

Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 8 July 2021

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1. Notification of the Chair and Vice Chair

It was noted that Councillor Tom Sanderson had been appointed as Chair, and Councillor Hilary Cox Condron appointed as Vice-Chair, of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee for 2021-2022 by Council on 18th May 2021.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Batchelor (substituted by Councillor Daunton), Councillor Beckett (substituted by Councillor Coutts) and Councillor Billington (substituted by Councillor Goldsack).

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes (Communities and Partnership Committee – 1st April 2021)

The minutes of the Communities and Partnership meeting held on 1st April 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

4. Petitions and Public Questions

The Committee received one public question, which related to agenda item 5 (Report of the Service Director for Communities and Partnerships).

5. Report of the Service Director for Communities and Partnerships

The Committee resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the key themes discussed in this report;
- b) Comment on and approve the key priority areas of focus described in the report, identifying additional priorities if relevant;

- c) Bring a paper back to the Committee on the youth services framework with a detailed delivery plan that identifies the financial resources required to expand and sustain the service, thus enabling the funding to be allocated in the Committee's budget for 2022-23;
- d) Request Full Council to approve the addition of the word 'Partnership' to the Committee's title; and
- e) In light of the climate emergency, support community activities involving green spaces and biodiversity.

6. Think Communities Approach to Social Mobility, Anti-Poverty and Inequalities

The Committee resolved to:

- a) Endorse the approach set out in this report;
- b) Comment specifically on and endorse the suggested approach to the development of a Social Mobility Strategy for Cambridgeshire, and
- c) Agree for that strategy to be presented to Committee for approval in September.

7. Cambridgeshire Skills Six-Month Review

The Committee resolved to:

- a) Comment on the six-month progress of the service operating as Cambridgeshire Skills; and
- b) Identify other priority areas of focus to support the council's overall priorities.

8. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership

The Committee resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the funding investment proposals;
- b) Approve the joint recommissioning of refuge provision for victims of domestic abuse across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from 2022/23; and

- c) Request that in the event of government funding being reduced, the council consider underwriting the grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, to provide security moving forwards.

9. Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Process Updates

The Committee resolved to:

- a) Update Fund information and guidance to better align to the priorities of the Joint Administration.
- b) Maintain the current pause on Innovate applications.
- c) Increase the number of councillors on the Recommendation Panel from five to seven, to be appointed in accordance with political proportionality; and
- d) Maintain the current process of recommendations from the Panel being presented to the next available Committee meeting for approval.

10. Communities Capital Fund – Progress Report

The Committee resolved to:

- a) Note and comment on the progress being made by projects funded by the Community Capital Fund.
- b) Consider and suggest ways of further enhancing the impact of funded projects on the council's overall objectives.
- c) Following the success of the Communities Capital Fund, recommend that the Strategy and Resources Committee allocates at least a further £5m in the 2022-23 Business Plan.

11. Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, and the Appointment of Member Champions

The Committee resolved to:

- a) Review and agree the appointments to Outside Bodies as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- b) Review and agree the appointments to Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;

- c) Appoint Councillor Cox Condon as the Community Safety Member Champion responsible for raising awareness of issues related to community safety, including domestic abuse, sexual violence and hate crimes; and
- d) Delegate, on a permanent basis between meetings, the appointment of representatives to any vacancies on outside bodies, groups and panels, within the remit of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, to the Service Director of Communities and Partnerships in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

12. Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Agenda Plan and Training Plan

The Committee noted its Agenda Plan.

- (i) Statements in larger type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (ii) Requests for review of a decision can be made as follows:
 - 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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