



CABINET - FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2021

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 12)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman has agreed to take one urgent item - a report on the disposal of land at Lake Terrace, Melton Mowbray. This will be taken at agenda item 13.

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 2021/22 TO 2024/25 (Pages 13 - 58 and Appendix Pack pages 3 - 214)

- *The Corporate Governance Committee at its meeting on 29 January agreed the Risk Management Strategy and the Treasury Management Strategy which are Appendices I and N to the report.*

Proposed motion

- (i) That the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Commission as set out in Appendix P to the report be noted;
- (ii) That the following be recommended to the County Council:
 - (a) That subject to the items below, approval be given to the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) which incorporates the recommended revenue budget for 2021/22 totalling £399m as set out in Appendices A, B and E of the report and includes the growth and savings for that year as set out in Appendix C;
 - (b) That approval be given to the projected provisional revenue budgets for

2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 set out in Appendix B to the report, including the growth and savings for those years as set out in Appendix C, allowing the undertaking of preliminary work, including business case development, consultation and equality and human rights impact assessments, as may be necessary towards achieving the savings specified for those years including savings under development, set out in Appendix D;

- (c) That approval is given to the early achievement of savings that are included in the MTFs, as may be necessary, along with associated investment costs, subject to the Director of Corporate Resources agreeing to funding being available;
- (d) That the level of the general fund and earmarked funds as set out in Appendix K be noted and the use of those earmarked funds as indicated in that appendix be approved;
- (e) That the amounts of the County Council's Council Tax for each band of dwelling and the precept payable by each billing authority for 2021/22 be as set out in Appendix M (including 3% for the adult social care precept);
- (f) That the Chief Executive be authorised to issue the necessary precepts to billing authorities in accordance with the budget requirement above and the tax base notified by the District Councils, and to take any other action which may be necessary to give effect to the precepts;
- (g) That approval be given to the 2021/22 to 2024/25 capital programme as set out in Appendix F;
- (h) That the Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Lead Member for Resources be authorised to approve new capital schemes, including revenue costs associated with their delivery, shown as future developments in the capital programme, to be funded from funding available;
- (i) That the financial indicators required under the Prudential Code included in Appendix N, Annex 2 be noted and that the following limits be approved:

	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Operational boundary for external debt				
i) Borrowing	263	263	262	262
ii) Other long term liabilities	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	264	264	263	263
Authorised limit for external debt				
i) Borrowing	273	273	272	272
ii) Other long term liabilities	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	274	274	273	273

- (j) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to effect movement within the authorised limit for external debt between borrowing and other long-term liabilities;
- (k) That the following borrowing limits be approved for the period 2021/22 to 2024/25:
- (i) Upper limit on fixed interest exposures 100%;
 - (ii) Upper limit on variable rate exposures 50%;
 - (iii) Maturity of borrowing:-

	<u>Upper Limit</u>	<u>Lower Limit</u>
	%	%
Under 12 months	30	0
12 months and within 24 months	30	0
24 months and within 5 years	50	0
5 years and within 10 years	70	0
10 years and above	100	25

- (iv) An upper limit for principal sums invested for periods longer than 364 days is 10% of the portfolio;
- (l) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to enter into such loans or undertake such arrangements as necessary to finance capital payments in 2021/22, subject to the prudential limits in Appendix N;
- (m) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix N, be approved including:
- (i) The Treasury Management Policy Statement, Appendix N; Annex 4;
 - (ii) The Annual Statement of the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision as set out in Appendix N, Annex 1;
- (n) That the Capital Strategy (Appendix G), Corporate Asset Investment Fund

Strategy (Appendix H), Risk Management Policy and Strategy (Appendix I), Earmarked Funds Policy (Appendix J) and Insurance Policy (Appendix L) be approved;

- (o) That it be noted that the Leicester and Leicestershire Business Rate Pool will continue for 2021/22;
- (p) That the Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Lead Member for Resources be authorised to make any changes to the provisional MTFs which may be required as a result of changes arising between the Cabinet and County Council meetings, noting that any changes will be reported to the County Council on 17th February 2021;
- (q) That it be noted that following the enactment of the relevant legislation a report will be presented to the Council's Constitution Committee and thereafter to the County Council regarding the proposed addition to the County Council's Constitution (Part 2, Article 12.04) to confirm that the Director of Corporate Resources, as the Chief Financial Officer, is the Responsible Officer for the Leicestershire County Council Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (r) That the Leicestershire School Funding Formula is unchanged and continues to reflect the National Funding Formula for 2021/22.

