



CABINET – TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024

PUBLIC ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 12)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2024 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. REFRESH OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING OBLIGATIONS POLICY (Pages 13-38)

Proposed motion

- a) That the proposed changes to the County Council's Planning Obligations Policy as summarised in the report be supported;
- b) That consultation is undertaken on the proposed changes to the Planning Obligations Policy;
- c) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make minor amendments to the proposed changes to the Policy before it is issued for consultation;
- d) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in September 2024 to present the outcome of the consultation and the revised Policy.

5. TRANSITION OF LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LLEP) RESPONSIBILITIES TO UPPER TIER LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTROL (Pages 39 - 46)

Proposed motion

- a) That the progress made in the transition of responsibilities from the LLEP to the Council and Leicester City Council be noted;
- b) That the retention of LLEP Ltd. for a short period beyond 31 March 2024 to enable the existing contractual arrangements regarding Enterprise Zones to be preserved pending new arrangements being finalised be noted;
- c) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to:
 - i) nominate a senior officer to represent the Council on the Board of LLEP Ltd. for the short period beyond 31 March 2024 when it will be retained; and
 - ii) take any operational, governance and regulatory steps that may be required to finalise the transition to the upper tier local authorities.

6. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT 2024/25 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND WORKS PROGRAMME
(Pages 47 - 102)

Proposed motion

- a) That the acute financial context in which the 2024/25 Highways and Transportation Capital Programme and Works Programme have been developed and will be delivered be noted;
- b) That the Environment and Transport 2024/25 Highways and Transportation Capital Programme and Works Programme be approved;
- c) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised:
 - i) following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Leader Member for Corporate Resources, to enter into such contracts as is necessary to progress schemes in the approved Highways and Transportation Capital Programme and Works Programme to allow early contractor involvement to take place in advance of all external funding required to deliver the scheme being secured, subject to the key principles set out in paragraph 16 of the report; and
 - ii) following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Lead Member for Corporate Resources, to undertake preparatory work as considered appropriate to develop savings as set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and to consider that further savings are implemented in a timely manner.

7. NETWORK NORTH FUNDING AND THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND (Pages 103 - 124)

Proposed motion

- a) That this latest substantial additional funding announced as the Local Transport Fund under the Network North plan be welcomed and noted;
- b) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to carry out relevant consultation and engagement required to support the development of the Local Transport Fund programme;
- c) That the Director of Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, be authorised to accelerate £1.2m funding currently allocated for 2025/26 to Advanced Design/Match Funding in the approved Medium Term Financial Strategy to fund the development of the Local Transport Fund programme, in line with the principles set out in paragraphs 37-39 of the report;
- d) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet for approval in November 2024, presenting the proposed Local Transport Fund programme covering the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years, prior to submission to the Department for Transport;
- e) That the letter, dated 26 March 2024, from the six Conservative MPs for Leicestershire regarding the use of the funding be noted.

8. REVIEW OF THE LIGHTBULB PARTNERSHIP (Pages 125 - 182)Proposed motion

- a) That the review of the Lightbulb Service and revised draft Business Case for Lightbulb Partnership Arrangements for 2024/26 be noted;
- b) That a further extension of the Partnership arrangement for 12 months from 1 April 2024 be approved.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL PERFORMANCE AND EXPENDITURE BENCHMARKING - UPDATE (Pages 183 - 192)Proposed motion

- a) That the outcome of the Performance and Expenditure Benchmarking for 2022/23 be noted and that the Council continues to be one of the highest performing counties, despite remaining the lowest funded;
- b) To note that the recent Office for Local Government (Oflog) identified metrics have been added to the benchmarking model and that these will continue to be incorporated where possible;
- c) That the data and update on some of the recent in year improvements and ongoing areas of performance improvement work be noted.

10. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024/25 AND 2025/26 (Pages 193 - 194)

Proposed motion

That the County Council be recommended to hold meetings on the following dates during the next two municipal years:

Wednesday 3 July 2024
 Wednesday 25 September 2024
 Wednesday 4 December 2024
 Wednesday 19 February 2025 (to consider the budget)
 Wednesday 14 May 2025 (Annual meeting)
 Wednesday 2 July 2025
 Wednesday 24 September 2025
 Wednesday 3 December 2025
 Wednesday 18 February 2026 (to consider the budget)
 Wednesday 13 May 2026 (Annual meeting).

11. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

None.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLICProposed motion

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 3 and 10 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

- *East Midlands Development Company Limited (exempt under Paragraphs 1, 3 and 10)*

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