



CABINET – 28 APRIL 2020

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 18)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2020 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. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IMPACT AND RESPONSE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL (Pages 19 – 20 and Supplementary Report Pages 3-24)

Comments from Dr. T. Eynon CC, Leader of the Labour Group, are attached to this Order Paper, marked “4”.

Proposed motion

(a) The Cabinet notes -

- (i) The local declaration of a major incident with regard to Covid-19 and, accordingly, the passing of the Chairmanship of the Local Resilience Forum’s Gold Command Group for this incident to the Police;
- (ii) Action taken by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to increase the Leicestershire Communities Fund to £1.5m;
- (iii) Action taken by Chief Officers following consultation with Cabinet Lead Members to close or reduce some County Council services to enable it to comply with national rules introduced to contain the spread of the virus and focus resources on essential services;

- (iv) That, whilst further Government guidance on the reopening of recycling and household waste sites is awaited:
- the County Council is planning to reopen some sites in the week commencing 18th May once the necessary arrangements, including social distancing and traffic management, and public communications, are in place;
 - it be emphasised to all concerned that recycling and household waste sites are not substitutes for kerb side collections;
 - therefore, the Leicestershire district councils be all requested, in line with previous officer advice, to ensure there are two weeks' worth of operational green and bulky waste collections completed prior to reopening of sites, so that the reopened sites are not immediately overwhelmed;
 - the County Council is liaising with the other waste disposal authorities in the East Midlands with the intention of minimising additional traffic on the roads by having consistent reopening arrangements across the region as far as possible.
- (v) The significant financial impact that the Covid-19 pandemic is having on the Council's finances and that only a part of the additional costs incurred will be met by Government grant;
- (vi) That in light of (v) above, the Council will need to consider what services can be reduced or stopped and will undertake a fundamental review and reprioritisation of the current Capital Programme;
- (vii) That work has commenced on 'recovery' and a report on this will be made to the Cabinet meeting on 23rd June;
- (b) That a loan up to a maximum of £90,000 be made to the Bradgate Park Trust and that the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to agree the terms of the loan;
- (c) That the Cabinet's thanks on behalf of the County Council be conveyed to Sichuan Province for its donation of Personal Protective Equipment;
- (d) That Cabinet's thanks on behalf of all members to County Council staff and the Local Resilience Forum be placed on record.

5. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN 2018 - 2022. (Pages 21 - 54)

Comments from Mr. D.C. Bill MBE CC, are attached to this Order Paper marked '5'.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of consultation with the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Commission on the Council's revised Strategic Plan 2018-2022 be noted;
- (b) That the County Council at its meeting on the 8 July 2020 be recommended to approve the revised Strategic Plan.

6. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REVISED ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN. (Pages 55 - 98)

Comments from Mr. Max Hunt CC, Labour Spokesperson for Environment and Transport, are attached to this Order Paper, marked "6".

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation with the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Commission on the Council's revised Environment Strategy, Action Plan and Tranche 1 Carbon Reduction Map, as detailed in paragraphs 43 to 47 of the report, be noted;
- (b) That the County Council at its meeting on 8 July 2020 be recommended to:
 - (i) Approve the revised Environment Strategy 2018-2030, the associated revised Environment Strategy Action Plan, and Tranche 1 of the Carbon Reduction Roadmap;
 - (ii) Note that a further report presenting the complete Carbon Reduction Roadmap (incorporating the newly developed Tranche 2) will be considered by the County Council in the Summer of 2021.

7. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S EQUALITY STRATEGY 2020-24 AND EQUALITY ACTION PLAN 2020-2021 (Pages 99 - 162)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation on the Council's draft Equality Strategy 2020 - 2024, as detailed in paragraphs 20 to 35 of the report, be noted;
- (b) That the County Council at its meeting on 8 July 2020 be recommended to approve the Equality Strategy 2020-24 and Equality Action Plan 2020-2021.

8. MAINSTREAM AND SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICIES – 2020/21 (Pages 163 - 168)

Comments from Mr. Max Hunt CC, Labour Spokesperson for Environment and Transport, are attached to this Order Paper, marked "8".

Proposed motion

- (a) That the implications of the appeal against part of the Judicial Review Decision published in July 2019 with regard to the implementation of the Council's Post-16 Special Educational Needs (SEN) Transport Policy, be noted;
- (b) That the decision of the Director of Environment and Transport to further suspend introduction of a default Personal Transport Budget (PTB) offer for post-16 SEN students to the start of the 2021/22 academic year (the main element of the new Special Educational Needs Transport Policy) be noted;
- (c) That the revised process for the calculation and payment of voluntary PTBs for pupils of all ages which will be introduced from the start of 2020/21 academic year be noted.

9. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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

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

None.

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