



CABINET – FRIDAY 23 JUNE

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. I. D. Ould CC, Mr. B. L. Pain CC and Mrs P. Posnett CC.

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 16)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2017 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

4. 2016/17 PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN (Pages 17 - 60)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the 2016/17 provisional revenue and capital outturn be noted;
- (b) That the additional commitments set out in paragraph 54 of the report and the carry forward requests detailed in Appendix B, be approved;
- (c) That the revisions to the 2017/18 budget, as set out in paragraph 55, be approved;
- (d) That the prudential indicators for 2016/17, as shown in Appendix F, be noted.

5. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2016/17 (Pages 61 - 68)

Proposed motion

That the report be noted.

6. **DISTRICT COUNCIL COLLECTION OF COUNCIL TAX** (Pages 69 - 76)

Proposed motion

- (a) That it be noted that the County Council's most significant income stream is council tax and, in the light of increased financial pressures, the need for the County Council to maximise this income to support the future provision of services in the area and reduce the need for savings;
- (b) That it be noted that District Councils' collection of council tax is below the national average for county areas and that their forecasting has also been poor;
- (c) That a review of District Councils' council tax collection and forecasting processes is necessary as soon as possible, and that this matter be brought to the attention of District Council Leaders requesting the full co-operation of their Councils in the review.

7. **HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW** (Pages 77 - 156)

- *Comments have been received from Mr G. A. Boulter CC on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '7'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation be noted;
- (b) That the Highway Asset Management Policy (Appendix A) and the Highway Asset Management Strategy (Appendix B) be approved;
- (c) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to make minor amendments to the Highway Asset Management Policy and Highway Asset Management Strategy as he considers to be necessary to ensure that they remain current and conform to legislation;
- (d) That it be noted that a Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan will be developed to support the principles of the Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy, replacing the existing Transport Asset Management Plan, and that this will be submitted to the Cabinet in Autumn 2017.

8. **FUTURE OF HIGHWAY FORUMS** (Pages 157 - 162)

Proposed motion

- (a) That Highway Forums be disbanded;
- (b) That the proposed approach for managing petitions be approved for further consideration by the Constitution Committee.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN AND SINGLE OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK (Pages 163 - 184)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the five priority outcomes for inclusion in the County Council's Strategic Plan and Single Outcomes Framework be approved;
- (b) That the proposals for stakeholder engagement and the timeline for finalising the Strategic Plan be approved.

10. BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2017/18 – 2018/19 (Pages 185 - 210)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the preparations and governance arrangements for the submission of Leicestershire's Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2017/18-2018/19 to NHS England be noted;
- (b) That with regard to the additional adult social care grant allocation of £19.7m announced by the Government in the Spring Budget:
 - (i) it be noted that this funding is allocated to the County Council for the purposes indicated in the grant conditions, but will be incorporated into the BCF Plan as required by the BCF Policy Framework;
 - (ii) the agreement reached with NHS partners on the spending of the grant be welcomed; and
 - (iii) the impact of additional grant on the BCF pooled budget from April 2017 be noted;
- (c) That it be noted that the draft BCF Expenditure Plan attached as Appendix A to the report will be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 22 June 2017 for approval;
- (d) That the timescale for updating the rolling BCF Section 75 Agreement and associated governance arrangements be noted;
- (e) That the County Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18-2020/21 be updated to reflect the additional adult social care grant allocation.

11. LEICESTERSHIRE ADULT SOCIAL CARE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE 2016 to 2026 – UPDATE ON EXTRA CARE DEVELOPMENT IN LEICESTERSHIRE (Pages 211 - 220)

Proposed motion

- (a) That progress with the implementation of the Leicestershire Adult Social Care Accommodation Strategy for Older People 2016-2026 be noted;

- (b) That the development of the Waterside Court extra care facility in Loughborough and the proposed procurement of care contracts for Waterside Court up to November 2018 be noted;
- (c) That the proposed approach to procuring countywide extra care services from November 2018 as set out in paragraphs 33 and 34 of the report be noted;
- (d) That the outcome of the market testing exercise undertaken for the Catherine Dalley House and Silverdale Hostel site be noted;
- (e) That the sale of the Catherine Dalley House and Silverdale Hostel site be approved and the proceeds from the sale be added to the general capital receipts for use in the Council's capital programme;
- (f) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet within the next 12 months outlining the requirements for extra care provision in Leicestershire and detailing plans for its prioritisation within the Council's future capital programme.

