



CABINET – 22 NOVEMBER 2019

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1. MINUTES (pages 3 - 12)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 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. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES (pages 13 - 20) (Appendices pages 3 – 224)

Proposed motion

That the results of the public consultation on the County Council's priorities, which will be used to inform the development of the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2020/21 – 2023/24, be noted.

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILITIES - PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDING WITHIN DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (pages 21 - 28)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation on the proposed transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block of the dedicated Schools Grant to the High Needs Block and the position of Schools Forum, be noted;
- (b) That a transfer of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block is not pursued further at present;

- (c) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to engage with Leicestershire schools to develop alternative measures to address the High Needs Block deficit;
- (d) That it be noted that should the High Needs Block deficit continue to increase, it may be necessary to consider further measures, including a transfer of funding, in future years.

6. DELIVERING GROWTH IN LEICESTERSHIRE: EAST OF LUTTERWORTH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND OTHER PROJECTS (pages 29 - 50) (Appendices pages 225 – 240)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the options appraisal for the delivery of the East of Lutterworth Strategic Development Area (SDA) scheme be noted;
- (b) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission on the proposed preferred approach be noted;
- (c) That the East of Lutterworth SDA scheme be delivered via a hybrid approach of Option 5 (Joint Venture – Enabling / Development / Operational Partner) and Option 2 (Self Development) as outlined in paragraphs 51 to 54 of the report;
- (d) That the delivery of other growth schemes arising in the County and their possible inclusion within the Joint Venture arrangement at (c) above be considered on a project-by-project basis, and subject to further reports to the Scrutiny Commission and the Cabinet as appropriate;
- (e) That the specific objectives for the delivery of the Lutterworth East SDA scheme as listed in paragraph 25 of the report be approved;
- (f) That the proposed next steps for the Lutterworth East SDA project be noted and further reports be submitted to the Cabinet in March 2020 to seek approval for:
 - (i) the planned procurement approach and scope;
 - (ii) proposals for the establishment, structure and governance of the Joint Venture arrangement through a limited liability partnership;
- (g) That the Director of Corporate Resources undertakes further member and officer engagement as outlined in paragraph 102 of the report.

7. BARROW ROAD/POOLE FARM, QUORN DEVELOPMENT - SOLAR FARM AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL UNITS (pages 51 - 60) (Appendices pages 241 – 248)

Comments have been received from Mrs. H. Fryer CC, which are attached to this Order Paper marked '7'.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to submit a planning application for the commercial development of a new solar farm and light industrial units at Quorn as detailed in the report;
- (b) That subject to planning consent being granted, construction of the first phase of the development - the solar farm and Barrow Road light industrial units - be approved subject to a maximum capital cost of £14 million;
- (c) That a further report be made to the Cabinet when it is considered that construction of phase two of the development - light industrial units at Poole Farm - is viable.

8. TREE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (pages 61 - 66) (Appendices pages 249 – 304)

Comments have been received from Mr. G. A. Boulter CC, which are attached to this Order Paper marked '8'.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the draft Tree Management Strategy and Tree Management and Planting Plan be supported and referred to the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment;
- (b) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in March 2020 presenting the final Tree Management Strategy and Tree Management and Planting Plan for approval.

9. MELTON MOWBRAY LOCAL PLAN DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP - HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND BID (pages 67 - 76)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the implications of the broad principles agreed with Melton Borough Council (MBC), set out in paragraph 37 of the report, that will feed into the risk-sharing agreement, be noted;
- (b) That the Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Law and Governance, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to finalise and enter into the risk-sharing agreement with MBC prior to signing of the agreement with Homes England for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) funding (expected to be in place by the end of the financial year);
- (c) That the HIF funding be accepted, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 22 to 31 of the report;

- (d) Melton Borough Council be asked to provide assurance that both now and in the future the Council will carry out its statutory obligations to monitor air quality in Melton Mowbray, in particular associated with pollution caused by traffic, and to produce appropriate plans to address issues identified.
- (e) That the Director of Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Law and Governance and following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Members for Resources and Environment and Transport, be authorised to take the necessary actions to deliver the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road northern eastern and southern sections.

