

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee 29 January 2024

Decisions

5. 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 29 November 2023.
- To invite Nick Bell, the Director for Resources and Performance at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to take questions from committee members on issues relating to the CPCA budget.

6. Corporate, Policy & Partnerships Group Design Programme

The Leader of the Council agreed the following:

- Agree the purpose, value statements, high-level functions and operating model as set out in this paper;
- Agree to delegate decisions in relation to the detailed operational design to the Chief Operating Officer, and for consultation and implementation of changes to staffing structures, in line both with the direction recommended in this paper and our Organisational Change Policy.

7. Civic Quarter Project

The Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources agreed the following:

- Note the report and the development of the Proof of Concept on the Guildhall and associated cost and revenue estimates for the Options 1 and 2.
- Approve the delegated authority to Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Strategy & Resources and the Chair and Spokes to appoint a design team through a compliant procurement exercise for the Civic Quarter project.
- Agree that:

- A budget proposal of £1m for progression to the end of RIBA stage 2 for the Guildhall, is put forward to be considered as part of the Council's budget setting process, funded from the Civic Quarter Development Reserve, and
- In principle, £0.450m should be allocated for progression to the end of RIBA stage 2 for the Market Square and for a feasibility and refurbishment RIBA 2 design for the Corn Exchange with final approval delegated to the Executive Councillor for Strategy and Resources and the Chair and Spokes. £0.300m to be allocated from the Civic Quarter Development Reserve and £0.150m from the existing Market Square capital scheme. 2.5 Note the review by Cambridge Investment Partnership (CIP) of the options of Mandela House to provide a capital receipt and profit return for the Council. 2.6 Request that a further report and recommendations be brought back to Committee in November 2024 to enable review and approval of: 2.6.1 the business case options for Mandela House, including redevelopment, disposal and refurbishment, and for the refurbishment of the Civic Quarter 2.6.2 progression to planning applications 2.6.3 a procurement strategy of a construction or development partner.

8. Hartree - Proposed Early Stage Development and Possible Acceleration (Subject to Permissions)

Members voted to go into exempt session as the report relates to information which following a public interest test the public is likely to be excluded by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 ie. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The Leader of the Council agreed the recommendations.