12. SUPERFAST LEICESTERSHIRE PROGRAMME EXTENSION (Pages 221 - 228)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the implementation of Phase 3 of the Superfast Leicestershire Programme for broadband extension, with a total value of £5.633m, be approved subject to satisfactory value-for-money assessments before and following the procurement process;
- (b) That the County Council underwrites £2.461m of the future contractual gainshare clawback funding and underspend expected to be released to the Authority in 2023 by BT;
- (c) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the County Council and the Director of Law and Governance, be authorised to take all actions and/or decisions necessary to give effect to any matter relating to Phase 3 of the Superfast Leicestershire Programme;
- (d) That it be noted that:
 - (i) the district councils will be offered the opportunity to invest in the Phase 3 extension Programme;
 - (ii) OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) procurement processes will be used in accordance with the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) 2016/2017 Procurement Pipeline.

13. ENERGY EFFICIENT PUBLIC SECTOR ESTATE (Pages 229 - 232)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Energy Efficient Public Sector Estate project be approved for delivery;

- (b) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to release funding to facilitate the Project.

14. CHARTER FOR SUSTAINABLE BRITISH STEEL (Pages 233 - 238)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Council's implementation of the recommendations of the Procurement Policy Note 11/16 – Procuring Steel in Major Projects, whereby the Council includes questions on the use of steel (where appropriate) at the selection stage of a procurement process, be noted;
- (b) That the Cabinet supports the objectives of the Charter for Sustainable British Steel;
- (c) That the Council includes the requirements of the Charter in its procurement of future construction and highways contracts (where appropriate) and in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

15. ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR UNDERAGE SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND AEROSOL PAINT PRODUCTS 2017/18 (Pages 239 - 248)

Proposed motion

That the 2017/18 Enforcement Programmes for Underage Sales of Tobacco Products and Aerosol Paint Products set out in Appendices A and B of the report respectively be approved.

16. RE-PROCUREMENT OF INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES (Pages 249 - 256)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the draft model for the delivery of integrated sexual health services, based on the priorities of the Leicestershire Sexual Health Strategy 2016/19, be agreed for consultation;
- (b) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in November 2017 regarding the outcome of the consultation exercise and presenting the final service model for approval.

17. EXCEPTION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF 16 – 19 CAREERS INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE WITH PROSPECTS – URGENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Pages 257 - 262)

Proposed motion

That the Cabinet notes the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to approve an exception to the County Council's Contract Procedure Rules to enable the Director of Children and Family Services to negotiate and award a new short-term contract to Prospects for the provision of careers information, advice and guidance

(IAG) for 16 to 19 year olds from 1 October 2017 to 31 July 2018.

18. PLACE MARKETING ORGANISATION – GOVERNANCE PROPOSALS (Pages 263 - 338)

Proposed motion

- (a) That with regard to the new place marketing organisation (PMO) “Marketing Leicester and Leicestershire Limited”, the governance arrangements outlined in paragraphs 20 to 27 of the report, the Members’ Agreement (Appendix A), and the Articles of Association (Appendix B) be approved;
- (b) That the proposed appointments to the PMO’s Board of Directors as set out in paragraphs 22 and 23 of the report, be approved;
- (c) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to approve the final version of Schedule 2 and the Appendix of the Members’ Agreement, which will be finalised following further discussions with Leicester City Council and prior to the formation of the PMO.

19. FUTURE STRATEGY FOR THE DELIVERY OF LIBRARY SERVICES – TRANSFER OF BRAUNSTONE TOWN LIBRARY TO COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (Pages 339 - 342)

- *Comments have been received from the local member, Mrs. A. Hack CC which are attached to this Order Paper, marked ‘19’.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the minor changes from the original business plan submitted by Fabula Social Enterprise in 2016 be noted;
- (b) That the transfer of the Braunstone Town Library to Braunstone Town Community Library, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, be approved.

