



CABINET – FRIDAY 10 MARCH

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. P. C. Osborne CC and Mr. B. L. Pain CC

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 12)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 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. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD BUSINESS PLANS 2017/18 (Pages 13 - 20)

- *The Children and Families and the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees considered the Business Plan priorities at their recent meetings. Draft minutes are attached to this Order Paper, marked '4a' and '4b'.*

Proposed motion

That the Cabinet notes and supports the proposed Business Plan priorities 2017/18 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adult Board, particularly in relation to the business of the County Council in 2017/18.

5. OFSTED INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF HELP AND PROTECTION, CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER, AND CARE LEAVERS (Pages 21 - 28) (Appendices pages 3 - 28)

- *The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 6 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '5'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the content, grades and recommendations of the Ofsted inspection report on children's social care services in Leicestershire be noted;
- (b) That the Children and Family Services Improvement Plan which was developed in preparation for the inspection and charts progress made be noted;
- (c) That the Action Plan prepared in response to the recommendations in the Ofsted Report and which includes proposals for the future development and improvement of services to children and families, be approved as the County Council's formal response to the Ofsted Inspection Report.

6. 2018/19 SCHOOL AND HIGH NEEDS FUNDING PROPOSALS (Pages 29 - 36)
(Appendices pages 29 - 48)

- *The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 6 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '6.'*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the responses to the consultation on the implementation of the National Funding Formula and the introduction of a formulaic basis for the distribution of the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant, as appended to the report, be submitted to the Department for Education;
- (b) That in addition, the Department for Education be advised of the County Council's concerns, as set out in the report, that Leicestershire, a low-funded authority, will see no improvement to its own or its schools' financial position as a result of the proposals and in particular, that;
 - (i) the reduced lump sum will adversely affect primary schools;
 - (ii) there is no evidence to support the proposed values and weightings within the schools National Funding Formula, nor are they informed by the cost of education;
 - (iii) there is disproportionate emphasis on funding targeted at deprivation and where English is spoken as an additional language and, as that attainment is relatively high in Leicestershire and deprivation relatively low, it will derive little benefit from these factors;
 - (iv) whilst there is an assumption by the DfE that schools and local authorities will deliver efficiency savings, this may not be possible as schools funding has not increased in line with costs, resulting in any efficiency gains being already realised;
 - (v) the delivery of a more efficient school estate is likely to require remodelling and rationalisation of provision, which will require significant capital investment.

7. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT INTERIM COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2017/18 REFRESH (Pages 37 - 44) (Appendices pages 49 - 92)

- *A corrected Annex C to the appendix (the Delivery Programme 2017/18) has been circulated separately.*
- *The Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 2 March. A draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '7.'*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Environment and Transport Interim Commissioning Strategy 2017/18 Refresh and Action Plan be approved;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to make such minor amendments to the Interim Commissioning Strategy 2017/18 Refresh and Action Plan as he considers to be necessary, following consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Lead Member.

8. MELTON MOWBRAY TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS CASE AND IDENTIFICATION OF A PREFERRED ROUTE (Pages 45 - 52)

Proposed motion

- (a) That a revised indicative timetable for the development of a business case for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) be approved in order to enable further evidence gathering and consultation to be undertaken and the business case to be submitted to the Department of Transport in accordance with the timeframes set out in the report;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to undertake
 - (i) further evidence gathering during Spring/Summer 2017 to enable the ongoing development of the MMDR business case and the identification of a preferred route for the scheme;
 - (ii) consultation in late Summer/early Autumn 2017 to inform a 'preferred route' decision;
- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in late 2017 seeking approval for a preferred route, so that the business case can be submitted to the Department of Transport in December 2017.

9. COMMUNITY SPEED ENFORCEMENT (Pages 53 - 58)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. D. C. Bill MBE, CC on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9a'.*
- *Comments have been received from Mr. D. Snartt CC which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9b'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That funding of £500,000 for the programme of trial sites from the 2016/17 underspends be approved;
- (b) That the programme of trial sites detailed in paragraph 19 of the report be approved and that the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to carry out the necessary consultation with partners and communities and to implement the programme;
- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet when a response is received from the Department for Transport regarding the retention of fine income and setting out proposed local criteria for the wider use of speed cameras based on that identified in paragraph 22 of the report.

10. BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2017/18 – 2018/19 (Pages 59 - 70) (Appendices pages 93 - 96)

- *The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on 1 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '10'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the preparations and governance arrangements for the approval and submission of Leicestershire's Better Care Fund Plan for 2017/18 - 2018/19 be noted;
- (b) That national Better Care Fund guidance, still to be published, and any requirements associated with the additional allocation for social care announced in the Budget on March 8th will be considered as needed in finalising and submitting the Leicestershire Better Care Fund Plan;
- (c) That the continuation of the rolling Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement, and associated governance arrangements be noted;
- (d) That it be noted that the Disabled Facilities Grant for Leicestershire paid to the County Council will be allocated through the Better Care Fund to the seven District Councils - in accordance with Government guidance to allow those Councils to provide major adaptations to eligible residents, but also to encourage them to think strategically about the use of home adaptations, the use of technologies to support people in their own homes, and to take a joined up approach to improving outcomes across health, social care and housing;
- (e) That the early agreement of Blaby District Council, Harborough District Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Melton Borough Council, North West Leicestershire District Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, in approving the Lightbulb Service model and business case (to introduce a more streamlined approach to processing disabled facilities grants) be welcomed;

- (f) That in line with (d) and (e) above and with all possible information having been provided to its officers, the decision-making body of Charnwood Borough Council be asked to confirm if that Council will support the implementation of the Lightbulb Service, given that the service will now proceed to implementation across all other Districts during 2017/18.

11. LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN: JOINT STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION (Pages 71 - 76) (Appendices pages 97 - 100)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered this report on 8 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '11'.*

Proposed motion

That the Joint Statement of Co-operation Relating to Objectively Assessed Need for Housing be approved.

12. WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD GREAT COMMUNITIES IN LEICESTERSHIRE: DRAFT COMMUNITIES STRATEGY 2017-21 (Pages 77 - 82) (Appendices pages 101 - 154)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered this report on 8 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '12'.*

Proposed motion

- That the draft refreshed Communities Strategy 2017-21 be approved for consultation and engagement with stakeholders;
- That the process for developing a Communities Strategy Action Plan as set out in the report be approved;
- That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in autumn 2017 setting out the outcome of the consultation and submitting the final Communities Strategy for approval.

13. ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY FOR WORKING AGE ADULTS 2017-2022 (Pages 83 - 90) (Appendices pages 155 - 270)

- *The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 7 March and supported the proposals.*

Proposed motion

- That the Accommodation Strategy for Working Age Adults (aged 18-64) 2017-2022 and action plan (attached as Appendix A to the report) be approved;
- That the proposed review of current policy around nomination agreements, highlighted in the Strategy, be noted;

- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet during 2017/18 outlining the progress made on the implementation of the Strategy and setting out more detailed potential capital investment proposals for the provision of more cost effective accommodation options for Working Age Adults.

14. INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING OF A DEMENTIA COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL IN-REACH SUPPORT SERVICE (Pages 91 - 98)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the joint commissioning arrangement for dementia support services under a single contract for Leicester and Leicestershire be approved, noting that contract management arrangements are still to be finalised;
- (b) That the Director of Adults and Communities be authorised to take action as necessary to implement the proposed joint procurement and commissioning of a single community and hospital in-reach dementia support service as set out in paragraphs 40 to 45 of the report, which will include appropriate contract management arrangements.

15. DISCHARGING LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL'S INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION (Pages 99 - 104)

Proposed motion

That the County Council be recommended to -

- (a) Accept the delegation of Leicester City Council's internal audit function in accordance with the provisions of Section 9EA of the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 and all other enabling powers;
- (b) Agree to enter into an Administrative Collaboration Agreement (the Agreement) with Leicester City Council under S9EA of the Local Government Act 1972, such Agreement to be reviewed and renewed as and when necessary for the duration of the delegation in (a) above;
- (c) Authorise the Director of Corporate Resources to agree:
 - (i) the detailed terms of the Agreement at (b) above for an initial period of three years and to thereafter negotiate and agree the terms of future Administrative Collaboration Agreements as are necessary for the duration of the delegation;
 - (ii) the detailed arrangements for the transfer of the City Council's internal audit staff to the County Council in accordance with the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE).

16. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18 AND 2019/20 (Pages 105 - 106)

Proposed motion

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

Wednesday 28 June 2017
 Wednesday 27 September 2017
 Wednesday 6 December 2017
 Wednesday 21 February 2018 (Budget Meeting)
 Wednesday 21 March 2018
 Wednesday 16 May 2018 (Annual Meeting)
 Wednesday 27 June 2018
 Wednesday 26 September 2018
 Wednesday 5 December 2018
 Wednesday 20 February 2019 (Budget Meeting)
 Wednesday 20 March 2019
 Wednesday 15 May 2019 (Annual Meeting)

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

None.

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