

## **Cabinet**

**Monday, 12 September 2022**

### **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 12 September 2022. 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 Jonathan Malton.

#### **1. Q1 Performance Report**

Cabinet:

- a) **Noted** the KPI results and comments at Appendix A and the Business Plan progress at Appendix B, and recommend action needed to reflect emerging priorities or issues.
- b) **Noted** the addition of new KPIs (PN519, AH230 and CC314) and the rationale for these, as detailed within the comments section of Appendix A.
- c) **Noted** the addition of the new 'Outlook RAG' column in the KPI report at Appendix A (see paragraph 8).

**Options Considered:** Recommended any actions required to address issues identified.

**Reason for Decision:** To help management and members to understand current and emerging performance trends and to consider action to reflect emerging priorities and areas of concern.

#### **2. Anglian Water Drainage and Waste Water Management Plan Consultation Response**

Cabinet:

- a) **Agreed** the response to the Anglian Water Drainage and Waste Water Management Plan 2022 consultation included in Appendix A of this report, subject to the following:

##### **Question 1 (paragraph 3**

Replace the wording from 'However...' to '...the future can be monitored' with the amended text

"However, reducing pollution, minimising pollution incidents from storm overflows and as a result improving the water quality should also be a key priority for the DWMP and be implemented as soon as possible. Improvements should be made to the monitoring undertaken and reported for Anglian Water's Environmental Performance Assessment in order to provide clear information in a timely manner on such events, and their environmental impacts, so the effectiveness of DWMP programme

in the future can be monitored.”

### Question 2 (paragraph 3)

In the sentence beginning ‘Given the need...’ between the words ‘...such as...’ and ‘...removing...’ add the words ‘...intermediate targets for...’

- b) **Agreed** to grant delegated authority to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the South Cambridgeshire District Council Lead Cabinet member for Planning and the Cambridge City Council Executive Councillor for Planning and Infrastructure (in consultation with chair and spokes), to make any minor editing changes and corrections identified to the response included at Appendix A prior to submission.

**Options Considered:** Cabinet could have:

- a) Agreed an alternative response.
- b) Agreed to not submit a consultation response, although that is not recommended given the importance of issues raised.

**Reason for Decision:** The proposed response addresses issues of importance to the Council in terms of effective and timely delivery of infrastructure and protection of the environment

### 3. 2022/2023 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring (Quarter 1)

Cabinet:

- a) **Noted** the forecast 2022/23 revenue position against the approved revenue budget shown in Appendix B, the projected major variances with reasons for these variances at Appendices C1 and C2 and the action being taken to address the underlying issues.
- b) **Noted** the latest Capital Programme 2022/23 position [and variances, if any] as shown in Appendix D.

**Options Considered:** Cabinet could have:

Not approved the report, although it contains monitoring information to ensure awareness of budget trends and emerging budget issues.

**Reason for Decision:** To advise the Cabinet of the latest monitoring information in respect of the 2022/23 revenue and capital budgets and emerging budget issues, for the first quarter period to 30 June 2022.

### 4. 2021/22 Provisional Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Outturn

Cabinet:

- a) **Noted** the 2021/22 revenue outturn position and the net overspend in the year of £0.029 million, and the explanations provided for the variances compared to the revised 2021/22 revenue budget;
- b) **Noted** the overall increase in the Housing Revenue Account balance as at 31 March 2021 to £5.681 million;
- c) In relation to the Capital Programme:
  - i) **Noted** the 2021/22 capital outturn of £17.485 million;

- ii) **Acknowledged** the performance achieved in relation to the Capital Programme schemes substantially completed in 2021/2022, summarised in Appendix A.
- iii) **Recommended** to Council the carry forwards to 2022/23 of £0.836 million in relation to HRA Housing improvements due mainly to slippage.
- iv) **Recommended** to Council carry forward amounts of £1.896 million to 2022/23 in relation to HRA housebuilding during 2021/22, due to slippage.
- v) **Noted** that a full review of the Capital Programme will be submitted to Cabinet at its December 2022 meeting to include re-phasing of the existing programme and new Capital bids for the next budget cycle.

**Options Considered:** Cabinet could have:

Not agreed some or all of the carry forward amounts but this could lead to delays and unfinished works.

**Reason for Decision:** To advise the Cabinet of the 2021/22 revenue and capital outturn, the impact that this will have on the Housing Revenue Account and to consider the necessary amendments to the Capital Programme. To note that a further review of the Capital Programme will be presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 12 December 2022.

## 5. **Trialling a four-day week at the Council**

Cabinet:

- a) **Approved** a trial to be run from January – March 2023, preceded by a planning period of three months.
- b) **Requested** the Employment & Staffing committee to receive update reports at its meeting on 10 November 2022 and 23 February 2023, with a view to reporting back to Cabinet after the end of the trial making recommendations as appropriate; and
- c) **Noted** that feedback would be received from Cambridge City Council's Strategy & Resources Committee meeting on 10 October 2022 and requested that officers continue to keep that committee updated with information during the planning period and trial.

**Options Considered:** Cabinet could have:

Decided to not to approve the trial.

**Reason for Decision:** To assess whether a four-day week could deliver benefits to the Council, and understand better the opportunities and challenges involved in changing the way we work.

## 6. **Acquisition 56 no. Affordable Homes, Cottenham**

Cabinet:

**Approved** the property acquisition as specified in paragraphs 6 and 7 in the exempt report.

**Options Considered:** As specified in paragraphs 26 and 27 of the exempt report

**Reason for Decision:** As specified in paragraphs 8-10 of the exempt report.