10. A511 GROWTH CORRIDOR PROPOSALS (pages 77 - 90) (Appendices pages 305 – 336)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the consultation feedback and comments of the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (b) That the MRN A511 Growth Corridor scheme, comprising proposed improvements to eight junctions along the A511, including a Bardon Link Road extension to south-east Coalville, and dual carriageway between Thornborough Road and Whitwick Road as shown in the plan attached as Appendix A to the report, be supported;
- (c) That the existing funding allocation of £4m capital funding be used to:
 - i. Develop and submit a planning application for the extension to the Bardon Link Road,
 - ii. Undertake all necessary preparations to progress the scheme to Full Business Case (FBC) and, subject to Department for Transport (DfT) approval, delivery;
- (d) That the Director of Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Law and Governance and following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Members for Environment and Transport and Resources be authorised to submit the FBC to the DfT for approval and to take the necessary actions to deliver the MRN A511 Growth Corridor scheme subject to (d) below;
- (e) A further report be submitted to the Cabinet prior to submission of a planning application for the Bardon Link Road Extension to include, amongst other things –
 - i. The detailed design and updated cost estimates for the scheme which will form the basis for the planning application;
 - ii. Requests for approval to make and implement any required Compulsory Purchase Orders and associated statutory orders;

- iii. The updated cost-sharing agreement with North West Leicestershire District Council.

11. ANNUAL DELIVERY REPORT AND PERFORMANCE COMPENDIUM 2019
(pages 91 - 100) (Appendices pages 337 – 460)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the overall progress during 2018/19 in delivering on the Council's Strategic Priorities, securing transformation, and mitigating the impact of national funding reductions, as set out in the draft Annual Delivery Report, be noted;
- (b) That the current comparative funding and performance position, service pressures and risks set out in the Performance Compendium be noted;
- (c) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- (d) That it be noted that whilst the provision of resources through the business rates retention pilot in 2019/20 and extra resources for 2020/21 is welcomed, the delay in implementing the national fair funding system has created significant uncertainties in the medium-term with risks to being able to address the many service challenges and priorities facing the County;
- (e) That the Council continues to press its case for a fairer funding settlement and pursue other major savings initiatives;
- (f) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make any amendments to the draft Annual Delivery Report and Performance Compendium prior to its submission to the County Council on 4 December 2019 for approval.
- (g) That IMPOWER rating the County Council as the most productive council for the third year running, be welcomed.

12. DELIVERING WELLBEING AND OPPORTUNITY IN LEICESTERSHIRE: ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT AMBITIONS AND STRATEGY 2020-24 - PERMISSION TO CONSULT (pages 101 - 108)
(Appendices pages 461 – 488)

The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the matter at its meeting on 11 November 2019 and a draft minute is attached to the Order Paper marked '12'.

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;

- b) That the draft '*Delivering Wellbeing and Opportunity in Leicestershire: Adults and Communities Department Ambitions and Strategy for 2020–2024*' (attached as Appendix A to the report), and the associated consultation document (attached as Appendix B) be approved for consultation;
- c) A further report be submitted to the Cabinet in summer 2020 presenting the outcome of the consultation and the final Strategy for approval.

13. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH: LEICESTERSHIRE'S HEALTH - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY - MOVING TO A WHOLE SYSTEM APPROACH (pages 109 - 114) (Appendices pages 489 – 520)

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the matter at its meeting on 13 November 2019 and a draft minute is attached to the Order Paper marked '13.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the comments of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (b) That the recommendations contained within the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2019 be supported;
- (c) That it be noted that the Annual Report will be submitted to the County Council on 4 December 2019.

14. LEICESTERSHIRE SUBSTANCE MISUSE STRATEGY 2020-2023 (pages 115 - 122) (Appendices pages 521 – 536)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation on the Leicestershire Substance Misuse Strategy including comments of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (b) That the Leicestershire Substance Misuse Strategy 2020-23 be approved;
- (c) That it be noted that the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Lead Member for Health, will produce an Implementation Plan to deliver upon the priorities set out in the Strategy.

- 15. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020 - 2024**
(pages 123 - 128) (Appendices 537 – 574)

Proposed motion

That the response set out in Appendix B to the report be approved for submission to the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service as the views of the County Council.

- 16. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY.**

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

- 17. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT.**

None.

