

## Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: Thursday 10 March 2021  
Published: Monday 14 March 2021

### 1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Henry Batchelor (substituted by Councillor Susan van de Ven), Ken Billington (substituted by Councillor Mark Goldsack), Adela Costello (substituted by Councillor John Gowing), Steve Criswell (substituted by Councillor Simon King), Dan Schumann (substituted by Councillor Ian Gardener), Keith Prentice (substituted by Councillor Steve Count), and Firouz Thompson (substituted by Councillor Claire Daunton).

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Minutes – 2 December 2021 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

The Committee's Minutes Action Log was noted.

### 3. Petitions and Public Questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

### 4. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Coroner Service Mortuary Facilities

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the contract between Cambridgeshire County Council (the Commissioner on behalf of HM Coroner) and North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust (the Provider) which covers the provision of mortuary facilities during the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2023; and
- b) Delegate responsibility for awarding the contract between Cambridgeshire County Council (the Commissioner on behalf of HM Coroner) and Cambridge University Hospital (Addenbrookes Hospital) which covers the provision of mortuary facilities from 1st April 2022 to the Interim Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

## 5. Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the contract for the provision of refuge accommodation, as set out in section 2.1 of the report;
- b) Approve the procurement exercise for a domestic abuse outreach service and delegate responsibility for awarding the contract to the Executive Director: People and Communities, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee; and
- c) Approve the procurement exercise for dispersed safe accommodation and delegate responsibility for awarding the contract to the Executive Director: People and Communities, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.
- d) Request that the Strategy and Resources Committee ringfences the money identified in Section 1.2 of the report.

## 6. CUSPE Policy Challenges Research – How Can We Best Align Partners and Community Assets to Ensure Whole Communities Can Access Opportunities to Enhance Social Mobility?

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the research undertaken by CUSPE aligning partners and community assets to ensure whole communities can access opportunities to enhance social mobility;
- b) Consider the recommendations made by CUSPE, as set out in Section 7 of the CUSPE report; and
- c) Task officers to consider which of the CUSPE recommendations, if supported by the Committee, can and should be driven forward and delivered, either by the Council or in collaboration with its partners.

## 7. Decentralisation

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree that the overall purpose of decentralisation is to improve Council decision making, and thereby outcomes for Cambridgeshire residents, by giving residents more opportunities to influence decisions that affect them;
- b) Agree that the work of officers across the Council being more embedded in local communities is one of the main ways for decentralisation to fulfil that overall purpose;
- c) Comment on the overall approach to aligning County Council services to local communities, as set out in this report; and
- d) Agree that Strategy and Resources Committee should next consider the implications and opportunities decentralisation will bring across the Council's work, and how it connects with other strategic priorities

## 8. Anti-Poverty and Social Mobility

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the key themes discussed in the report;
- b) Endorse the proposals to take forward a whole Council approach to social mobility, anti-poverty, and Community Wealth Building;
- c) Recommend to Strategy and Resources Committee a joint workstream to take forward the roadmap described in Section 2.5 of this report to take forward social mobility and community wealth building as organisational priorities, with this approach supported and mirrored by officers;
- d) Comment on the options set out in section 2.6.12 of this report, to amend the way the current Household Support Fund wider scheme operates, and to identify further ways of achieving maximum value for money and impact; and
- e) Delegate the approval of the final design of the new Household Support Fund wider scheme to the Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, in order that the scheme can launch from April 2022.

## 9. Finance Monitoring Report – January 2022

It was resolved to:

Review and comment on the report.

## 10. Communities Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Agenda Plan

The Committee noted its agenda plan.

a) Statements in **larger type** indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

(b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:- a. At least 9 full members of Strategy and Resources Committee to initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee. b. The request must be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of 3 full working days after the decision has been published and shall specify the reason(s) why the decision should be reviewed.

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