

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee 03 July 2023

Decisions

5. To Note Record of Urgent Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Finance, Resources and Transformation

The decision was noted.

6. Approval of funding for the construction of Cherry Hinton Hub

The decision was noted.

7. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Update

The Leader of the Council agreed the following:

- To invite the Council's representative on the Combined Authority Board, Councillor Anna Smith, to provide an update on the Board and issues considered at the meeting of the Combined Authority Board held on 31 May 2023.

8. Collection Changes - The Future of Waste Collections

The Executive Councillor for Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity agreed the following:

- To note the round optimisation process and revised number of routes as set out at paragraph 33.
- To note the impact that past and future growth and legislative changes will have on the collection service.
- To approve the trial of a four-day week waste collection service for three months from Summer 2023 to be funded by existing operational budgets within the service, with a report on the outcome of the trial presented to Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee in the Autumn of 2023.
- To note that South Cambridgeshire Cabinet approved a trial on 15 May 2023.

9. Place Group Resource for Key Projects

The Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources agreed the following:

- Recommend to Full Council approval of funding for additional resource as set out in Section 4 (a) the report.

10. Social Impact Investment Fund or Organisation

The Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources agreed to recommend to Full Council the following:

- The allocation of £200,000 development funding to support the establishment of Greater Cambridge Impact ('the Fund') and enable fundraising over the next year.
- To agree 'in principle' a further £800,000 contribution to the Fund once it is established, subject to progress made to secure funding commitments of £5m from other parties, and that officers should provide advice in relation to this decision at a later date.
- To note that a) and b) are one-off financial contributions from Reserves with the objective of leaving a lasting legacy from additional business rates collected due to the growth of the Cambridge economy.
- To note that activity to establish the Fund will be overseen by a Fund Development Board; that the £200,000 development funding will be managed by Jemma Little, Economic Development Manager, Cambridge City Council in line with council policies; and that progress will be reported by the Fund Development Board on a regular basis to the Executive Cllr for Finance and Resources and may be brought back to the Strategy & Resources Committee to provide updates at key stages over the next year

11. 2022/23 General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances

The Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources agreed to recommend to Full Council the following:

- To carry forward requests totalling £1,391,800 of revenue funding from 2022/23 to 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix C. These are carry forward requests in excess of £50k. Requests up to and including £50k which total £176,070 are approved via delegated authority to the Chief Financial Officer.

- To approve additional budget in 2023/24 of £80k to the Climate Change Fund funded from reserves, as detailed in Paragraphs 3.6 to 3.8 below.
- To approve the allocation of £200k from the General Fund reserve to establish Greater Cambridge Impact (GCI) as detailed in Paragraphs 3.9 and 3.10 below.
- To approve the allocation of £218k in 2023/24 from the General Fund reserve to fund the additional resource required to enable the delivery of key programmes and projects within the Place Group. The allocation required will increase to £267k in 2024/25 and £281k 2025/26 onwards as detailed in Paragraphs 3.11 below.
- To carry forward requests of £81,444,000 of capital resources from 2022/23 to 2023/24 to fund rephased net capital spending, as detailed in Appendix D.

12. Annual Treasury Management Outturn Report 2022/23

The Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources agreed the following:

- To recommend this report to Council, which includes the Council's actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2022/23.

13. Provision of Temporary Agency Workers from December 2023

The Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources agreed the following:

- To delegate authority to the Head of Human Resources, following agreement by the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources, to procure a Managed Service Provider for the provision of temporary agency workers through the national Managed Services for Temporary Agency Resources (MSTAR4) framework, with effect from 20 December 2023.

14. City Operations

The Leader of the Council agreed the following:

- To agree the City Services Director should proceed with consultation and implementation of a revised management structure.
- To support the exploration and implementation for an alternative delivery model for stores, recognising the TUPE implications for staff in this area (detailed further in Appendix 3).
- To support the progression of the following projects:
 - i. Alternative Delivery Model for Stores

- ii. Greater use of Digital and Data
- iii. Pilot the change of core operating hours in Estates and Facilities.
- To recognise the pipeline of activity over the next 12-24 months to achieve a financially sustainable City Services group that provides lean, reliable, responsible services delivered by teams who have the skills and empowerment to get the job done.

15. Annual Performance, "State of the City" and Customer Feedback Report 2022/23

The Leader of the Council agreed the following:

- To note the Annual Report against the Council's Corporate Plan and associated KPI table.
- To note the Annual Complaints and Customer Feedback Report.
- To note the 'State of the City' report.