

Council  
Decisions  
19 July 2019



Agenda item	Decision
<b>1 Minutes</b>	Approved as amended in the Information Pack
To consider the recommendations from the Executive	
<b>5a Cambridge Live: Business Plan Review (Executive Councillor for Communities)</b>	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 22 to 2 votes)</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Revised the Council's 2018/19 budget to make an allocation of £500k from Reserves to be utilised for the purpose specified in 2.1 of the officer's report during 2018/9 and 2019/20 with full delegation for management of the funds assigned to the Chief Executive.</p>
<b>5b 2017/18 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances – Housing Revenue Account (Executive Councillor for Housing)</b>	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 24 to 0 votes)</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Approved carry forward requests of £3,798,000 in HRA and General Fund Housing capital resources from 2017/18 to 2018/19 to fund rephased net capital spending, as detailed in Appendix D and the associated notes to the appendix.</p>
<b>5c Annual Treasury Management (Outturn) Report 2017/18</b>	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 24 to 0 votes)</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Approved the report which included the Council's</p>

<b>(Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)</b>	actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2017/18.
<b>5d 2017/18 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances (All Portfolios) (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)</b>	<p>Amendments proposed by Councillors McGerty and Bick were lost (by 13 votes to 23).</p> <p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 24 to 0 votes)</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Carried forward requests totalling £1,330k General Fund revenue funding from 2017/18 to 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix C.</li> <li>ii) Carried forward requests of £14,111k capital resources from 2017/18 to 2018/19 to fund rephased net capital spending, as detailed in Appendix D - Overview (including £10,313k General Fund and £3,798 relating to the Housing Capital Investment Plan).</li> <li>iii) (Request from Communities Portfolio:) allocated an additional £100,000 from General Fund reserves to be made available for the Community Grants budget in 2019/20 to help fund projects delivered by the voluntary and community sector which will reduce poverty.</li> </ul>
To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption	
<b>7a Civic Affairs: Council submission to Local Government Boundary Commission for England on new warding arrangements for Cambridge City Council</b>	<p>Approved (unanimously) recommendations of the Civic Affairs committee as listed in the supplement papers.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>Approved the submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as set out in the appendix to the adoption minute to Council.</p>

To consider notice of Motions	
<p><b>9a Councillor Todd-Jones: Toilet Twinning</b></p>	<p>Resolved (Unanimously)</p> <p>Toilet Twinning is an initiative similar to twinning towns and cities, inviting individuals and organisations to ‘twin’ toilets with latrines in poor communities. The raising of funds in this way enables people in poorer countries to have clean water and a proper toilet. Hygiene awareness is a key focus of the Toilet Twinning programme.</p> <p>Toilet Twinning works through community mobilisation, creating locally owned, locally delivered water and sanitation programmes. In conflict areas, where little infrastructure exists, Toilet Twinning funds programmes that build toilets and provide clean water.</p> <p>The lack of adequate sanitation has a particular impact on women and, in this Year of the Woman, organisations backing Toilet Twinning include Soroptimist International, dedicated to making a difference to the lives of women and girls locally, nationally, and internationally through education, empowerment, and leadership projects.</p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <p>Chester became the first UK Toilet Twinned City in 2015. Soroptimist International of Cambridge have already twinned 42 toilets, working with communities and organisations, and request that Cambridge City Council formally applies to Toilet Twinning UK so that Cambridge becomes a Toilet Twinned City;</p> <p>In conjunction with improvements to our public toilets, as part of the Toilet Twinned City initiative the City Council nominates public toilets so that £60 per nominated toilet, funded by Soroptimist International of Cambridge, is donated to a poorer country, as advised by Toilet Twinning UK, to help</p>

