

## COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 29 November 2018. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Democratic Services.

#### **REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF GAMBLING ACT 2005 POLICY (LICENSING COMMITTEE - 17 OCTOBER 2018)**

Council **AGREED** to

1. Adopt the Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement.
2. Authorise the Director of Health and Environmental Services to make any final grammatical or typographical corrections required to the policy before publication.

#### **REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING (2003 ACT) POLICY (LICENSING COMMITTEE - 17 OCTOBER 2018)**

Council **AGREED** to

1. Adopt the revised Licensing (2003 Act) Policy Statement.
2. Authorise the Director of Health and Environmental Services to make any final grammatical or typographical corrections required to the policy before publication.

#### **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGIES (MTFS) 2018/19 (CABINET - 7 NOVEMBER 2018)**

Council **AGREED** to

Approve the HRA Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in **Appendix 1** to this report, to include:

- noting changes in financial assumptions as detailed in **Appendix B** to the HRA MTFS.
- mid-year revenue budget changes, as detailed in **Appendix D(1)** to the HRA MTFS, which impact future forecasts for the HRA.
- mid-year capital budgets changes, as detailed in **Appendix E** to the HRA MTFS, to include recognition of the virement of resource of £1,560,000 from the unallocated acquisition / new build budget for the acquisition of market dwellings, to ensure that right to buy receipts are appropriately reinvested in 2018/19.

- updates in the new build budget and the new build schemes included in the Housing Capital Investment Plan, incorporation of the latest budgetary figures in respect of approved new build schemes, inclusion of new pipeline schemes with associated budgetary provision and re-phasing of expenditure in line with anticipated build timetables.
- changes in anticipated receipt and use of capital resources for the HRA, as included in **Appendix H** to the HRA MTFS.
- noting the HRA budget strategy for 2019/20, to include the exemplification of efficiency savings of £142,000, to facilitate the creation of a corresponding strategic investment fund also of £142,000 for 2019/20, with both reducing to £95,000 per annum from 2020/21 onwards for a further 4 years.
- noting the early proposals for bids and savings in the HRA, as detailed in **Appendix D (2)** to the HRA MTFS in advance of formal consideration as part of the HRA Budget Setting Report in February 2019.

### **ERMINE STREET HOUSING - RE-PHASING OF LENDING (CABINET - 7 NOVEMBER 2018)**

Council **AGREED** to bring forward lending of £13 million to Ermine Street Housing into 2018/19 by re-phasing the Capital Programme and bringing forward budget from future years to enable the Company to continue the business expansion as agreed by Cabinet and Council in November 2015.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (SECTION 151) (EMPLOYMENT & STAFFING COMMITTEE - 7 NOVEMBER 2018)**

Council **AGREED** to appoint Mr Robert Palmer as Interim S151 Officer with effect from 1 January 2019.

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

Council **AGREED** to appoint Mr Grant Osbourn as a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel for the remainder of the three year term of office ending on 31 July 2021.

### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PIPPA HEYLINGS**

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

Last month, world-leading scientists gave their starkest warning yet about the impacts of climate change if we do not make urgent and unprecedented changes to reduce GHG emissions. We are already feeling the effects in the UK of increased intensity and frequency of storms, flooding and heatwaves. We are also experiencing growing problems with water scarcity and air pollution. **This motion proposes that South Cambs shows responsible climate leadership by supporting the transition to "Zero Carbon by 2050" in the next Local Plan.** This would enable planners, developers, businesses and residents to maximize the opportunities of green technology whilst decoupling emissions from our rapid growth agenda. As a local authority, we have the power to influence this transformation. Planning has an important role to play in supporting the transition to zero carbon, not just in terms of building-related energy but also transport-related emissions and the infrastructure required to support growth. This also includes some of the "softer issues" such as the role of green infrastructure and urban design approaches that

can enable people to live lower carbon lifestyles. A zero carbon approach is also the most effective way to drive down fuel poverty and ensure warm homes for the most vulnerable in our society, whilst providing clean air for all.

#### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER TOPPING**

The following motion was **LOST**:

This Council has always supported the hard-working parish councils that do so much for the villages of South Cambridgeshire. The decision made by the Liberal Democrat Administration to bar parish councils from accessing the Community Chest funding is already causing surprise and dismay among small villages. This Council calls on the administration to re-consider its decision.

#### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GRENVILLE CHAMBERLAIN**

The following Motion was **LOST**:

This Council has a well-earned reputation for being effective and efficient, as a peer review carried out two years ago confirmed. Its officers are hard-working and enterprising. The Liberal Democrat Leader and Cabinet have decided to spend £50,000 on management consultants to decide "how the Council could best focus on delivering its priorities". This Council is disappointed that the resources of the council's senior management are not being used to this purpose, and regards the decision as indicative of a lack of leadership and purpose, and calls for the money to be re-allocated to delivery of front-line services.

#### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HEATHER WILLIAMS**

Council **AGREED** to refer the following motion for consideration by the Employment and Staffing Committee:

That this Council looks to adopt a premature and neo-natal baby leave policy that extends maternity leave and provides additional paternity leave for SCDC employees, in the event of having a premature or neo-natal baby.

#### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PHILIP ALLEN**

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

While this Council recognises the urgent need for high-quality public transport connections between Cambourne, Bourn Airfield and Cambridge, which will be delivered through the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), it believes that it is essential that decisions are made on the basis of publicly scrutinised evidence and advice to ensure that the best choices are made.

This Council therefore welcomes the undertaking from the GCP to publish the evidence relating to the northern off-road route as a first step towards a robust comparison, building on the work in the Combined Authority's recently published Arup report, between that northern route and the southern route via Coton, both of which meet the new requirement of the Combined Authority that any route be CAM-compliant.

This Council also acknowledges the commitment to ongoing work with the local communities along the proposed routes and calls for close engagement with

representatives of the A428 Local Liaison Forum (LLF) throughout the process of the development of the outline business case for the Cambourne to Cambridge project.

This Council welcomes the offer from GCP officers to look at plans to introduce interim on-road measures along Madingley Road on Madingley Hill, which the ward councillors for Coton, along with the LLF, have been calling for.

## **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EILEEN WILSON**

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is consulting on a proposed Rural Travel Hub at Oakington, which is served by the Guided Busway. The aim is to link up public transport, cycling and walking routes. This proposal could provide an attractive alternative to car journeys, promote health and wellbeing as well as helping to reduce congestion in and around Cambridge. For a village like Cottenham, with planning permission for over 500 new homes and the potential for ever increasing car usage, the Rural Travel Hub could encourage people to choose public transport over cars.

There is, however, no provision for any form of public transport linking Cottenham to Oakington. Without such a transport link, it would be very difficult for residents who can't or don't cycle to access the Guided Busway, but even for those who do cycle, it would be a dangerous journey without a safer cycle route.

Further, any proposed Rural Travel Hubs require decent, onward travel options that are good value, timely and dependable. Instead, many residents along the Busway route find the service patchy, expensive and, at peak times, frustratingly impossible to board when buses arrive full. These proposals, however, do not make provision for additional services on the Guided Busway at peak times.

This Council, therefore, calls on the Combined Authority to bring forward the outcome of the strategic review of commercial, subsidised and community transport. It is only with these provisions that the residents of villages like Cottenham could, at last, look forward to having the integrated, streamlined public transport provision that will make car use the less favourable option.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Council **AGREED**

To exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that if present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

## **CAMBRIDGE ICE ARENA FUNDING AGREEMENT**

Council **AGREED** to:

1. Note the independent report which concluded that the project is capable of completion within the forecast final account.
2. Approve the extension of the loan facility to be provided to Cambridge Leisure

and Ice Centre (CLIC) from £1.85m to £2.4m subject to the caveats recommended by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and to an additional caveat agreed at the meeting.

3. Approve additional actions as recommended by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
4. Approve, subject to completion of all outstanding matters, a delegation to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, to undertake further actions as specified in the report of the Executive Director.