitoring Report For The Period Ending 31st May 2020</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approve the earmarking of the unringfenced grant (£11.512m) received in May 2020 for the purposes of responding to the coronavirus pandemic during 2020/21, as set out in section 5.1;</li> <li>b) Approve the carry forward of £61.2m capital funding from 2019/20 to 2020/21 and beyond as set out in section 6.6 and Appendix 3;</li> <li>c) Approve -£46.3m revised phasing of capital funding for schemes as set out in section 6.6;</li> <li>d) Note the changes in capital grants and Section 106 funding of £2.2m as set out in section 6.6;</li> <li>e) Approve the £750k virement from the People and Communities (P&amp;C) Temporary Accommodation budget to the P&amp;C School Condition Maintenance &amp; Suitability budget, as set out in section 6.6;</li> <li>f) Note the additional Combined Authority contributions funding of £2.9m as set out in section 6.6;</li> <li>g) Note the £5.1m reduction in capital receipts funding in 2020/21 in relation to the schemes as set out in section 6.6;</li> <li>h) Note the reduction in Schools Condition Funding and to approve additional prudential borrowing of £418k to offset the reduction as set out in section 6.6;</li> <li>i) Note the £4.4m reduction in prudential borrowing in 2020/21 in relation to the schemes as set out in section 6.6;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>j) Approve additional prudential borrowing of £330k in 2020/21 for the Mill Road Former Library scheme, as set out in section 6.7;</li> <li>k) Approve additional prudential borrowing of £352k in 2020/201 for the Building Maintenance scheme, as set out in section 6.8;</li> <li>l) Approve additional prudential borrowing in 2020/21 for the Cambs 2020 Spokes capital programme budget to cover the full costs of a property acquisition in St Ives, as set out in section 6.9;</li> <li>m) Approve additional prudential borrowing of up to £400k in 2020/21 for a Covid-19 risk budget for the Civic Hub construction project, as set out in section 6.10. (This is subject to approval of the recommendation by Commercial and Investment (C&amp;I) Committee at the 10th July)</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Connecting Cambridgeshire Superfast Broadband contract extension</b></p>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approve the proposed extension to the Superfast Broadband (SFBB) contract with further expenditure of up to £2.6m subject to the funding mechanisms described.</li> <li>b) Approve the proposal to submit a full application to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for which the County Council is the accountable body. This includes provision for £725k funding to support the SFBB contract extension and £500k towards the delivery of a business support project on behalf of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.</li> <li>c) Approve the use of £1.875m from the Superfast Broadband “clawback” investment fund to support the proposed contract extension, subject to confirmation of approval to proceed from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).</li> </ul>

		<p>d) In the event of a successful ERDF bid and confirmation of approval for the use of clawback funding from DCMS, approve the use of prudential borrowing, if required, to provide interim funding for the SFBB contract extension in advance of the clawback investment fund maturing in 2023.</p> <p>e) Delegate to the Executive Director for Place and Economy, in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee, contract negotiations and final sign-off for a change control agreement to the existing SFBB contract to incorporate a further phase of rollout.</p>
	<b><u>OTHER DECISIONS</u></b>	
7.	<b>Covid-19 Issues Report</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) note the progress made to date in responding to the impact of the Coronavirus.</p> <p>b) note the current projected financial implications associated with managing the implications of the Coronavirus pandemic as set out in section 3 of this report.</p>
8.	<b>General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointment to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels</b>	It was resolved to review the agenda plan.

**Notes:**

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

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