



CABINET – TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2021

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 16)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2021 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. 2020/21 PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN. (Pages 17 - 62)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the 2020/21 provisional revenue and capital outturn be noted;
- (b) That the prudential indicators for 2020/21 as shown in Appendix E to the report be noted;
- (c) That the net underspend is used for the additional commitments as specified in the report.

5. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES - PROGRESS WITH THE DELIVERY OF THE HIGH NEEDS BLOCK. (Pages 63 - 76)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Cabinet notes the financial position, in particular

- (i) the forecast overspend for High Needs Block of over £9.35m at the end of the current financial year and a potential deficit of £43m by 2024/25;

the effect of the High Needs Block overspend on the revised Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) capital programme 2021/22, as detailed in paragraphs 37 to 41 of this report;

- (b) That the Cabinet notes that Leicestershire Schools and the Schools Forum will be consulted in Autumn 2021 on a proposed transfer of 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2022/23 to help manage the revenue position;
- (c) That the Cabinet considers if an application should be made to the Secretary of State to make the transfer at c) above should the Schools Forum refuse the request.

6. MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD SOUTHERN SECTION - HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT. (Pages 77 - 84)

7. NATIONAL BUS STRATEGY (Pages 85 - 100)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the overview of the National Bus Strategy (NBS) and Bus Service Improvement Plan Guidance (the guidance) and the immediate implications arising, as set out in paragraphs 17 to 36, be noted;
- (b) That the failure to comply with NBS and the guidance will result in the immediate loss of access to Government COVID-19 Bus Services Support Grant (CBSSG), worth in excess of £1m to date;
- (c) That of the two options available for improving bus services, approval be given to proceeding on the basis of establishing an Enhanced Partnership Scheme (EPS) for the reasons set out in paragraphs 33 to 36;
- (d) That subject to the approval of recommendation (c) above, the Director of Law and Governance be authorised to publish the requisite Statutory Notice stating that the Authority has chosen to progress on the basis of establishing an EPS to improve bus services in Leicestershire;
- (e) That the work already commenced to develop a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for Leicestershire, including engagement with operators and the public be noted; and
- (f) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in the autumn, setting out proposals for an EPS and BSIP for Leicestershire, and identifying any implications for the Authority's previously adopted Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy.

8. MEMBERS HIGHWAY FUND - PROPOSALS (Pages 101 -106)

Proposed motion

- (a) That £1.4m be allocated from the additional Highways funding identified within the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 for the creation of a Member Highway Fund;
- (b) That the creation of Member Highway Fund as set out in paragraphs 13 to 26 of the report be approved;
- (c) That each Member [County Councillor] be authorised to agree the use of the £25,000 allocated to them from the Member Highway Fund for spending in their electoral division subject to this being in accordance with the principles for the Fund;
- (d) That it be noted that the aim is to continue the initiative in 2022/23 subject to the necessary funding being identified.

9. PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNITY LIFE CHOICES SERVICES. (Pages 107 - 120)

Proposed motion

- (a) That a procurement exercise to establish a new community life choices (CLC) provider Framework, with a view to the new service being implemented by the end of November 2021, be agreed;
- (b) That the Director of Adults and Communities be authorised to commence a consultation exercise on proposals to reduce the Council's in-house CLC services and help existing service users to move to appropriate alternative services;
- (c) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet in November 2021 on the outcome of the consultation with regard to in-house service provision.

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMERCIAL STRATEGY. (Pages 121 - 140)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered a report on this matter at its meeting on 7 June and a minute extract is attached to this Order Paper, marked '10'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- (b) The performance against targets in the Commercial Strategy during 2020/21 be noted;
- (c) The future development of the Commercial Strategy as outlined in this report and the appended Leicestershire Traded Services Review and Outlook for 2021/22 be welcomed.

11. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2020/21. (Pages 141 - 156)

Proposed motion

That the report be noted

12. NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY - TRANSFER OF PENSION FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. (Pages 157 - 164)

Proposed motion

That the transfer of the National Youth Agency's pension fund assets and liabilities to Leicestershire County Council, be approved.

13. LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY (Pages 165 – 168 and Supplementary Pack pages 3-8)

Proposed motion

- (a) The development of the Economic Growth Strategy for Leicester and Leicestershire be supported;
- (b) The Cabinet notes the initial comments made by officers, as set out in paragraph 23 of the report, for consideration of the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership in the development of the draft Strategy;
- (c) That it be noted that the draft Economic Growth Strategy will be considered by the Scrutiny Commission and Cabinet in July.

14. EAST MIDLANDS GLOBAL GATEWAY FREEPORT - INCLUDING URGENT ACTION TAKEN. (Pages 169 - 176)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the latest position and next steps in establishing the Freeport; to be known as the East Midlands Global Gateway, be noted;
- (b) That it be noted that the Council is a member of the Freeport interim Board with the Leader of the Council as the nominated representative; and
- (c) That it be noted that urgent action was taken by the Chief Executive under delegated authority for the Council to assume the role of lead authority and accountable body and incur expenditure to support progression of the Freeport proposal in the form of a business case.

- 15. URGENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND RELATING TO HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT LAND NEEDS (MARCH 2021)**
(Pages 177 - 216)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the content of Leicester and Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground Relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (March 2021), appended to the report, be noted;
- (b) That the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to agree for the County Council to become a signatory to the Statement of Common Ground, as a factual statement, be noted.

- 16. EXCEPTION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES - URGENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM HIRE VEHICLES** (Pages 217 - 220)

Proposed motion

That the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to agree an exception to the Contract Procedure Rules to enable the appointment of Enterprise Flex E Rent to supply all of the Council's short term hired vehicles, up to a two year period from 1st April 2020, be noted.

- 17. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

None.

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

None.

- 19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The public are likely to be excluded during the following items of business in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972:-

- *Ashby Canal Restoration– Extension to Option Agreement with Measham Land Company for Proposed Measham Development*
- *Urgent Action Taken by the Chief Executive - Procurement for a Contract for the Treatment of Post- 2020 Residual Waste.*
- *Proposed Purchase of Property for Additional Special Educational Needs and Disability Provision.*

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