



CABINET – TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. M. Wright CC.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3-10)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman has agreed to take one urgent item – a joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Environment and Transport regarding Charnwood Borough Council's Local Plan.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 – 2027/28 – PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION (Pages 11-12 and supplementary report pages 3-68)

Proposed motion

- a) That the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy, including the 2024/25 revenue budget and capital programme, be approved for consultation and referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Commission for consideration;
- b) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to-
 - i. agree a response to the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement;
 - ii. decide on the appropriate course of action with regard to the Leicester and Leicestershire Business Rates Pool in 2024/25 and, subject to agreement by all member authorities, to implement this;

c) That each Chief Officer, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and following consultation with the relevant Lead Member(s), undertake preparatory work as considered appropriate to develop the savings set out in the draft MTFs and to identify additional savings in light of the financial gap in all four years of the MTFs, to enable the Cabinet and Council to consider further those savings to be taken forward as part of the MTFs and implemented in a timely manner;

d) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet on 9 February 2024.

5. **STREET LIGHTING – PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES** (Pages 13-60)

Proposed motion

- a) That the outcome of the public consultation regarding dimming streetlights, undertaken between 6 July and 3 August 2023, be noted;
- b) That the proposal to trial dimming streetlights to 30% intensity from 20:00 hours for an 18 month period be approved;
- c) That delegated authority to the Director of Environment and Transport be approved to make alterations to the dimming of streetlights during the 18 month trial period, following feedback from the Leicestershire Police and other key stakeholders in accordance with the approved risk assessment.

6. **IMPROVING PASSENGER TRANSPORT THROUGH BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PLUS AND NETWORK NORTH FUNDING** (Pages 61-126)

Proposed motion

- a) That the revised Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS), attached to the report as Appendices A and B, be approved;
- b) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised:
 - i. to use the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP+) grant of £1,790,000 for 2023/24 and £1,790,000 for 2024/25 and additional £4,050,000 one-off revenue funding for 2024/25 from the Department of Transport to develop a reshaped Leicestershire supported passenger transport network, including working with transport operators through the Enhanced Partnership;
 - ii. following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, to amend the PTPS as necessary with regard to the mechanism for determining support for passenger transport services to reflect prevailing market forces.

7. **REVIEW OF THE LIGHTBULB PARTNERSHIP** (Pages 127-242)

Proposed motion

- a) That the review of the Lightbulb Service and draft Business Case for Lightbulb Partnership Arrangements for 2024-2026 be noted;

- b) That, subject to the outcome of engagement with partner agencies, Option 3 for the operation of the Lightbulb Service from 2024 to 2026 be approved, noting that this will involve the minor adaptations service being transferred from the County Council to be delivered through the core Lightbulb hub and spoke model;
- c) That, in the event that all partner authorities are in agreement with Option 3 for the operation of the Lightbulb Service from 2024 to 2026, the Director of Adults and Communities, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to approve the final Business Case;
- d) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet in Spring 2024 to approve the revised Business Case and alternative options in the event of there being a lack of consensus from the Partnership authorities on the implementation of Option 3.

8. **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMME REDUCTIONS** (Pages 243-306)

Proposed motion

- a) That the outcome of the public consultation on the proposed new model for physical activity across Leicestershire, in particular the risks identified during the review and set out in the report, be noted;
- b) That final service model for physical activity, detailed in paragraphs 20-25 of the report, be approved;
- c) That the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, be authorised to implement the final model for physical activity as set out in the report and proceed to prepare grant agreements to commence on 1 April 2024.

9. **INTERIM COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND FOR 2024/25** (Pages 307-328)

Proposed motion

That the tender outcome be noted, and approval be given to the interim service plans to offer a direct award contract for one year, for the period 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025, to

- i. one provider for the continuation of the Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) provision
- ii. multiple primary care providers to continue to deliver Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) across Leicestershire and Rutland.

10. **RESPONSE TO MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION** (Pages 329-362)

Proposed motion

- a) That the County Council's response to the Melton Borough Council's Issues and Options Regulation 18 Local Plan Partial Update consultation, set out in paragraphs 36 to 74 and the appendix to the report, be approved;
- b) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to make any minor amendments to the consultation response prior to its submission by 7 January 2024.

