

## **COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 28 November 2019. 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.

#### **PETITIONS**

Council **AGREED** to note the petition and to give it due consideration when considering the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Conditions.

#### **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY AND CONDITIONS**

Council

##### **AGREED**

To defer Agenda Item 8(f) (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy) to allow for a further period of consultation and consideration, as appropriate.

#### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Council

##### **AGREED**

1. The updated Investment Strategy attached at Appendix A to the report of the Interim Director of Finance (subject to the re-ordering of paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3), which includes (i) a range of investment indicators to comply with the Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments and (ii) the governance arrangements that enable the Council to seek approval for priority investments in a timely manner in response to market conditions.
2. The consequent changes to the Scheme of Delegation to enable the Head of Commercial Development and Investment to progress investment opportunities, including due diligence checks, and to authorise the S151 Officer to submit non-binding offers in line with market practice.

## **GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2018/19**

Council

### **AGREED**

1. The re-designation of the established Business Efficiency Reserve as the Transformation Reserve and that the sum of £3 million be appropriated from the unallocated General Fund Reserve to the Transformation Reserve to enable the service transformation and organisational change programme to be resourced, noting that the General Fund unallocated reserve would then be £14.446 million.
2. The General Fund Revenue Budget Carry Forwards in the sum of £1.227 million, as outlined in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Finance.
3. The General Fund Capital Budget carry forwards of £6.464 million due mainly to the slippage of capital projects, as outlined in the report.

## **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2018/19**

Council

### **AGREED**

1. The Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget Carry Forwards from 2018/2019 to 2019/2020 in the sum of £0.739 million, identified at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Finance;
2. The Housing Revenue Account Capital Budget Carry Forwards from 2018/2019 to 2019/2020 of £1.124 million, identified at Appendix B.

## **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

Council **AGREED** that the current schedule of polling districts and polling places be retained with no changes.

## **GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE AND NEW BIDS**

Council

### **AGREED**

1. The allocation of additional funding of £545,000 from the Renewables Reserve to complete the footpath lighting upgrades given the environmental benefits, acknowledging that a full report would be submitted to Cabinet for approval that outlines the programme of work, timescales, costs and payback period.
2. The allocation of funding of £1,300,000 from the Renewables Reserve for a range of energy efficiency and green energy measures at South Cambridgeshire Hall, acknowledging that a full report would be submitted to Cabinet for approval that outlines the range of

modifications and enhancements proposed, costs and payback period.

3. The revised General Fund capital programme for the period 2019/2020 to 2024/2025, reproduced at Appendix C of the report of the Head of Finance, to reflect the new scheme bids, amendments to the programme and the reprofiling of expenditure identified in the report.

## **APPOINTMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (IRP)**

Council

### **AGREED**

1. That a letter be sent to Simon Harris thanking him, on behalf of the Council, for his work as a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
2. That Jane Phillips be appointed as an interim Member of the Independent Remuneration Panel until a permanent member can be appointed.
3. That the Interim Member be paid an allowance, pro rata of the annual rate of £200, for the months served on the Panel.
4. That the Interim Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the IRP, be authorised to undertake a recruitment and selection process to identify a permanent member of the panel and to recommend a candidate for appointment.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Council **NOTED** and **ENDORSED** the following changes in Committee membership and substitute appointments:

- (a) Scrutiny and Overview Committee
  - (i) Councillor Ruth Betson replaced by Councillor Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya as a member of the committee; and
  - (ii) Councillor Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya replaced by Councillor Ruth Betson as a substitute member of the committee.
- (b) Cambridge Fringes Joint Development Control Committee
  - (i) Councillor Steve Hunt replaced by Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton as a member of the joint committee; and
  - (ii) Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton replaced by Councillor Steve Hunt as a substitute member of the joint committee.

## **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PIPPA HEYLINGS**

Council **AGREED** the following motion:-

This Council was one of the first District Councils to pledge a Zero Carbon target back in November 2018, before national government announced its

Zero Carbon by 2050 legislation. The unanimous motion focused on delivering Zero Carbon by 2050 across the Greater Cambridge area through the next Local Plan and, indeed, the climate emergency is now a key issue for the new Local Development Plan, which is currently being drafted. Since last November, the Council has ensured that Zero Carbon is central to its corporate Business Plan, budget and new green investment strategy - in order to ensure the resources and officer time necessary to become the greenest Council. It has installed solar panels at the Waterbeach Waste Depot, drafted new Supplementary Planning guidance to support existing policy, and set up the new Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme. More still needs to be done. The Council is collating and commissioning evidence to determine how and when carbon reduction targets in each sector will be reached.

The Council, therefore, pledges to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency;
2. Report to Full Council within 6 months on the carbon reduction targets and projects for the Council's own buildings and operations;
3. Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions by the Council are in line with a shift to zero carbon;
4. Ensure that the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan fulfills its role in bringing forward net zero carbon development, particularly in new housing and infrastructure, as well as ensuring that new development can adapt to our changing climate;
5. Work with partners across the district to deliver this target through investment, skills, strategies and planning; and
6. In order to enable South Cambridgeshire and the rest of the UK to reach net zero carbon before 2050, call on government, industry and regulators to implement the necessary changes with funding, transformed national infrastructure, policy, new technologies and legislation.

#### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MARK HOWELL**

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

South Cambridgeshire District Council believes all sectors of the community should be able to access its services. This Council asks the Disability Task and Finish Group to examine the British Deaf Association Charter which is designed as a vehicle to remove direct and indirect discrimination, empower local deaf communities and improve dialogue between South Cambridgeshire District Council and Deaf people.

#### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER TOPPING**

The following motion was **LOST**:

This Council agrees that all budget holding "lead cabinet members" should hold at least 3 public meetings per calendar year.

## **POTENTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION - CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE PARK**

Council **AGREED:**

1. The investment of up to the sum referred to in the exempt report from the Interim Director of Finance, as amended by the exempt supplement and revised Appendix A circulated to all Members, comprising property acquisition costs and refurbishment and letting costs in accordance with the approved Investment Strategy, to acquire the property at Cambridge Science Park and to refurbish the building as a multi-let office investment.
2. The re-profiling of the Investment Strategy capital allocations to bring forward sufficient funds to enable the property at 1. above to be acquired in 2019/2020 and refurbishment to be commenced thereafter.
3. The use of the General Reserve, if required, for the potential revenue cost impacts of the acquisition, prior to the realisation and inclusion of the net additional income from the portfolio investment in the revenue budget.