

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

## Minutes-Action Log – Agenda Item No.2



### Introduction:

This log captures the actions arising from the General Purposes Committee on 2nd June 2020 and updates members on the progress on compliance in delivering the necessary actions. This is the updated action log as at 6th July 2020.

## Minutes of 2nd June 2020

| Item No. | Item  | Action to be taken by | Action  | Comments   | Completed      |
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| 252.     | <b>MINUTES – 14TH MAY 2020 AND ACTION LOG</b> | C Malyon              | To update via e-mail the commitments in the financial projections which went beyond the costs incurred to date relating to Social Care Resilience and Social Care Bed Capacity. | The forward projections include in particular CYP Committee forecasts: additional spending on children in need or in care, which are anticipated in future, and in relation to Home to School transport. The impact on the Adults Positive Challenge programme also stretches into the Autumn. The Council expects significant spend on personal protective equipment throughout the coming year. Further details are included in the Integrated Monitoring report as well as the Covid-19 update to this Committee. | <b>Ongoing</b> |

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|  |  | C Malyon | <p>Requested more information as to why County Farms had not achieved savings from the repayment of financing costs and what was being done to address this issue.</p> | <p>The County Farms Investment Viability project is an Invest to Earn scheme which commenced in 2014-15. The County Farms team undertake improvements to farm buildings in return for an increased revenue rent. This has proved to be a cost effective approach to ensuring that our farms estate continues to be maintained to a high standard.</p> <p>For prudence, the scheme is currently shown in the business plan as cost neutral with an entry for additional financing costs resulting from capital spend on the scheme and an offsetting increase in rental income of the same value. In 2019-20, no further projects were completed and consequently the underachievement of savings from the scheme was offset by an underspend on financing costs so there was no net cost to the Council.</p> <p>Capital Programme Board will continue to review any proposals brought forward under the scheme to ensure that rental income is set at a sufficient level to cover the costs of delivering projects and, if practical, to provide a modest surplus for the Council.</p> | <b>Completed</b> |
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|      |   | T Kelly               | Highlighted the non-achieving ranking for term time only contracts for new staff in the Education Directorate where this was appropriate for their role. It was queried whether this was voluntary or compulsory as the latter could impact on recruitment. | The Education directorate has commented: "Roles are only advertised as term time only (TTO) where it is appropriate for the role and where officers do not believe that this will cause an issue with recruitment. Where roles are harder to fill they may be advertised with the option of either 52-week or TTO contracts, noting that in some cases TTO contracts are seen as more desirable because of the childcare flexibility they allow."   | <b>Completed</b> |
| 256. | <b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19</b>     | G Hughes/<br>P Nelson | The Committee to be provided with more detail on how social distancing on Home to School Transport would be managed, and how public transport would be made safe to use in order to discourage people from using their cars.                                | E-mail sent on 22nd June 2020.  | <b>Completed</b> |
| 257. | <b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER FOUR UPDATE 2019-20</b> | T Kelly               | The Head of Finance to investigate whether no significant implications for net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050 meant the Council did not invest in fossil fuels.   | Presently the Council's only treasury investments are managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. CCLA's policy is summarised at:<br><a href="https://www.ccla.co.uk/our-policies/climate-change-and-investment-policy">https://www.ccla.co.uk/our-policies/climate-change-and-investment-policy</a> and<br><a href="https://tinyurl.com/CCLA-ResPropInv">https://tinyurl.com/CCLA-ResPropInv</a><br>In view of this, Officers consider that these investments accord with seeking net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050. | <b>Completed</b> |

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| <b>258.</b> | <b>GENERAL PURPOSES<br/>COMMITTEE AGENDA<br/>PLAN, TRAINING PLAN<br/>AND APPOINTMENT TO<br/>OUTSIDE BODIES, AND<br/>INTERNAL ADVISORY<br/>GROUPS AND PANELS</b> | Cllr Count<br>A Askham<br>C Malyon | The Chairman to work with officers to consider what training should be made available given that economic activity was a new responsibility for the Committee. | Officers are working with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee to develop a proposal for the September GPC meeting. | <b>Ongoing</b> |
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