

<u>CABINET - 6 JULY 2018</u> <u>PUBLIC ORDER PAPER</u>

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 12)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2018 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman has agreed to consider one urgent item, a report of the Chief Executive in relation to the East Midlands Strategic Alliance and a unitary structure for Leicestershire.

With the agreement of members this will be taken under item 20 on the agenda.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. EARLY HELP REVIEW – FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE (0 – 19) (Pages 13 - 26) (Appendices pages 3 - 240)

- The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 4 July and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '4a'.
- Comments have been received from Dr. Matthew O'Callaghan, a copy of which is attached to this Order Paper, marked '4b'.

- (a) That the results of the public consultation be noted;
- (b) That the number of Children's Centres be reduced from 36 to 18 as detailed in paragraph 40 of the report;
- (c) That the Director of Children and Family Services following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Families and the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to develop and implement the new family and wellbeing service on the basis outlined in the report, noting that

this will include:

- (i) A remodelling of the staff structure to reflect the new integrated service and achieve staffing efficiencies,
- (ii) Delivering a buildings model based on the 18 Children's Centres and 3 Supporting Leicestershire Families centres, and finding suitable alternative uses for the redesignated buildings wherever possible, including updating the impact analysis as the model is developed.
- 5. **IN- HOUSE FOSTERING FEES REVIEW** (Pages 27 38) (Appendices pages 241 274)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation be noted;
- (b) That the revised Fostering Service Fee Policy, attached as Appendix C to the report, be approved and implemented with effect from 1 August 2018;
- (c) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to amend and update the Fostering Service Fee Policy in accordance with the increase in the nationally recommended minimum allowance and to make other minor changes provided that the Cabinet Lead Member and the Director of Corporate Resources have first been consulted.
- 6. OUTLINE COMMERCIAL STRATEGY AND WORKPLAN 2018-2022 (Pages 39 44) (Appendices pages 275 282)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Outline Commercial Strategy and Work Plan 2018-2022 be approved;
- (b) That an Annual Report on the Commercial Strategy be submitted to the Cabinet and the Scrutiny Commission each June.
- 7. **CHILDREN'S INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP** (Pages 45 54)

- (a) That the formation of a Children's Innovation Partnership as outlined in the report be approved;
- (b) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to publish an Invitation to Tender to form a Children's Innovation Partnership with the Council;
- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in Autumn 2018 regarding the outcome of the Invitation to Tender and chosen provider.

- **8. CARE ONLINE SERVICE** (Pages 55 62) (Appendices pages 283 330)
 - The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on 6 June and a draft minute is attached to the Cabinet report as Appendix A, along with the representations received at that meeting.
 - Comments have been received from Alberto Costa MP, a copy of which is attached to this Order Paper, marked '8'.
 - With the permission of the Chairman, Ms Kay Louis will speak on this item.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation on the CareOnLine Service be noted;
- (b) That the CareOnLine Service be decommissioned;
- (c) That the measures to mitigate the effect of the cessation of the service as outlined in paragraph 31 of the report, including a transitional fund of £10,000 per annum over the next two years, be approved.

9. SUPPORTED LIVING IN GREAT GLEN (Pages 63 - 68)

• Comments have been received from Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC, which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9'.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the purchase of the sheltered housing facility Brookfield Gardens in Great Glen and its conversion to a supported living scheme be approved;
- (b) That subject to approval of (a) above, the Director of Adults and Communities following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, be authorised to undertake a procurement exercise and enter into the necessary contractual arrangements in order to secure a housing provider to manage the supported living accommodation and undertake the necessary refurbishment.
- **10.** STRATEGY FOR LEICESTERSHIRE ADULT LEARNING SERVICES 2018-22 (Pages 69 80) (Appendices pages 331 344)

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation on the draft strategy for Leicestershire Adult Learning Services 2018-22 be noted;
- (b) That the Strategy for Leicestershire Adult Learning Services 2018-22, appended to the report, be approved.

11. **COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARIES** (Pages 81 - 88)

Proposed motion

- (a) That Community Managed Library groups throughout Leicestershire be congratulated on their achievements in having developed their local libraries into thriving community hubs;
- (b) That the continued support in place to help Community Managed Library groups to run their libraries, including the availability of temporary support funds be noted:
- (c) That the process to be followed should any Community Managed Library group be unable to continue to provide a library service as set out in paragraphs 28–30 of the report be approved, noting in particular that this includes:
 - (i) Delegation to the Director of Adults and Communities, following consultation with Local Member(s) and Cabinet Lead Member, to agree alternative arrangements if this will result in no significant effect in the level of library provision;
 - (ii) A report to the Cabinet in the event that significant changes to library provision might result.

12. NORTH AND EAST SECTIONS OF THE MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD PROPOSALS (Pages 89 - 114) (Appendices pages 345 - 376)

• The Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 28 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '12'.