20. THRINGSTONE TRUSTS – TRANSFER OF TRUSTEESHIP TO A SUCCESSOR CHARITABLE INCORPORATE ORGANISATION (Pages 343 - 350)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the new objects for the Thringstone Women’s Trust as set out in paragraph 23 of the report be approved;
- (b) That, subject to the Charity Commission’s approval of the new objects for the Thringstone Women’s Trust at a) above, the Thringstone Trust and the Thringstone Women’s Trust be merged;
- (c) That following the merger of the two Trusts the assets previously vested in the Women’s Trust be ring-fenced for purposes that meet the new objects agreed in a) above;

- (d) That the Trusteeship of the merged trusts be transferred to the Charles Booth Centre Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CBC), subject to:
 - (i) the Charity Commission's approval to a) above;
 - (ii) the assets previously vested in the Women's Trust being ring-fenced for the same purposes as set out in the new objects agreed in a) above; and,
 - (iii) the Chief Executive being satisfied that suitable arrangements are in place for the CBC to fulfil its obligations as a trustee;
- (e) That the Chief Executive be authorised to take such decisions and actions as are necessary to implement the merger of the Thringstone Trust and the Thringstone Women's Trust and the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the merged trusts to the CBC.

21. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY.

No items have been referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

22. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT

None.

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Leicestershire County Council
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Cabinet – 23rd June 2017

Liberal Democrat Comments on Highway Asset Management

The outcomes predicted to occur as a result of this plan are highly concerning. I understand that the Council has little choice, given the continual shrinking of our budget, and I commend officers for their efforts to deploy these limited resources as effectively as possible, but despite this work the expected outcomes are shocking.

In Appendix B, on page 107, it reveals that the budget in 2020/21 will only 22% of the spending power that it had in 2009/10. Such a severe cut in resources is certain to impact on the quality of our roads, and sure enough we get some warnings of what to expect.

This report seems to have been toned down a little since the previous draft in December; which warned us about lost skills, a record number of potholes, and a lack of money to replace the Cavendish Bridge. It would be interesting to know why these changes have been made; was the previous report inaccurate in stating these things or is the administration being less forthcoming over the expected consequences of its decisions?

But even with a gloss of more optimistic wording, on Page 114 we are still warned of “increased deterioration”, that unclassified roads will “be particularly vulnerable to rapid failure” and in the case of such failure the Council would have to consider “temporary long term closures”.

While I understand the Cabinet has limited choice with the budget available to them, I hope they understand that the plan as it stands is in no way sustainable and would set us up for significant problems in the future.

I hope that the Lead Members will do everything they can to ensure the Government is aware what is happening, and what will continue to happen, if they continue to cut the resources of this Council.

Bill Boulter

Liberal Democrat Spokesman for Environment and Transport

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CABINET - 23 JUNE 2017. Item 19

FUTURE STRATEGY FOR THE DELIVERY OF LIBRARY SERVICES
TRANSFER OF BRAUNSTONE TOWN LIBRARY TO COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

Notes to Cabinet from Amanda Hack CC, Braunstone Division.

Whilst welcoming a conclusion to the lengthy process of handover of Braunstone Library, I find it necessary to point out a number of problems thrown up by the County along the way which put in jeopardy the goodwill of volunteers and partners. Lessons must be learnt.

This proposed change suggested in the paper on Braunstone Town Library is yet another change offered to Fabula group that was not extended to other bidders. Had the County had a more flexible approach to the initial proposer the library would have transferred almost 2 years ago.

I'd like to bring to the attention of the cabinet that Paragraph 11, which identifies the '*obligation on the County Council to pay the building running cost*'. This obligation was not included in the criteria of the running of the Braunstone Town Library at the first two open ROI stages – yet was the reason identified to reject the two Braunstone Town community bids. The opportunity to provide a community led service in the 8th largest Leicestershire Community was therefore missed at an early stage.

I would also like to note for the record that the lease agreement was not discussed by the County Council prior to the submission of either of the open ROI processes, yet was raised a number of times by the landlord, Braunstone Town Council.

Paragraph 13 wrongly implies that the third ROI stage was open to all. The third ROI was only open to Fabula a group formed by ex county council colleagues, which has created a huge amount of animosity for the local community action group SOLAG who felt excluded from the ROI process at the third stage.

As the County Councillor I would like to highlight that the community has lost its patience with the County Council over the transfer of the library. The community consultations were well supported with 60 people attending the county led consultation and over 100 attended the community event.

Finally I remain concerned about the on-going volunteering support from the community to the proposed library service. This initial goodwill has been placed in jeopardy due to the actions and decision taken since the process begun over 24 months ago.

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