5. **SUPPORTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN LEICESTERSHIRE** (Pages 59 - 102)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered a report at its meeting on 25 January and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked "5".*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- (b) That the proposal for the County Council to act as a Kickstart Gateway (in partnership with Leicester City Council) to provide placements within the Council, extended to 12 months duration, and to support Leicestershire SME (small and medium-sized enterprises) in also offering extended placements, is agreed;
- (c) That the proposal for the Council to establish a two-year Work+ project to support individuals actively looking for employment to become work-ready is agreed;
- (d) That the Council's role in providing support for businesses including the Business Recovery Grant and the Community Pub programme is noted;
- (e) That the Council's continued support for the roll-out of the broadband programme in Leicestershire is noted;
- (f) That the principles set out in paragraphs 63 and 64 of the report, to ensure that Council's actions deliver a green economic recovery, are supported;

- (g) That funding for the measures outlined above as set out in paragraph 72 of the report is agreed.

6. SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL ON FLOODING (Pages 103 - 132)

- *Mrs M. Wright CC, Chairman of the Scrutiny Review Panel, will attend the Cabinet meeting to present this report.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Final Report of the Scrutiny Review Panel be noted and its recommendations approved;
- (b) That representations be made to the Government to strengthen the legislation to enable the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority to require relevant agencies to complete mitigating measures arising from Section 19 reports;
- (c) That the Chief Executive be requested to ensure that the recommendations of the Review are acted upon.

7. HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE (Pages 133 - 134 and the supplementary report)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. D. C. Bill MBE CC, Mr. S. Bray CC, and Mr. M. Mullaney CC which are attached to this Order Paper, marked "7".*
- *With the permission of the Chairman Mrs M. Wright CC, the local member, will speak on this item.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the concerns and views set out in paragraph 29 of the report be communicated to and discussed with the developer, in particular:
- (i) The developer's current planned timetable;
- (ii) The Council's desire to secure a Planning Performance Agreement with the developer that provides certainty regarding both the project programme and the financial contributions required to cover the Council's costs in responding to the developer's proposals; and
- (iii) Concerns regarding the developer's proposed approach to providing evidence in respect of highways and transport issues for consideration by the Planning Inspectorate;
- (b) That the Developer and Planning Inspectorate be informed of the Council's concerns resulting from the developer's submission timeline and that, if the applicant continues to disregard these concerns, the Council's likely objection to the proposal;
- (c) That the County Council engages with Blaby District Council over the

implications for Blaby District Council's emerging Local Plan in the event that a Development Consent Order is made by the Secretary of State approving the project.

8. REVISED CORPORATE ASSEST INVESTMENT FUND STRATEGY 2021 TO 2025 (Pages 135 -196)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered a report at its meeting on 25 January and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked "8".*

Proposed motion

- That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- That the outcome of the review of the Corporate Asset Investment Fund Strategy be noted;
- That the Corporate Asset Investment Fund Strategy 2021-2025 be approved for submission to the Council as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2024/25.

9. TECHNOLOGY ENABLED CARE (Pages 197 - 238)

Proposed motion

- That the outcome of the diagnostic work undertaken by Hampshire County Council, detailed in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- That the Business Case, including options for commissioning a technology partner to deliver a transformed county-wide service for Technology Enabled Care, attached to the report as Appendix B, be noted;
- That the Option 2 for the procurement of a Technology Enabled Service, namely to commission this through a strategic partnership with Hampshire County Council as detailed in paragraphs 42 to 44 of the report be agreed;
- That the Director of Adults and Communities, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Adult Social Care, be authorised to make the appropriate arrangements to enter into a partnership with Hampshire County Council to commission a Technology Enabled Service.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN REPORT REGARDING NURSERY CHARGES (Pages 239 - 254)

Proposed motion

- That the public report of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGO) be noted;
- That the Director of Children and Family Services be required to implement the recommendations of the LGO as set out in paragraph 15 (a) to (c) of the report;

- (c) That the position in relation to the recommendations of the LGO where the Council departs from the recommendations as out in paragraphs 16 and 20 to 21 of the report be noted.

11. LEICESTERSHIRE'S POLICY ON ADMISSIONS TO MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS: DETERMINATION OF ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 255 - 324)

- *With the permission of the Chairman, Mr. O. O'Shea CC, the local member for Martinshaw Primary School, will speak on this item.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the consultation on changes to the admission number at Martinshaw Primary School be noted;
- (b) That the admission number at Martinshaw Primary School be reduced from 45 to 30 pupils with effect from entry in September 2022;
- (c) That the Leicestershire School Admissions Policy for entry from September 2022 and associated coordinated admissions schemes for first-time admissions, secondary transfers and mid-term transfers, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.

12. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

- *An urgent report has been circulated separately -*

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT LAKE TERRACE, MELTON MOWBRAY

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Cabinet approves the disposal of the land at Lake Terrace, Melton Mowbray (shown as shaded pink and edged red on the plan attached as Appendix B to this report);
- (b) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to agree a 'best value' sum for the disposal of the land at (a) above and finalise the disposal.

14. 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, 2, 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.

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