- (a) That the progress with regard to the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) scheme development be noted, in particular:-
 - (i) Agreement of the Preferred Route by the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Lead Member, which will be used as the basis for continuing work;
 - (ii) The award of £49.5m from the Department for Transport Large Local Majors Fund; and,
 - (iii) The latest cost estimate of £63.5m for the scheme, which will form the basis for the planning application;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to submit a planning application for the north and east section of the MMDR in accordance with the Preferred Route:

- (c) That the Director of Environment and Transport and Director of Corporate Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Lead Members, to:-
 - Agree minor alterations to the scheme that may arise as a consequence of detailed design work;
 - (ii) Continue discussions with landowners and other stakeholders, with a view to reaching voluntary agreement over the purchase and/or reservation of land for the northern and eastern sections of the MMDR where possible and.
 - (iii) Take all necessary steps to make, confirm and implement Compulsory Purchase Orders and Side Roads Orders associated with the scheme pursuant to the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981;
- (d) That it be noted that further reports will be submitted to the Cabinet on progress with the scheme, including following the consideration of the planning application (expected early 2019);
- (e) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the County Council and Melton Borough Council, which sets out the financial arrangement for funding the local contribution to the scheme.
- **13. A5 STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIP** (Pages 115 122) (Appendices pages 377 462)
 - Comments have been received from Mrs. Maggie Wright CC, which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '13'.
 - The A5 Partnership meeting of 29 June as part of its agenda discussed the proposed final version of the A5 Strategy as well as a revised Governance and Terms of Reference for the Partnership. The County Council had previously made clear that the wider strategic infrastructure context, as set out in the Council's Prospectus for Growth (2017), that has evolved since the original A5 Strategy was developed in 2011 should be referenced within the Strategy. Whilst acknowledging this evolving context and including reference to the wider priorities, the Partnership was not supportive of including reference to a number of these other infrastructure schemes as strategic priorities, namely the development of a Junction 20a and the A46 Expressway. Further to this, the Partnership debated the proposed Governance and Terms of Reference but concluded that these could not be finalised until it met again in October.

The decision of Cabinet on this matter at its meeting of 21 March 2018 was that unless the draft Strategy reflected the County's Council's requirements in its role as Local Highway Authority, and the Governance and Terms of Reference moved the Partnership onto a more formal footing in order to provide sufficient credibility and weight to its activities in seeking to influence Midlands Connect, Highways England and the Department for Transport, then

the Council would cease participation in the Partnership.

The position outlined above leads to the revised recommendations below.

Proposed motion

- (a) That it be noted that at its meeting on 29 June the A5 Partnership agreed that
 - the proposed governance arrangements and Terms of Reference for the Partnership would be reviewed and considered again by the Partnership at its next meeting on 19 October, and
 - (ii) reference in the draft A5 Strategy regarding the A46 and Junction 20a of the M1 would be included but not as part of the strategic context for Leicestershire and the wider region,

and that, accordingly, the Council cannot support the draft A5 Strategy nor is able to endorse continued participation in the A5 Partnership on the basis that the revised governance arrangements and Terms of Reference has not been agreed by the A5 Partnership at this time;

- (b) The Council withdraws its membership of the A5 Partnership until such time as the A5 Strategy and the governance arrangements and Terms of Reference for the Partnership meet its requirements;
- (c) The Council will continue its support in principle for the upgrade of the A5, as part of the Council's wider transport infrastructure priorities as set out in the Leicester and Leicestershire Rail Strategy and the Prospectus for Growth, through direct interaction with Highways England, Transport for the East Midlands, Midlands Connect, and the Department for Transport;
- (d) The Director of Environment and Transport be requested to inform relevant stakeholders, including Highways England, Midlands Connect, Transport for the East Midlands, and the Department for Transport, of the Council's position with regard to the A5 Partnership.
- **14. ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 123 130) (Appendices pages 463 510)
 - The Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the matter on 28 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '14'.

- (a) That the outcome of the engagement exercise be noted;
- (b) That the Environment Strategy 2018-2030, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved;

- (c) That the associated Action Plan 2018-2021, attached as Appendix B, be supported;
- (d) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised, following consultation with the Lead Member, to make any minor amendments to the Environment Strategy 2018-2030 that are necessary to ensure that it complies with national policies and legislation in force from time to time and accords with other County Council strategies;
- (e) That, recognising the growing public concern over the negative environmental impacts of single use plastics, work identified in the Action Plan to explore options to reduce the use of single-use plastics within the Council be brought forward as a priority.
- **15. ASH DIEBACK** (Pages 131 136) (Appendices pages 511 532)
 - The Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the matter on 28 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '15'.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Ash Dieback Action Plan be approved;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to make such amendments to the Ash Dieback Action Plan as are considered necessary to ensure that it remains current and conforms to legislation and good practice.
- 16. EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT DRAFT NOISE ACTION PLAN 2019-2023 CONSULTATION (Pages 137 144) (Appendices pages 533 540)

Proposed motion

That the comments set out in paragraph 33 of the report on the Draft Noise Action Plan 2019-2023 be forwarded to the East Midlands Airport as the views of the County Council.

17. SECTION 106 (DEVELOPER) CONTRIBUTIONS (Pages 145 - 150) (Appendices pages 541 - 542)

- (a) That the position with regard to repayment of Section 106 funding be noted;
- (b) That the further work outlined in paragraph 28 of the report to improve the processing of Section 106 agreements be supported;
- (c) That it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Cabinet in Autumn 2018.

18. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018 (Pages 151 - 154) (Appendices pages 543 - 560)

Proposed motion

That the Corporate Complaints and Compliments Annual Report be noted.

19. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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

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

URGENT ITEM - EAST MIDLANDS STRATEGIC ALLIANCE AND UNITARY GOVERNMENT IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources be requested to work with counterparts in the region in the development of a Strategic Alliance for the East Midlands:
- (b) That work be undertaken on the development of a unitary structure for local government in Leicestershire;
- (c) That the following timetable for consideration of the above be approved:-

Cabinet 16th October - to consider outline proposals and agree to engage with stakeholders on options.
Scrutiny 14th November - to comment on the outline proposals.
Cabinet 23rd November - to consider the outcome of stakeholder engagement and the way forward.
County 5th December - to debate the proposed way forward recommended by the Cabinet.

21. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed 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 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.

22. PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SERVE LUBBESTHORPE - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM ACADEMY PROPOSERS (EXEMPT ITEM)

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