

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2019

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 6 March 2019. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. 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 Ian Senior.

- 1. 2018-19 QUARTER 3 POSITION STATEMENT: PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE**
Cabinet reviewed and agreed the provisional forecast outturn position and the performance indicator results, and comments, and in-flight project updates in the report from the Head of Finance, and the appendices attached thereto.

Other Options Considered: None specified

Reason for Decision: To enable Members to understand the organisation's financial position and performance. This contributes to the evidence base for the ongoing review of priorities and enables, where appropriate, redirection of resources to reflect emerging priorities and address areas of concern.

- 2. BARRIERS TO COUNCIL PROCUREMENT FOR SMES TASK AND FINISH GROUP FINDINGS**
Cabinet

1. considered and approved, without amendments, the recommendations set out in paragraphs 11 to 34 of the report from the Interim Executive Director; and
2. requested that progress against any agreed recommendations be reviewed in 12 months' time.

Other Options Considered: None specified

Reason for Decision: The Barriers to Council Procurement for SMEs Task and Finish Group have reviewed the Council's existing procurement processes with a view to ensuring that council contracts are accessible to local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). They have developed a series of recommendations, outlined below, which, if implemented, could significantly improve the skills and knowledge of local companies and reduce the resource requirements when applying for council contracts.

- 3. BREXIT ADVISORY GROUP - PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**
Cabinet

- Approved the priorities for action agreed by the Brexit Advisory Group; and
- Directed officers to develop the priorities into detailed actions to be agreed with the Leader of the Council and implemented during 2019 or to

be incorporated into the Council's developing plan, as outlined in the Council's Business Plan, to support the South Cambridgeshire economy and local businesses.

Other Options Considered: None specified

Reason For Decision: To allow officers to develop actions to support South Cambridgeshire's small businesses during the UK's exit from the EU by developing a range of tools that will help including:

- the provision of information and advice;
- promotion of the district as a place to work and do business;
- ensuring that South Cambridgeshire's economic needs are recognised and funded;
- supporting our agricultural businesses; and
- continuing to manage the impact of Brexit on the Council

4. **EAST-WEST RAIL BEDFORD TO CAMBRIDGE CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

On behalf of South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cabinet approved the draft consultation response to the East-West Rail Bedford to Cambridge consultation, attached as Appendix 1 to the report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, subject to

1. amendments to reflect the following:

- On the approach to Cambridge section, removal of an expression of a preference, and focus instead on issues that should be taken into account, including emphasise the importance of connectivity, to the east of Cambridge, to the proposed Cambridge South railway station, and to other transport links;
- an assessment of the impact on the amenity of communities located along the chosen route
- an expression of the Council's disappointment that trains using the route at least at the outset would be diesel rather than electric,
- highlighting the necessity for measures to minimise any adverse impact on the environment and on heritage assets, and to explore opportunities for environmental enhancement, including to address flood risk.

2. delegation to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council, to finalise the wording of the response.

Options Considered: Members may decide to:

- Approve, without amendment, the proposed response by South Cambridgeshire to the East-West Rail Bedford to Cambridge consultation;
- Approve, with amendments, the proposed response by South Cambridgeshire to the East-West Rail Bedford to Cambridge consultation;
- Not approve the proposed response by South Cambridgeshire to the East-West Rail Bedford to Cambridge consultation.

Reason For Decision: To respond to the current East-West Rail Bedford to Cambridge consultation, having regard to the implications for South Cambridgeshire of the railway

route options, taking into account the limited information currently available.

5. SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL - AN ORGANISATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Cabinet

- a) Noted the progress of the organisational review to date;
- b) Agreed the proposed approach to communicating the findings and recommendations of the consultant's report;
- c) Approved a budget of £40,000 to enable the organisational review to progress to the next phase of developing a programme plan;
- d) Approved the Leader as Programme Sponsor;
- e) delegated further decisions relating to the next phase to the Leader, in consultation with the Cabinet, Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer.

Options Considered: Cabinet can either

- 1. approve the budget of £40,000 and instruct Castlerigg to commence the work and by doing so agree to progress to phase 2 of the organisational review; or
- 2. not approve the additional budget in which case there will be insufficient funds to progress this piece of work and phase 2 of the organisational change.

Reason For Decision: None specified