



CABINET – FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2023

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Rushton – apologies.

Mrs Posnett – to attend via MS Teams.

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2023 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. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL – SHIRE COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SHIRE ENVIRONMENT GRANTS (Pages 11 - 30)

- *Mr. C. Smith CC, Chairman of the Scrutiny Review Panel, will attend the Cabinet meeting to present this report.*
- *The Scrutiny Commission considered the Report of the Review Panel at its meeting on 12 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked “4a”.*
- *Comments have been received from Mr. M. Mullaney CC and are appended to this Order Paper, marked “4b”.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the report of the Scrutiny Review Panel on SHIRE Community Grants and SHIRE Environment Grants be accepted;

- c) That the Chief Executive be requested to ensure that the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Panel are acted upon.

5. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2022-23 (Pages 31 - 52)

Proposed motion

That the report be noted.

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMERCIAL STRATEGY AND TRADED SERVICES STRATEGY 2023-2028 (Pages 53 - 84)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered the Annual Report at its meeting on 12 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked "6".*

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments of the Scrutiny Commission be noted;
- b) That the performance against targets in the Commercial Strategy during 2022/23 be noted;
- c) That the future developments, as outlined in the report, and the Leicestershire Traded Services Review and Outlook for 2023/24 (appended to the report) be welcomed;
- d) That the Traded Services Strategy 2023-2028 be adopted.

7. LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE BUSINESS RATES POOL (Pages 85 - 90)

Proposed motion

- a) That the change to the distribution mechanism for the gains from the Leicester and Leicestershire Business Rate Pool be noted;
- b) That the County Council's share of the gains from the Pool be allocated through the annual Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) process, with effect from the 2024/25 financial year;
- c) That an initial allocation of £7.5m be made towards capital works on Zouch Bridge, in the event that the Council's share of gains from the Pool for 2020/21 and 2021/22 is received before the next MTFS;
- d) That from the 2024/25 financial year, the Council will:
 - (i) only commit to arrangements for the allocation of gains from the Pool for a single year;
 - (ii) not accept less than one-third of the available funding;

- e) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, be authorised:
- (i) to approve governance arrangements for the Pool from 2024/25;
 - (ii) in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, to approve the associated legal agreements.

8. PARTICIPATION IN THE HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER PROCESS – RELEVANT REPRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR DELEGATION (Pages 91 - 102)

Proposed motion

- a) That the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as the Relevant Representation of the County Council on the HNRFI proposal;
- b) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make submissions on behalf of the County Council during the Examination stage on the HNRFI proposals, in line with the deadlines set by the Planning Inspectorate.

9. CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN (Pages 103 – 110)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. J. Miah CC and are appended to this Order Paper, marked '9a'.*
- *A letter to Mr O'Shea from Charnwood Borough Council's Lead Member for Planning in respect of the report and the reply from the Leader of the County Council are appended to this Order Paper, marked '9b'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the letter from Charnwood Borough Council's Lead Member for Planning be noted;
- b) That Charnwood Borough Council be reminded that:
 - (i) the County Council's support for the Charnwood draft Local Plan, approved prior to Examination in Public, was qualified in respect of committing to constructing new infrastructure upon receipt of funds from developers and the requirement to develop Area Transport Strategies to secure developer contributions; and
 - (ii) the later decision of the County Council to develop an interim approach to transport contributions reflected its concern that the extended period of Charnwood having no Local Plan created the risk of developer contributions being missed;
- c) That the County Council's objective remains in supporting the Borough Council in demonstrating that the draft Local Plan is viable, but it requires the Borough Council to recognise that:

- (i) the Area Transport Strategies and the interim approach will be delivered through the local planning process and therefore should be jointly owned and approved as such by both Councils, without which there can be no assurance that developer contributions will be secured to provide the infrastructure required by the draft Local Plan, something which the Borough Council has chosen not to accept; and
 - (ii) the County Council's affordability limit to support the infrastructure requirements of district councils' local plans has been reached in respect of existing commitments; and
- d) That the chief executive and relevant chief officers, following consultation with the Leader of the County Council and relevant Lead Members, be authorised to respond to information requests from Charnwood Borough Council following the letter to the Borough Council from the Planning Inspectors of 23rd May 2023.

10. STREET LIGHTING – PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES (Pages 111 – 136)

Proposed motion

- a) That an engagement/consultation exercise be undertaken on Option 2 – to dim all street lights, including those on traffic routes, to 30% from 20:00 across the County – as outlined in the report;
- b) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in December 2023 providing feedback on the engagement/consultation exercise and the associated risk assessment and seeking approval for a final scheme proposal;
- c) That the risks associated with each of the four Options (as detailed in the report) for a reduced provision of street lighting be noted, in particular those that would represent a departure from national design standards and an increased exposure to risk.

11. UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Pages 137 – 144)

Proposed motion

That the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to write to the Home Office and Department for Education to highlight the need for an urgent review of funding for local authorities to support asylum seekers and migrants, in particular Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

12. TRANSFORMING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) AND INCLUSION IN LEICESTERSHIRE (TSIL) PROGRAMME UPDATE (Pages 145 – 154)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. M. Hunt CC and are appended to this Order Paper, marked '12'.*

Proposed motion

That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to move to the next phase of the Transforming SEND and Inclusion in Leicestershire programme with the Service's strategic partner, Newton Europe, making the necessary contract variations under the April 2022 procurement exercise.

13. LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND JOINT LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA STRATEGY 2024-28 (Pages 155 – 198)

Proposed motion

- a) That the progress of the work under the current Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Living Well with Dementia Strategy 2019-2022 be noted;
- b) That the draft LLR Joint Living Well with Dementia Strategy 2024-28 be approved for a formal eight-week consultation exercise;
- c) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet in the autumn providing the outcome of the consultation and seeking approval of the final LLR Joint Living Well with Dementia Strategy and delivery plan for Leicestershire.

14. REVIEW OF HOMELESS SUPPORT SERVICES (Pages 199 – 204)

- *Comments have been received from Falcon Support Services and are appended to this Order Paper, marked '14a'.*
- *Comments have been received from Mr. J. Miah CC and are appended to this Order Paper, marked '14b'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That following a review of the current service model, which does not fund the running of the Falcon Centre or any other homeless hostel, the commencement of consultation on a draft revised delivery model for homeless support services be approved;
- b) That it be noted that the proposed new service model continues to provide advice and support for those at risk of homelessness, focussed on the Council's duty to improve health and wellbeing;
- c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in November 2023 regarding the outcome of the consultation exercise and seeking approval to proceed with the proposed model.

15. HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES IN LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (Pages 205 – 210)

Proposed motion

That the adoption of the Health in All Policies approach across the Council be noted and supported; this will include consideration of 'Health Implications' in all reports to the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committees and advocacy within every department to champion and embed Health in All Policies across the Council.

16. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

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

None.

18. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 3 and 10 of Part 1 of Scheduled 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 -

East Midlands Development Company Limited (exempt under Paragraphs 1, 3 and 10)

Report of the Scrutiny Review Panel – Recycling and Household Waste Sites (exempt under Paragraphs 3 and 10)

Proposals to Develop a new Primary School to serve Market Harborough – Expressions of Interest from Academy Proposers (exempt under Paragraphs 3 and 10).

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