



CABINET – 22 OCTOBER 2019

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC, Mr. R. Blunt CC, Mrs. L. Richardson CC and
Mr R. J. Shepherd CC

1. MINUTES (pages 5 - 18)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2019 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. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES FUNDING - LATEST FUNDING POSITION (HIGH NEEDS BLOCK) AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROVISION (pages 19 - 34)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the current forecast High Needs Block overspend of £6.1m at the end of the financial year be noted;
- (b) That it be noted that Leicestershire schools and the Schools Forum will be consulted on the proposed transfer of up to 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2020/21 or for 2021/22 to help manage the revenue budget position as soon as the relevant information is available;
- (c) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to apply to the Secretary of State for approval of the transfer at (b) above should it not be agreed by the Schools Forum;
- (d) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised:
 - (i) after the necessary consultation, to progress the transfer of Oakfield Short Stay School to new locations in north and south Leicestershire,

- (ii) following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Children, Families and Safer Communities, to agree a shortlist of potential academy trusts to be recommended to the Department for Education (Regional Schools Commissioner) for a decision on a preferred Trust to operate the new 50-place Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs school to be developed on the vacant Oakfield site in Blaby.

5. REQUEST FOR AN ADDITION TO THE 2019/20 CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR THE SOCIAL CARE ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN (pages 35 - 42)

- *Comments have been received from Dr. Terri Eynon CC and are appended to this Order Paper, marked '5'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That £10m be added to the capital programme for the Adults and Communities Department to enable the purchase and development of priority supported living properties and a specialised dementia care facility;
- (b) That with regard to the purchase of assets to fulfil social care accommodation needs identified in the Social Care Accommodation Development Plan:
 - (i) the process will be subject to the governance arrangements outlined in the report;
 - (ii) the Director of Corporate Resources, in exercising his existing delegated powers to purchase property assets for operational purposes, will first consult with the relevant Chief Officer and Cabinet Lead Member(s);
- (c) That the Council-owned property Workspace 17, at Highfield Street, Coalville be developed as a specialist dementia care facility, noting that the overall cost is expected to be in the region of £5.5m.

6. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES FOR SUPPORTED LIVING PROVISION (pages 43 - 46)

Proposed motion

- (a) That approval be given to an exception to the Contract Procedure Rules to enable Creative Care, Voyage and Chartwell to provide services for the five individual placements listed in paragraph 8 of the report;
- (b) That in recognition of the special circumstances relating to the delivery of services, and the need to ensure that the individuals' best interests are paramount in any care package commissioned, the Director of Adults and Communities be authorised to engage and commission support from non-framework providers;

- (c) That any exceptions agreed as part of (b) above be included in the Annual Report on Exceptions made to the Corporate Governance Committee.

7. A VISION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN LEICESTERSHIRE (pages 47 - 52)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the draft strategic business case for the development of a unitary structure for Local Government in Leicestershire be approved for engagement with the Scrutiny Commission;
- (b) That the findings of the PwC review of the unitary financial savings proposal for Leicestershire be noted
- (c) That the draft strategic business case, amended as necessary to take into account the views of the Scrutiny Commission, be submitted to the Cabinet at its meeting on 22 November 2019 for further consideration.

8. COUNTRY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY 2019-2029 (pages 53 - 80)

Proposed motion

- (a) The draft Country Parks and Open Spaces Strategy be referred to the Scrutiny Commission for comment;
- (b) The Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to progress work on action plans for the six main destination Country Parks for consideration by the Scrutiny Commission;
- (c) That the final Country Parks and Open Spaces Strategy be submitted to the Cabinet in early 2020.

9. EAST OF LUTTERWORTH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AREA (pages 81 - 88)

Proposed motion

That additional funding of £4.62m be allocated for delivery of the East of Lutterworth SDA project for work relating to the planning application, pre-highway construction costs and work associated with the delivery options appraisal for the project.