	<p>provide clean water and toilet facilities;</p> <p>Requests the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces to work with officers and Soroptimist International of Cambridge to identify toilets within the remit of the City Council as part of the application to become a Toilet Twinned City, and to invite the Mayor of Cambridge and Members of Parliament representing Cambridge to be part of this initiative.</p>
<p><b>9b Councillor Cantrill – Housing solutions to help hardworking people live in Cambridge</b></p>	<p>Resolved to approve the motion as amended (Unanimously)</p> <p>The Cambridge housing market, as outlined in the City Council's Interim Housing Strategy Statement 2017, is set in a challenging national and local context and one moreover frequently subject to ongoing policy and legislative changes, exemplified by the recent appointment of Kit Malthouse, MP, as the 8th Housing Minister since 2010 and the second in the last 8 months alone.</p> <p>This Council recognises that "good quality, affordable housing, whatever the tenure, is the key to delivering the opportunity for all our city's residents to thrive and live in mixed communities of their own choice" (Interim Housing Strategy Statement 2017) and it welcomes the unanimous endorsement of the Strategy and its key strategic priorities by all members of Housing Scrutiny Committee in March 2017.</p> <p>The Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the Strategy prioritises the provision of new council homes for those on low incomes, aiming for rents to be at or below LHA levels</li> <li>• that for many in work council housing remains the best option for a decent, secure and affordable home, including</li> </ul>

many working in the education and health sectors

- that the Strategy recognises the need for intermediate tenure housing and supports the delivery of different tenure models across the Greater Cambridge area whilst acknowledging that this cannot be at the expense of providing a supply of social housing.
- That the Council set up a wholly owned council company - Cambridge City Housing Company - to purchase market sale properties to be let on the intermediate market at submarket rents and that there are plans to expand its property portfolio on the redeveloped Mill Road Depot site and other General Fund sites.

The Council further notes that the last report to the Housing Scrutiny Committee on Intermediate Market Housing was in 2014, It further notes that shared ownership properties on its own sites, such as Clay Farm and Homerton, have proven difficult to sell and that since 2014 the intermediate tenure housing market has become increasingly complex, comprising shared ownership, shared equity, Help To Buy equity loans and intermediate rents. Alongside these further Low Cost Home Ownership (LCHO) market sale options have also emerged such as starter homes and 'pocket' homes such as those delivered by Pocket Living, where high density, high quality design compact flats are delivered on small, mainly brownfield, sites with a 20% discount to the market value in perpetuity for first time buyers meeting locally agreed criteria as a condition of planning consent. It also notes that Homes England and the Mayor of London have recognised the potential of options such as 'pocket

	<p>homes' to help address affordability issues in high priced areas and have provided some funding for site assembly to developers like Pocket Living.</p> <p>It therefore requests the Strategic Director to bring a detailed report on Intermediate Market Housing to the Housing Scrutiny Committee to clarify the different options and the ongoing joint work with other councils and partners such as the Great Cambridge Partnership and Combined Authority to increase provision for the 'squeezed middle' who live or work in Cambridge.</p>
<p><b>9c Councillor Smart: Brexit</b></p>	<p>Amendment proposed by Councillor Cantrill was lost (by 13 to 23 votes).</p> <p>Amendment proposed by Councillor Bick approved (unanimously) (as amended)</p> <p>Cambridge is an international city that relies on working with people and organisations across the world, including all European countries.</p> <p>Cambridge City Council expresses its deep concern about the expected damage to our city and residents from the continued failure of the Government over Brexit, and the projected impact on Cambridge of the Government's proposals.</p> <p>We ask the Leader of the Council to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- write to the Prime Minister to make clear how her Government is putting Cambridge at risk</li> <li>- share this with our local MPs, and support Cambridge MP Daniel Zeichner in achieving the best possible outcome for Cambridge.</li> </ul> <p>-Agree with South Cambridgeshire District Council to evolve its proposed members' "Brexit Advisory Group" as soon as practical into a joint group between the two councils to assess the impact of</p>

	Brexit on our shared economy, as prompted by the Interim Report of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review.
<b>9d Councillor McGerty: A GoodGym for Cambridge</b>	<p>Resolved (unanimously):</p> <p>Noting the potential to get fit and do good through volunteering with the GoodGym movement; its success elsewhere in helping isolated older people with practical tasks and avoiding loneliness; and the 495 local residents who have already signed up online to express an interest; this Council calls on the Executive Councillor for Communities to make contact with the organisation and explore ways in which the council could support the development of a Cambridge GoodGym group.</p> <p>Ref: <a href="https://www.goodgym.org/proposals/cambridge">https://www.goodgym.org/proposals/cambridge</a></p>

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