

General Purposes Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 16th July 2019

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Item	Topic	Decision
	<u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u>	
1.	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest	Apologies received from Councillor Whitehead (Councillor Jones substituting). There were no declarations of interest.
2.	Minutes – 28th May 2019 and Action Log	It was resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 28th May 2019 as a correct record and note the action log.
3.	Petitions	None received.
	<u>OTHER DECISION</u>	
4.	Finance and Performance Report – May 2019	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.

	<u>KEY DECISIONS</u>																					
5.	Integrated Resources:																					
5(a)	Review of 2019-20 budget – responding to demands and developments since budget setting	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) Note the contents of this item as a companion to the 31 May 2019 Integrated Resources & Performance Report.</p> <p>b) Agree an increase in the income budget for 2019-20 (funding items) of £1.91m resulting from prior year surpluses across local taxation in four districts.</p> <p>c) Agree that the following budgets were therefore available for allocation in 2019/20 (as per section 4.3):</p> <table><tr><td>Funding items surplus</td><td>-£1.91m</td></tr><tr><td>Demography budget</td><td>-£0.32m</td></tr><tr><td>Laptop replacement</td><td>-£0.25m</td></tr><tr><td>Subtotal</td><td>-£2.48m</td></tr></table> <p>d) Agree deployment of the available budget in 2019/20 to:</p> <table><tr><td>CYP: Exceptional secure accommodation (2.5)</td><td>£0.35m</td></tr><tr><td>CYP: SEND Investment (as per section 3)</td><td>£0.36m</td></tr><tr><td>CYP: Loss of grant (as per section 2.3.2)</td><td>£0.30m</td></tr><tr><td>ADULT: Partial impact price pressures (2.2)</td><td>£1.35m</td></tr><tr><td>C&I: Partial impact of income delays (2.7)</td><td>£0.12m</td></tr><tr><td>Subtotal</td><td>£2.48m</td></tr></table> <p>e) Note that ongoing pressures and mitigations would be taken into account for Committees' consideration as part of Business Planning 2020-25.</p>	Funding items surplus	-£1.91m	Demography budget	-£0.32m	Laptop replacement	-£0.25m	Subtotal	-£2.48m	CYP: Exceptional secure accommodation (2.5)	£0.35m	CYP: SEND Investment (as per section 3)	£0.36m	CYP: Loss of grant (as per section 2.3.2)	£0.30m	ADULT: Partial impact price pressures (2.2)	£1.35m	C&I: Partial impact of income delays (2.7)	£0.12m	Subtotal	£2.48m
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5(b)	Performance and Resources Monitoring Report for the period ending 31st May 2019	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the carry forward of £39.3m capital funding from 2018/19 to 2019/20 and beyond as set out in section 6.6 and Appendix 5. b) Approve -£37.0m revised phasing of capital funding for schemes as set out in section 6.6. c) Agree the additional capital grants and Section 106 funding of £1.7m as outlined in section 6.6. d) Note the reduction in Schools Condition Funding and approve additional prudential borrowing of £578,543 to offset the reduction, as set out in section 6.6. e) Note the £6.6m reduction in prudential borrowing in 2019/20 in relation to the capital schemes as set out in section 6.6, and the £1.6m reduction in prudential borrowing in 2020/21, as set out in section 6.7. f) Approve additional prudential borrowing of £3m in 2019/20 and future years for the Spring Common Academy scheme, as set out in section 6.8. g) Approve additional prudential borrowing of £295k in 2019/20 for the Meads Farm scheme, as set out in section 6.9. (Note – withdrawn and referred back to Commercial and Investment Committee) h) Note and comment on performance information as set out in section 8. i) Approve the proposed revised approach to performance reporting set out in section 8. j) Approve the continuous development of financial reporting to Committees, as detailed in section 9. k) Agree to earmark £297k within reserves for Records Management, for deployment as set out in Appendix 3.
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6.	IT and Digital Strategy for Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council	It was resolved to: a) Approve the IT and Digital Strategy; b) Agree the funding for this strategy as set out in Section 5 of this document, and delegate the approval of the business cases to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman of General Purposes Committee.
	<u>OTHER DECISIONS</u>	
7.	Commencement of the tendering process for banking services	It was resolved to: 1 Approve the commencement of the procurement process for the Council's banking services from March 2020; and 2 Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee to award the contract following the procurement process.
8.	Transformation Funding:	
8(a)	Development of the Council's Investment Portfolio	It was resolved to approve the drawdown of £147,000 to support the development of the acquisitions and investment activities outlined within the Commercial Strategy 2019-21.
8(b)	Resilience & Independence in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Environment (RAISE)	It was resolved to approve the Transformation Bid proposal of £274k for RAISE.
9.	Draft Updated Corporate Energy Strategy and Action Plan	It was resolved to approve: a) Appendix A, the updated Corporate Energy Strategy; b) Appendix B, a dynamic action plan that supports the delivery of the Energy Strategy; and

		c) Proposals for coordinating action plan delivery and progress reporting as set out in paragraph 2.5 and 2.6
10.	Transformation Fund Monitoring Report Quarter 4 2018-19	It was resolved to note and comment on the report and the impact of transformation fund investment across the Council.
11.	General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointment to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels	
11(a)	Agenda Plan	It was resolved to review its agenda plan attached at Appendix 1.
11(b)	Internal Member Advisory Group for the Climate Change and Environment Strategy	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note and comment on Appendix A: the Draft Terms of Reference for the Internal Advisory Group; • Note and comment on Appendix B: the draft Vision and Objectives of the Strategy; and • Nominate Members to the Climate Change and Environment Strategy Internal Advisory Group.
12.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following reports on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information under paragraphs 3 & 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings</p>

13.	Commercial Property Acquisition Proposal – Property Located in Cambridge (CB5)	It was resolved to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.
14.	Waste Private Finance Initiative	It was resolved to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Notes:

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

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