

Council

Thursday, 5 October 2023

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 5 October 2023. 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.

Independent Members of Audit & Corporate Governance Committee (Civic Affairs Committee, 13 July 2023)

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Agreed to change the Constitution to allow the appointment of an Independent Member to the Audit and Corporate Committee, noting that they should:

- A) Not have voting rights;
- B) Be a resident within the Cambridgeshire area, the word resident to be defined by officers and approved by the Civic Affairs Committee; and
- C) The recruitment process to be delegated to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee.

Young People's Task and Finish Group Report from Scrutiny (Cabinet, 28 September 2023)

Council **agreed** to

- A) Ask officers to share the general feedback received from young people during the Task & Finish Group's work with local authorities and educational providers so they can take this into account when providing their services.
- B) Ask officers to write to Village Colleges in South Cambridgeshire to offer the opportunity to present to them on the elections process and ask if we can further support their curriculum.
- C) Note the successful youth engagement programme currently run by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service and supports the provision of appropriate coaching to enable officers in other priority areas such as housing and local business to find ways of similarly involving young people.
- D) Ask officers to investigate the feasibility of holding, within the next 12 months, a scheduled meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory

Committee at a local educational establishment, to which students and other young people should be invited.

- E)** Ask the Leader to write a letter to the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority highlighting the feedback from young people on the limitations of public transport and urging him to take into account their views when developing proposals for bus franchising.
- F)** Invite young people, including from the groups approached as part of the Task & Finish exercise (**Appendix 1**), to contribute evidence to officers involved in developing a new Equality Policy embracing generational differences.
- G)** Encourage all Members of South Cambridgeshire District Council to commit to engaging with young people and representative organisations in their wards by establishing regular visits to local schools, colleges, youth clubs and other locations as appropriate.

Membership of Committees and Outside Bodies

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Agreed to approve the appointment of Councillor Richard Stobart as representative on the Rural Services Network and the appointment of Councillor Anna Bradnam and Councillor Paul Bearpark as representatives on the A10 Ely to A14 Improvements Scheme Working Group.

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Noted that Councillor Lina Nieto was replacing Councillor Mark Howell on the Civic Affairs Committee. Councillor Mark Howell would now become a substitute on that Committee.

Standing in the name of Councillor Heather Williams

Council **agreed** to refer the following motion to Cabinet:

This Council will receive a report on the 4-day working week trial at the November 2023 meeting and will debate and vote as to whether or not the trial should continue. This report will include the potential consequences of ignoring the national government's directive to stop the trial, with particular reference to any financial consequences that may occur from ignoring the national government for a second time.