11. NEW FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SERVE THE COALVILLE AREA – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM ACADEMY PROPOSERS (SPONSORS) AND PROPOSED DELEGATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (Pages 363-372)

Proposed Motion

- a) That it be noted that Expressions of Interest have been received from academy proposers to operate the new 420-place forest primary school (academy) to serve the southeast Coalville area;
- b) That the Director of Children and Family Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to:
 - i. make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Education regarding the appointment of preferred proposers for the new forest primary school (academy) to serve the southeast Coalville area;
 - ii. make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Education regarding the appointment of preferred proposers/sponsors for all future free school (academy) applications;
- c) That it be noted that further information will be provided to the Cabinet and local members once the decision on a preferred sponsor has been taken and confirmed by the Regional Director, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education.

12. EXCEPTION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES – REQUEST TO DIRECT AWARD TO INTUITIVE THINKING SKILLS TO ENABLE UTILISATION OF GRANT SPEND (Pages 373-378)

Proposed motion

That a direct award for up to two years, for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026, to Intuitive Thinking Skills (ITS) be approved to provide the Individual Placement and Support service for Leicestershire and Rutland.

13. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

An urgent report has been circulated separately:

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN (Supplementary pack pages 3-14)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. M. Hunt CC and are appended to this Order Paper, marked '14'.*

Proposed Motion

- a) The latest position regarding the Charnwood Borough Council's Local Plan Examination be noted, including:
 - i The latest evidence indicating that the adoption of the Local Plan is expected to result in a funding gap of at least £120m in terms of funding for highways and transportation measures and infrastructure from developer contributions; and
 - ii That to date, still no agreement with Charnwood Borough Council has been reached that would give effect to the implementation of the Interim Transport Contribution Strategy (ITCS), and neither has the Borough Council proposed any alternative approach to securing developer contributions to mitigate the cumulative and cross-boundary impacts arising from the Local Plan's spatial strategy;
- b) It be noted that Charnwood Borough Council as the authority responsible for making the Local Plan and ensuring its effective delivery, is required to demonstrate that the Plan objective to increase the use of sustainable travel modes can still be fulfilled;
- c) The principles set out in paragraphs 35 to 38 of this report be agreed as a basis for the responses to Charnwood Borough Council or the Inspectors as part of the ongoing local plan examination process and the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to respond to requests for information arising from or relating to the Examination of Charnwood Borough Council in line with these principles;
- d) The Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to update the draft ITCS as required, ahead of consultation, to take account of the issues set out within the report at paragraphs 32 to 50 below;
- e) The Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to make such refinements to the ITCS as might be required for it to become the Transport Contributions Strategy, at the point of the Charnwood Local Plan being adopted.

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Submission to Cabinet19th December 2023

From Max Hunt CC, Loughborough NW

ITEM 14**CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN 2021-37.****COMMENTS FROM MAX HUNT CC**

1. Leicestershire County Council says in the Transport Strategy for Charnwood's Local Plan that "*The principal basis of the overall package of Local Plan/Borough wide highways and transport measures mitigation is firstly to seek to reduce overall levels of carborne trips through maximising sustainable travel opportunities*" other measures are secondary.
2. The duty of Charnwood Borough Council cited in recommendation (b) is to increase the use of sustainable travel modes.
3. The implicit advice now given to Charnwood in Paragraphs 40-41 contradicts these two requirements by focusing on only one modal element of the Transport Strategies.
4. The removal of passenger transport and active travel modes from the funding package is highly questionable and LCC is likely to be asked to justify this at the Hearing in February.
5. New money to replace it is a mirage. Midlands Road funds and Major Road funding is not money available to passenger transport or active travel modes. LITS funding is very limited and not currently available for Local Plans.
The cited new funding for bus improvement is short term and traditionally focused on sparsely populated areas of Leicestershire for good reason, not on Local Plans.
6. The Paper should have brought these matters to light under concluding Environmental Considerations.

In summary the paper presented for Charnwood Borough Council to the Cabinet today looks like a capitulation on sustainable travel and a focus on more traffic congestion with one mode only.

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