10. DRAFT EQUALITY STRATEGY 2020-2024 AND PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2016-2020 (pages 89 - 114)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the work and achievements in promoting equality, diversity, community cohesion and human rights under the eight corporate equalities objectives which were agreed in 2016 and which form the basis of the Equality Strategy 2016-20 be noted;

- (b) That the Council's draft Equality Strategy 2020-24 be approved for consultation.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MODEL FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND HOUSING-RELATED SUPPORT (pages 115 - 134)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the comments of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (b) That an external provider be commissioned to deliver a combination of both hostel-based accommodation and outreach housing-related support for people at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness in Leicestershire, which would:
 - (i) reflect the alternative proposal (the 'Consultation Counterproposal') put forward as part of the consultation on changes to the current housing-related support service,
 - (ii) deliver hostel-based accommodation which matches the current level of provision (30 beds),
 - (iii) provide more than 3 full-time equivalent specialist housing-related support workers,
 - (iv) ensure cross-Leicestershire outreach housing-related support and equality of access;
- (c) That the Director of Public Health be authorised
 - (i) to agree the detailed specification of the model for homelessness prevention and housing-related support;
 - (ii) in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, to procure services for homelessness prevention and housing-related support in line with the agreed option at (b) above.

12. LEICESTERSHIRE SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMME - "START A CONVERSATION" AND THE SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE (pages 135 - 140)

Proposed motion

- (a) That progress with the Leicestershire Suicide Prevention Programme and work to tackle the issue of suicide through the 'Start a Conversation' website and programme be supported;
- (b) That the recent launch of the local Suicide Bereavement Support Service be noted.

13. LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE TOURISM GROWTH PLAN (pages 141 - 178)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission and response thereto be noted;
- (b) That the Tourism Growth Plan be approved.

14. PROPOSALS FROM LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND AND AIR QUALITY DIRECTIVE (pages 179 - 190)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Cabinet confirms its support in principle for Leicester City Council's
 - (i) emerging Tranche 2 proposals to the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF);
 - (ii) proposed response to the Government's Air Quality Directive (AQD);
- (b) That it be noted that the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Environment and Transport, will continue to engage with Leicester City Council in finalising its AQD response and TCF bid;
- (c) That the timescales indicated in the report for submission of the AQD response and TCF bid by Leicester City Council and further work, including consultation be noted;
- (d) That the likely content of the joint TCF bid by Nottingham and Derby City Councils be noted;
- (e) That members be advised of the outcome of Leicester, Derby and Nottingham City Council's TCF bids and Leicester City Council's AQD proposals.

15. RESPONSE TO BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL'S NEW LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION (pages 191 - 220)

Proposed motion

That the comments set out in paragraphs 18 to 52 and the detailed consultation response appended to the report be approved as the County Council's response to Blaby District Council's New Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation.

16. WASTE TRANSFER STATION AT INTERLINK BUSINESS PARK, BARDON
(pages 221 - 226)

Proposed motion

That the use of the land at the Interlink Business Park, Bardon (indicated on the plan appended to this report) for a waste transfer station be approved subject to a satisfactory full business case being agreed by the Director of Environment and Transport and the Director of Corporate Resources.

17. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY.

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

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

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CABINET - 22 OCTOBER 2019**AGENDA ITEM 5 - REQUEST FOR AN ADDITION TO THE 2019/20
CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR THE SOCIAL CARE
ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN****COMMENTS FROM DR. TERRI EYNON CC**

Dear Jon,

I would be grateful if you could convey my comments as Local Member to the Cabinet (Tuesday 22nd October) regarding the "Request for An Addition to the 2019/20 Capital Programme for the Social Care Accommodation Development Plan". My comments relate largely to the proposal to develop a specialist dementia facility at Workspace 17, Highfield Street.

I am generally supportive of the proposal to invest capital in projects that not only raise revenue but also assist the authority in its primary responsibility to facilitate social care. I am supportive of the Council making use of its own surplus brown-field sites for social care accommodation.

It is disappointing that, anticipating revenue from a small housing development, Workspace 17 was demolished and left derelict. I am pleased that a use for this land is now to be found as a specialist dementia unit. I understand the aim is to support individuals with dementia to maintain their independence. The site is reasonably close to the town centre and other community facilities which may assist in this endeavour.

When procuring Strategic Landlord Partner to undertake the housing management function for this and other developments, I hope this authority will give consideration to working with North West Leicestershire District Council's Housing Team. There is an opportunity here for a stronger relationship between Social Care and Housing in anticipation of future Unitary Status.

Kind Regards

Terri

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