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CAMBRIDGE
 CITY COUNCIL

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Amendment to Strategy & Resources: 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances - General Fund - OVERVIEW

Recommendation (as noted on page 43 of your Council Agenda)

a) To agree carry forward requests, totalling £632,970, as detailed in Appendix C of the officer's report, subject to the final outturn position.

Add:

Note that Appendix C contains an item for £16,000 - Food and Occupational Safety - this is incorrectly listed in the Environmental & Waste Services portfolio and so, following approval at Council, this carry forward will be transferred to Community Development & Health budgets for 2012/13.

b) Carry forward (net) capital resources to fund re-phased capital spending of £8,872,000 as shown in Appendix D of the officer's report - Overview.

Oral Questions for Council

1. Councillor Moghadas to the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sport and Public Places

Having made a big media splash on 13th July, Cambridge Evening News, what assurances can the Executive Councillor provide to the future funding and timescale of the Romsey Beach Resort?

2. Councillor Pitt to the Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change

Does the Executive Councillor join me in welcoming the recent announcement from the Government that they are to simplify the introduction of 20mph limits in urban areas?

3. Councillor Blackhurst to the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sport and Public Places

Could the Executive Councillor provide the council with an update on developer contribution projects in the southern part of the city?

4. Councillor Hart to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Can the Executive Councillor for Housing please state what was the annual budget for fencing repairs in Abbey and citywide last year and this year?

5. Councillor Herbert to the Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change

Which Executive Councillor(s) made the decision on the planned apportionment of affordable housing on the University-led NW Cambridge development, and on what date and how was the decision taken and reported to Councillors, and what were the detailed proposed %s to be allocated to people in different categories of housing need ahead of any planning application?

6. Councillor Benstead to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Does the Executive Councillor agree that it is important to foster community spirit on the estates, which the council has responsibility for?

7. Councillor Kerr to the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health

What progress have officers made in investigating ways for the council to enable more people in Cambridge to access credit unions?

8. Councillor Kightley to the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sport and Public Places

Does the Executive Councillor believe that the Olympic Torch Relay was a success for Cambridge?

9. Councillor Dryden to the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sport and Public Places

Could you please give us the reasons why the Cherry Hinton members of the City Council were not consulted this year concerning the new arrangements with the Folk Festival when you publicly stated you had strong political backing?

10. Councillor Price to the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

In 2008 the Council used its enforcement powers to end commercial punting from its land on Jesus Green. Will it now use the same powers to prevent commercial punting from the slipway it now owns at Garrett Hostel Bridge?

11. Councillor McPherson to the Leader

I hope the Council will agree with me that road safety is of vital importance as much in our county and city as it is across the rest of the country.

Could I ask the Leader therefore if he will join with me in using his considerable influence at county level to ensure that the post of Casualty Reduction Officer for Cambridgeshire is not reassigned as a 'staff position' (that is 'civilianised') within Cambridgeshire Constabulary, as may well be the case at the next Police Authority meeting. The influence on young divers and riders especially is far greater when advised and instructed by a 'Warranted Police Officer' in this role than is likely from someone in a civilian capacity however competent, dedicated and able that person may be.

12. Councillor Johnson to the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

Can the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources explain why the proposed Cambridge Business Improvement District plan by Love Cambridge failed to properly consult with residents?

13. Councillor Reiner to the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sport and Public Places

What is the Executive Councillor's view of the decision of the Heritage Lottery Fund not to support the Jesus Green bid?

14. Councillor Boyce to the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sport and Public Places

Could the Executive Councillor comment on the possibility of the city hosting the Tour de France?

15. Councillor Moghadas to the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sport and Public Places

As a third of the £129 000 spent on the Olympic Community Arts Project was Council funds, can the Executive Councillor explain why there was no secure storage provision for the giant puppets in Cambridge, resulting in them being stored in Brighton?

16. Councillor McPherson to the Leader

After the recent publication over last weekend of the fiasco that has befallen G4S in attempting to create a Security structure for the coming Olympic games: Can the Leader seek to reassure us that he will use all means at his disposal to halt the plans by the Chief Constable of Cambridge Constabulary to out-source many support posts and even front line posts such as dog section to G4S and recognise that although saving must be made this may not now be the most effective way of making them.

17. Councillor Herbert to the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

Will the Executive Councillor ensure that the River Cam, Parker's Piece, Christ's Pieces and all publicly owned spaces in the city centre are deleted from the area or responsibility of the proposed Business Improvement District?

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Delete from paragraph starting “and that these major issues ...” to end. Then insert at end:

The Council further recognises that

- South Cambridgeshire District Council have stated that it is neither necessary nor practical to speed up their local plan review process sufficiently to match the City Council’s dates
- To delay the City Council’s local plan review process to match South Cambridgeshire District Council’s dates would run the risk of opening up a policy vacuum which could be exploited by developers to promote inappropriate development in and around Cambridge.

The Council endorses the objective of achieving alongside South Cambridgeshire District Council two complementary local plans which make sense whether taken separately or together, supported by a consistent transport strategy enabled by Cambridgeshire County Council, but it fails to see why this can only be achieved by surrendering local decision-making upwards. It notes the machinery already established through which the City Council, along with other authorities, will seek to discharge their legal duty to co-operate:

- The County Council is preparing its Transport Strategy on a trajectory to match with the two Districts’ plans and is consulting on transport planning alongside the districts’ local plan Issues and Options consultations (there was no comparable transport strategy underpinning the 2006 Local Plan).
- The City Council, the County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have set up a Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Group to co-ordinate planning activities in the Cambridge area, and this body has committed to a shared process and consultation on the “broad locations for development” around Cambridge. The current issues and options consultation will be followed by a joint ‘fringe sites’ consultation before Christmas.

- The County Council along with all the districts and Peterborough City Council have agreed and contributed to the setting up of the Cambridgeshire Joint Planning unit and set up a Strategic Planning & Transport Joint Member Group to co-ordinate evidence preparation and strategic planning across the county
- Officers of the councils are working closely together to support this joined-up plan making process. Key parts of the evidence base have been jointly commissioned (e.g. the infrastructure study and the Employment Land review) and there is significant day to day working going on.

The Council further notes and endorses the work already under way in conjunction with our partner authorities to investigate the potential for the Cambridge City Region to attract devolved powers from central government to facilitate its contribution to national economic growth in the manner of the recent "city deals" with the 8 core cities.

The Council asks the Executive to

(a) Ensure that officers and members continue to work closely with partner councils to deliver as joined-up a spatial and transport planning process as is practical.

(b) Continue work on the City Deal concept and if it appears to add value to our objectives within the area, to bring forward a bid to central government.