

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 28 January 2016. 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 Graham Watts.

1) LOCALISED COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

Council **APPROVED** the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/17.

2) FIRST PHASE CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND'S SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE ELECTORAL REVIEW

Council **APPROVED** the warding proposal as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, developed by the Member Champion in consultation with all Members, for submission to the to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as a Council response to the first phase of the review.

3) REVIEW OF COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

Council:

- (a) **APPROVED** the amendments to Council Standing Orders as set out in paragraphs 12.4, 14.6(g) to (i) and 24 of Appendix A to the report.
- (b) **AGREED** to the trial introduction of a new format for questions by Members at meetings of Council to include the usual process for submitting written questions by notice followed by the ability to ask questions without notice, including questions in relation to the Greater Cambridge City Deal, within a total timeframe of 30 minutes, and that this procedure be reviewed again by the Civic Affairs Committee in six months.
- (c) **APPROVED** the amendment of the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules to reflect the reduction of the quorum for both the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and Partnerships Review Committee to one quarter.

4) APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER AND DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

Council:

- (a) **APPOINTED** Shirley Tracey as the Council's interim Monitoring Officer, from 19 February 2016.
- (b) **NOTED** that the individual who currently holds the role of Monitoring Officer had resigned.
- (c) **ENDORSED** the recommendation of the Electoral Registration Officer to appoint the Electoral Services Manager to act as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

5) ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016/17

Council **ADOPTED** the Annual Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17.

6) MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Council:

- (a) **APPOINTED** Councillor Francis Burkitt as the Council's representative on the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board.
- (b) **APPOINTED** Councillor Ray Manning as the Council's substitute on the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board.
- (c) **APPOINTED** Councillor Christopher Cross onto the Corporate Governance Committee, in place of Councillor Francis Burkitt.

7) APPOINTMENT OF ERMINE STREET HOUSING BOARD MEMBERS

Council **APPOINTED** Councillors Andrew Fraser and Richard Turner onto the Ermine Street Housing Ltd Board.

8) NOTICES OF MOTION:

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JOHN WILLIAMS

The motion was lost.

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JANET LOCKWOOD

Council **AGREED** the following Motion:

“This Council writes a letter to the Minister of State urging him to scrutinise the arrangements for strategic planning of primary healthcare in development areas.

In my ward a development of 280 dwellings was awarded £200,000 S106 primary health provision. It is sitting in the Council and no effective plan has been put forward as to how it is to be spent. The nearest surgery has premises too small to extend on site to meet future needs. The houses are now being built rapidly and a solution needs to be found urgently. I understand from our Chief Executive that this is a problem affecting several areas and she has tried many lines of communication. I think a letter to the Minister from this Council might help.”

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR KEVIN CUFFLEY

Council **AGREED** the following Motion:

“The Council is asked to endorse the provision of a beacon with which to celebrate national events. This is particularly relevant this year to mark the Queens 90th birthday. The Council therefore asks officers to investigate the erection of a beacon at the Council offices, establish a budget, investigate grant opportunities and delegate any final decision to the Leader of the Council.”