

## **CABINET**

**WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2018**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 7 November 2018. 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.

Unless otherwise specified, reasons and options are as specified in the relevant reports.

- 1. NORTHSTOWE STARTER HOMES- STRATEGIC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**  
Cabinet approved the Strategic Collaboration Agreement attached as Appendix A to the report from the Head of Housing Strategy.
  
- 2. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADOPTION OF COMPLETED SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (SPDS) (LAND NORTH OF CHERRY HINTON SPD & CAMBRIDGESHIRE FLOOD AND WATER SPD)**  
Cabinet

  - (a) approved the adoption of the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document (with amendments listed in Appendix 1);
  - (b) approved the adoption of the Land North of Cherry Hinton Supplementary Planning Document (with amendments listed in Appendix 1); and
  - (c) delegated any subsequent minor amendments and editing of the SPDs to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development.
  
- 3. ADOPTION OF RECYCLING AND WASTE OPERATIONAL POLICIES**  
Cabinet

  - (a) approved the 'Waste Collection Policies and Procedures' document as and, in particular, the following three major changes to policy:
    - (i) Introduction of chargeable additional garden waste bins (South Cambridgeshire District Council only)
    - (ii) Change to monthly organic collection during December, January and February (Cambridge City Council only)
    - (iii) Change to 6am start time for domestic waste services (Cambridge

City Council only)

- (b) Delegated to the Director for Health and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Licensing at South Cambridgeshire District Council, and their opposite numbers at Cambridge City Council, the responsibility for approving minor updates to the document to ensure operational efficiency and customer satisfaction.

#### **4. MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME GRANTS CRITERIA**

Cabinet

- (c) approved the proposed changes to the Mobile and Community Warden Scheme Grant criteria and guidance notes, as set out at Appendix A to the report from the Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing; and
- (d) requested the Grants Advisory Committee to carry out a further review of the Mobile and Community Warden Scheme, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, to explore options regarding access to the Scheme throughout South Cambridgeshire, and consider the implications for the Council's budget from 2020-21 onwards.

#### **5. COMMUNITY ENERGY GRANTS CRITERIA**

Cabinet requested that the Grants Advisory Committee and Climate Change and Environment Advisory Committee each explore options for the more effective expenditure of community energy funding, and consider implications for the Council's budget, and that the Chairmen of the two Committees should then jointly formulate a recommendation to Cabinet.

**Reason for Decision:** To identify alternative ways in which the Community Energy Grant scheme can support action leading to climate change mitigation and improved environmental sustainability, thus aligning with emerging Council priorities.

#### **6. BUSINESS PLAN**

Cabinet

- 2. agreed that a public consultation be carried out about the following priorities for the 2019-2024 Business Plan
  - **Economic Development** – We will support businesses of all sizes, including rural enterprise and farming, to help create new jobs and opportunities near to where people live.

- **Housing that is affordable for everyone to live in** – Our focus will be on building vibrant and healthy communities with a range of homes people can genuinely afford to live in. Our communities will have the right facilities and services and be places where people love to live, not just groups of houses.
- **Climate and Environment** – We will put the environment at the centre of everything we do to create a cleaner, greener future for our communities.
- **A 21st Century Council** – We will provide our customers with the high quality services that we would expect ourselves, always strive to reduce costs, build on what we are good at to generate our own income and make decisions in a transparent, open and inclusive way.

as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report from the Chief Executive. The document and public consultation responses would then inform the further development of a full Business Plan.

3. Agreed that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to facilitate public consultation to last from Monday 19 November 2018 until Monday 7 January 2019, with the priorities being published on the Council's website and in the *South Cambs Magazine* for comment, and promoted through social media. Businesses receiving the Council's business newsletter would also be contacted, and Council staff would be briefed and engaged through the Council's intranet.

## 7. Exclusion of Press and Public

### 8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGIES (MTFS) 2018-19

Cabinet approved the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as set out in **Appendix 1** to the report from the Head of Finance, to include:

- 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
- approval of 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.

## 9. GENERAL FUND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) 2019-20

Cabinet

- a) Considered and noted the General Fund forecast as set out in **Appendix A** to the report from the Head of Finance, and:
  - Noted the assumptions underpinning the forecast;
  - Noted the indicative revenue pressures and their impact on savings requirements as set out at **Appendix C**;
  - Noted the amendments to the indicative capital programme and their impact on savings requirements as set out at **Appendix D**;
  - Instructed the Head of Finance to bring forward detailed draft estimates for 2018/19 based on assumptions and issues contained in this report for consideration by the Cabinet in the new year; and
  - Instructed the Executive Management Team (EMT) to identify and develop other options for meeting the additional income / savings requirement.
- b) Considered and endorsed the amendment to the Ermine Street Housing Business Plan attached at confidential **Appendix B** and, as a direct result, **recommended that Council** bring forward lending of £13 million to Ermine Street Housing into 2018/19 by re-phasing the Capital Programme, and bring forward budget from future years to enable the Company to continue the business expansion as agreed by Cabinet and Council in November 2015.
- c) Approved delegation of the use of the Business Efficiency Reserve to the Chief Executive