

**CABINET - FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2024****PRIVATE ORDER PAPER****ITEM    DETAILS****APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. N. Rushton CC and Mr. O. O'Shea CC.

**1.    **MINUTES** (Pages 5 -10)****Proposed motion**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2024 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.    **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY - BUDGET MONITORING AND MTFS REFRESH** (Pages 11 - 62)**

*The report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 4 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '4'.*

**Proposed motion**

- a) That the significant financial challenges faced by the County Council be noted;
- b) That the Period 4 monitoring position from the current financial year be noted and the use of the projected £6.4m net underspend to increase the capital programme risk contingency be approved;
- c) That the proposed approach outlined in the report to updating the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be approved;
- d) That the revised Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28, as set out in Appendix C to the report, be approved;

- e) That the marketing of the Quorn Solar Farm site with the benefit of planning and the grid connection as a leasehold or freehold disposal be approved;
- f) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to identify and proceed with the most economically advantageous option for the Quorn Solar Farm site.

**5. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24** (Pages 63 - 110)

*The Annual Report was considered by the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 September, which gave its support to the report.*

Proposed motion

That the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership (LRSCP) Annual Report for 2023/24 be noted.

**6. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24** (Pages 111 - 150)

*The report will be presented (via MS Teams) by Seona Douglas, the Independent Chair of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board.*

*The Annual Report was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September, which gave its support to the report.*

Proposed motion

That the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) Annual Report for 2023/24 be noted, particularly in relation to the business of the County Council.

**7. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24** (Pages 151 - 178)

Proposed motion

That the Corporate Complaints and Compliments Annual Report, covering the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, be noted.

**8. CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STRATEGY 2024-2028: PROPOSED CONSULTATION** (Pages 179 - 200)

Proposed motion

That the Customer Experience Strategy be approved for consultation.

**9. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY 2024-2028** (Pages 201 - 260)

Proposed motion

- a) That the outcome of consultation on the Council's draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028 be noted;
- b) That the County Council, at its meeting on 25 September 2024, be recommended to approve the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028 and associated Action Plan.

**10. IMPROVING PASSENGER TRANSPORT THROUGH A REFRESHED BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 261 - 340)**

*A report was considered by the Highways and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '10'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the financial implications and ongoing funding requirements arising from implementing the National Bus Strategy (NBS) and associated Leicestershire Bus Service Improvement Plan, and the County Council's longer-term Bus Service Improvement Plan funding requirement be noted;
- b) That the Leicestershire Bus Service Improvement Plan (LBSIP 24), attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved;
- c) That it be noted that, pending any changes in legislation/guidance from the Government, implementation of the LBSIP 24 will proceed as planned.

**11. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STRATEGY (Pages 341 - 454)**

Proposed motion

- a) That the feedback from the engagement on the Council's draft Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy (EVCS) be noted;
- b) That the EVCS be approved;
- c) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to review and amend the EVCS, to reflect changes in legislation and good practice, and in light of the outcomes from the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Pilot Project and the availability of funding, to ensure the EVCS remains fit for purpose.

**12. PROPOSED RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (Pages 455 - 502)**

Proposed motion

- a) That the County Council's response to the consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), set out in paragraphs 47 to 96 of the report, and the Appendix, be approved;
- b) That the Cabinet notes that whilst there are some potential positive aspects to the proposed changes to the NPPF, there are concerns, particularly from a transport perspective that they fail to address significant challenges faced in enabling housing delivery and economic growth; and some of the proposed changes are unhelpful to the expedient and proper consideration of the transport impacts of planning applications through the development management process;
- c) That the potential implications arising from the proposed planning reforms be noted, in particular in the short term regarding the preparation of Local Plans over the next eighteen months;
- d) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Acting Leader, be authorised to make any further amendments to the detailed response in alignment with the agreed overarching response prior to submission before the end of the consultation period on 24 September 2024.

**13. RESPONSE TO THE HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH REGULATION 18 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION (JULY 2024)** (Pages 503 – 508 and supplementary agenda pages 3-72)

Proposed motion

- a) That the County Council's response to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's new draft Local Plan consultation, set out in paragraphs 39-90, and the appendices to the report, be noted and approved;
- b) That the significant challenges and uncertainties Local Plan making is increasingly facing in Leicestershire, particularly in respect of reliance on interventions on the Strategic Road Network and the ongoing commitment to work to resolve these be noted;
- c) That the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Acting Leader, be authorised to make any further amendments to the detailed response in alignment with the agreed overarching response prior to submission before the end of the consultation period on 27 September 2024.

**14. PROBATION HEALTH TRAINER SERVICE - OUTCOME OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROPOSED DECOMMISSION** (Pages 509 – 538)

Proposed motion

- a) That the outcome of the engagement on the proposed decommission of the Probation Health Service across Leicestershire be noted;
- b) That the Probation Health Service be decommissioned as of 31 March 2025.

**15. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

None.

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

None.

**17. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 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:

*Proposed M69 Junction 2 / Stoney Stanton Strategic Development Area.*

**18. PROPOSED M69 JUNCTION 2 / STONEY STANTON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AREA (Pages 539 - 556)**

*A report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 4 September and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '18a'.*

*Comments have been received from Mrs M Wright CC and are appended to this Order Paper, marked '18b'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That the Council's land situated to the west of Stoney Stanton (shown coloured pink on Appendix A to the report) continues to be promoted as part of a policy-compliant and financially viable Strategic Development Area (SDA) within the emerging Blady District Local Plan;
- b) The approval be given to adding such part or parts of the 25 hectares of the Council's land (shown coloured blue on Appendix A) to the scheme to facilitate the delivery of essential infrastructure necessary to support the SDA and provide benefits to local communities, subject to its inclusion in any future equalisation agreement;
- c) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to finalise the terms of a land exchange with Stoney Stanton Parish Council to support the delivery of essential highway infrastructure, subject to its inclusion in any future equalisation agreement;
- d) That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance be authorised:

- i. To procure the specialist legal advice necessary to negotiate the formal collaboration and equalisation agreements in respect of the financial and other arrangements for the promotion, management and marketing of the development scheme and
  - ii. Following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, to enter into such collaboration and other legal agreements with other landowners and promoters as are necessary to facilitate delivery of the SDA scheme;
- e) That it be noted that further reports will be presented to the Cabinet and the Scrutiny Commission as appropriate regarding progress with the scheme.

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