

Strategy and Resources Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 17 December 2021

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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Criswell, M Goldsack, S Hoy, E Murphy, J Schumann and Wilson.

2. Minutes – 2nd November 2021 and Action Log.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2021 as a correct record. The action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

4. Joint Agreement and Peer Review Action Tracking

It was resolved to review the monitoring against actions identified in the joint agreement and peer review action plans.

5. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31st October 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Earmark a total of £1.55m to offset one-off revenue costs related to waste diversion while plant works were carried out, as set out in section 6.1;
- b) Approve the £2m transfer to earmarked reserves for adults risks as set out in section 6.2;. **The reserve to be controlled and allocated by the Adults and Health committee, if needed, to specifically address unplanned for increased demographic or cost pressures. Any amounts not utilised to be returned to S&R committee for further consideration in two years' time;**
- c) Note the Combined Authority funding reduction of £1.9m in line with the reduced scope of the Wisbech Town Centre Access Study scheme, as set out in section 7.6; and
- d) Note and comment on the Finance Monitoring Report for Corporate Services

(Appendix 4).

6. Business Planning Proposals for 2022-27 – Current Position

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the progress made to date and next steps required to develop the business plan for 2022-2027.
- b) Note the budget and savings proposals that were within the remit of the Committee as part of consideration of the Council's overall Business Plan.
- c) Note the changes to the capital programme that were within the remit of the Committee as part of consideration of the Council's overall Business Plan.
- d) Note the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2022/23.
- e) Note the draft Capital Strategy for 2022/23.
- f) Note the draft Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23.

7. Treasury Management Report – Quarter Two Update 2021-22

It was resolved to:

note the Treasury Management Quarter Two Report for 2021/22 and forward to Full Council to note.

8. Corporate Services Performance Report Quarter 2 2021-22

It was resolved to:

- a) Review and approve the proposed performance reporting protocol for Corporate Services set out in Section 2 of the report.
- b) Approve addition to and removal of KPIs from Corporate Services KPI list set out in Section 3 of the report.
- c) Monitor progress of Corporate Services set out in Section 4 of the report and consider whether performance is at an acceptable level and identify remedial action as required.

9. Mill and Rumbolds Farmhouse, Somersham – Replacement Dwelling

It was resolved following approval of budget at the last meeting and endorsement by the County Farms Working Group to note this report.

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

The Chair, with the agreement of the Committee, agreed to defer this item to the January meeting. In the meantime, Group Leaders had agreed to arrange a virtual seminar for this item to be discussed in more detail.

~~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.~~

11. **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.

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

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