



CABINET – FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2022

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Mr Shepherd.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 8)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2022 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman has agreed to take one urgent item – a report providing the current position in relation to Devolution. This will be taken at agenda item 9.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. ANNUAL DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE COMPENDIUM 2022 (Pages 9-110)

Proposed motion

- a) That the overall progress in delivering on the Council's new Strategic Priorities, as set out in the draft Annual Delivery Report 2022, be noted;
- b) That the Council's current low comparative funding, good performance position, and financial pressures and risks now facing the Authority set out in the Performance Compendium be noted;
- c) That, in light of the pressure on the Council's financial sustainability arising from continued service demand and cost pressures, the Council continues to press its case for a fairer funding settlement, noting that the delay in implementation has created significant uncertainties as to how the Council can now address the many service challenges and priorities it faces;
- d) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make any amendments to the draft Annual Delivery Report and Performance Compendium prior to its submission for approval to the County Council on 7 December 2022.

5. MANAGING THE RISK RELATING TO THE DELIVERY OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT GROWTH (Pages 111- 122)

Proposed motion

- a) That the financial implications and associated risks to the Council of delivering growth in the current financial climate be noted;
- b) That the Council adopts the approach and principles outlined in paragraphs 51 to 63 of the report to manage the financial risks associated with capital infrastructure projects, including encouraging district councils to support the Council's engagement in the local planning process;
- c) That the approach be communicated to district councils (as local planning authorities), developers and landowners;
- d) That the Chief Executive write to district councils to make clear the Council's expectations and requirements with regard to the revised approach, specifically relating to forward-funding of infrastructure;
- e) That the Council continues to engage with the Government to address the imbalance on relative funding levels between local authorities and in the increasing cost gap within the existing capital infrastructure programme.

6. LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND CARERS' STRATEGY 2022-25 (Pages 123- 162)

Proposed motion

- a) That the outcome of the consultation exercise and comments of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- b) That the joint Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Carers' Strategy 2022-2025 be approved;
- c) That the Leicestershire Carers' Strategy Action Plan be approved.

7. TRANSFER OF A SECTION OF THE ASHBY CANAL TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT ORDER (Pages 163-166)

Proposed motion

That a report be submitted to the County Council on 7 December recommending

- a) That the County Council resolves that it is satisfied that it is expedient for the Council to apply to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to promote an Order under the Transport and Works Act 1992 to transfer powers under the Transport and Works Act Order 2005 to the Ashby Canal Association for a section of the Ashby Canal line between Snarestone and Measham;

- b) That the County Council authorises the Director of Environment and Transport in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance to take all steps as may be necessary or expedient for the purposes of promotion of the Order.

8. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

- *An urgent report has been circulated separately-*

COUNTY DEAL

Proposed motion

- a) That confirmation that the only County Deal currently on offer to Leicestershire is a combined county authority for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland (LLR), with level 2 devolution, be noted, a much reduced set of opportunities and benefits from those proposed by the County Council in its expression of interest in a County Deal which was welcomed by the Government;
- b) That the possibility of a combined transport authority for LLR, under existing legislation, be noted;
- c) That the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities be requested, in the context of levelling up the East Midlands with the West Midlands, to consult on one or more other options in addition to the current consultation on the misleadingly named “East Midlands Devolution”, recognising that the East Midlands in the Government’s own definition includes areas other than Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and that public, private and organisational views on the best devolution option for the region should inform the Government’s response; and
- d) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the County Council, be given delegated authority to submit a County Council response to the “East Midlands Devolution” consultation in light of the Cabinet’s consideration of this report.

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