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**Item 7 – Barrow Road/Poole Farm, Quorn Development - Solar Farm
and Light Industrial Units**

I would like the following comments to be considered:

- (a) Quorn Parish Council will be consulted but Barrow upon Soar Parish Council should also be consulted.
- (b) Although the site is within the boundary of Quorn Parish there would be a major impact of such a development on the residents of Barrow upon Soar.
- (c) Both Parish Councils should be consulted as part of the planning application process.

Hilary Fryer

County Councillor for Quorn and Barrow

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Cabinet – 22 November 2019**Item 8 – Tree Management Strategy****Tree planting on highway schemes.**

Because of climate change the County Council policy of planting native species of trees needs to change.

Deciduous species only help air quality seven months of the year. Species such as holly and holme oak grow in winter and keep their leaves throughout the year. Please see forestry commission reports for further information and promote a change of County Council policy.

Bill Boulter CC

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**DRAFT MINUTE OF THE ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11 NOVEMBER 2019**

**Delivering Wellbeing and Opportunity in Leicestershire: Adults and
Communities Department Ambitions and Strategy for 2020-2024**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adults and Communities inviting comments on the draft 'Delivering Wellbeing and Opportunity in Leicestershire: Adults and Communities Department Ambitions and Strategy for 2020-2024', together with the associated consultation documentation. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 10' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussion, the following comments were raised:

- i. In response to a query concerning how people choose to identify themselves and whether there were enough options listed within the survey questions for respondents to select from, it was confirmed that these were standard terms that were ordinarily used by the County Council when in consultation with the public. However, Officers would review the options with regard to this consultation in light of the comments made, to ensure these were appropriately inclusive.
- ii. Members felt that some of the wording within the Strategy, particularly with reference to headings and definitions, could be strengthened and better aligned to the survey questions. It was important that the language used in the Strategy and the associated documentation was as clear and understandable as possible.
- iii. It was suggested that an additional question be included in the survey around service user experience, and what the Council could do to improve experience where this had been unsatisfactory. Officers agreed that a question pertaining to service improvement would be beneficial and that themes emerging from a recent feedback exercise could be used as a point of focus.
- iv. The Committee was pleased to note that the strategy would be integrated across the department and confirmed that, subject to the amendments suggested above, it supported the questionnaire and consultation.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Director of Adults and Communities be requested to consider the language used with respect of the Strategy and the associated survey documentation to ensure this is as clear, understandable and inclusive as possible;

- (b) That the Director of Adults and Communities be requested to include an additional question in the survey with a focus on what the Council could do to improve service user experience where this has been unsatisfactory;
- (c) That the Committee's comments on the draft Strategy and consultation process be submitted to the Cabinet for its consideration.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
11 NOVEMBER 2019

Annual Report of the Director of Public Health

The Committee considered the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for 2019. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 11', is filed with these minutes.

The Committee thanked the Director of Public Health for a good report which was easy to read, visually attractive and clearly set out the actions that needed to be taken to improve the health of the population of Leicestershire.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) A member emphasised that walking was an effective way of keeping fit and easier on the body than other types of exercise such as running and therefore the images in the report should promote walking as well. Consideration also needed to be given to the images used in the report with regard to ensuring they did not perpetuate gender stereotypes.
- (ii) With regards to the statistics in the diagram at section 4 of the report it was clarified that 16% of girls aged 5-15 achieved the recommended levels of physical activity but when the data was narrowed down to girls aged 13-15 only 8% of those met the recommended levels of physical activity.
- (iii) The Active Families scheme helped low-income families get active with their children. In response to a member's concerns that more needed to be done to make it safer for children to walk to school, the Director of Public Health informed members of the Active Travel Campaign which aimed to increase the number of children travelling to school by walking and cycling. Work was also taking place to provide more cycle lanes in Leicestershire and make junction design more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. The Lubbenham and Lutterworth housing developments presented an opportunity to incorporate features into the design of the developments which promoted healthy lifestyles.
- (iv) The Public Health department also led on initiatives to improve the diet of Leicestershire residents including the weight management service, the Food for Life programme, and sessions in schools as part of the Healthy Schools programme. First Contact Plus were also able to give advice on diet. The Leicestershire County Council Cabinet approved the Good Food Leicestershire Charter at its meeting on 18 December 2018. Leicestershire was the only county to be part of the Sustainable Food Cities Network which helped people and places share challenges, explore practical solutions and develop best practice on key food issues.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health be welcomed;

- (b) That the comments now made be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 22 November 2019.