

Strategy and Resources  
Scrutiny Committee Decisions  
7 October 2019



<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>3. Minutes</b>	The minutes of the 1 July 2019 Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee were approved as a correct record.
<b>5. Urgent Decision Taken from Exec Cllr for Finance and Resources</b> a) <b>Acquisition of long leasehold interest in Units 1-10 Nuffield Close p25-34</b> b) <b>Kings Parade p35-38</b>	a) Decision noted  b) Decision noted
<b>6. Combined Authority Update</b>	The Committee noted the recommendation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Receive an update on issues considered at the meeting of the Combined Authority held on 31 July and 25 September 2019.</li> </ul>

	The Executive Councillor noted the recommendation.
<b>7. Shared Services Joint Scrutiny</b>	An Oral update on this matter was provided at the Scrutiny Committee.
<b>8. Corporate Fire Risk Management Strategy &amp; Policy</b>	<p>The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approve the Fire Risk Management Strategy subject to the amendments tabled at the committee meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.</p>
<b>9. Temporary Agency Worker Provision from December 2019</b>	<p>The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Delegate authority to the Head of Human Resources, following agreement by the Strategic Director, 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 (MSTAR3) framework, with effect from 20 December 2019.</li> </ul> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.</p>
<b>10. Local Government Ombudsman Case ID 18005464 Decision</b>	<p>The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Note that LGO has upheld a complaint relating to an unauthorised mooring;</li> <li>ii. Note that in these circumstances that the Head of Legal Services as the Council's Monitoring Officer has an obligation to report the findings to the Council and</li> <li>iii. Agree that the Committee was satisfied with the action that has been taken (set out in Section 6 of the report);</li> </ul> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.</p>

<p><b>11. Review of Council Tax Reduction Scheme</b></p>	<p>The Committee unanimously approved to recommend to Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approve the proposed localised Council Tax Reduction schemes (as set out in the officers report).</li> </ul> <p>An amendment was agreed to the delegation to the Head of Revenues and Benefits which is detailed (as underlined text) below.</p> <p>Summary of key recommendations from April 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To adopt earnings based banded local Council Tax Reduction scheme for Universal Credit claimants and to have fixed non-dependant deductions for these claims.</li> <li>ii. To continue with the current Council Tax Reduction scheme (to include annual uprating) for working age claimants who are not in receipt of Universal Credit.</li> <li>iii. To agree uprating equal to September CPI for income bands, amounts to pay and non-dependant bands and deductions.</li> <li>iv. To approve delegation of the Council Tax Reduction schemes annual review to the Head of Revenues and Benefits, and subject to the above recommendations being adopted, that these schemes continue (subject to uprating) until March 2023. <u>Any changes to the core schemes in the officers report, or to the universal credit timeline 2023 will be brought back to Committee.</u></li> <li>v. To provide transitional protection for households transferring to the banded scheme on 1 April 2020.</li> </ul> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation to Council.</p>
<p><b>12. General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy</b></p>	<p>The Committee approved, by 3 votes to 0 the recommendation to Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Agree the budget strategy and timetable as outlined in Section 1 [pages 5 to 7 refer] of the MTFS document.</li> </ul>

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- ii. Agree the incorporation of changed assumptions and indicative net unavoidable budget pressures identified in Section 4 [pages 20 to 22 refer]. This provides an indication of the net savings requirement, by year for the next five years, and revised projections for General Fund (GF) revenue and funding as shown in Section 5 [page 23 refer] and reserves [section 7 pages 30 to 33 refer] of the MTFS document.
- iii. Note the changes to the capital plan as set out in Section 6 [pages 24 to 29 refer] and Appendix A [pages 37 to 41 refer] of the MTFS document and agree the new proposals.

Ref.	Description / £'000s	2019/ 20	2020/ 21	2021/ 22	2022/ 23	2023/ 24	2024/ 25	Total
<b>Proposals</b>				-				
SC64 6	Redevelopm ent of Cambridge Junction	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
SC65 8	CCTV infrastructur e – additional cost	75	-	-	-	-	-	75
SC69 1	HR and payroll – new system	20	150	-	-	-	-	170
SC699	Corn Exchange fire doors	37	-	-	-	-	-	37
SC67 2	Mill Road redevelopm ent – developmen t loan to CIP	-	1,142	-	-	-	-	1,142
SC69 5	Cromwell Road redevelopm ent – equity contribution	-	329	333	-	-	-	662
SC69 6	Cromwell Road redevelopm ent – developmen t loan to CIP	2,376	5,481	1,000	-	-	-	8,857
SC70 1	Dales Brewery – replacement fire alarm system	24	-	-	-	-	-	24

	<p>Total 2,782 7,102 1,333 - - - 11,217</p> <p>Proposals</p> <p>iv. Agree changes to GF reserve levels, the prudent minimum balance being set at £5.51m and the target level at £6.61m as detailed in section 7 [pages 30 to 33 refer] and Appendix B [pages 42 and 43 refer].</p> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation to Council.</p>
<p><b>13. Cambridge Junction Redevelopment RIBA Stage 1 Works</b></p>	<p>The Scrutiny Committee resolved by 3 votes to 0, to exclude members of the public from the meeting on the grounds that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972</p> <p>The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation:</p> <p>i. Approve the officer's recommendation.</p> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.</p>
<p><b>14. Park Street Car Park Redevelopment Update on Final Scheme</b></p>	<p>The Scrutiny Committee resolved by 3 votes to 0, to exclude members of the public from the meeting on the grounds that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972</p> <p>The Committee approved the revised recommendations by 3 votes to 0 to:</p> <p>ii. Approve the officer's recommendation.</p> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.</p>
<p><b>15. Treasury Management Half Yearly Update</b></p>	<p>The Committee approved by 3 votes to 0 to recommend to Council to:</p> <p>i. Approve the report which included the Council's estimated Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2019/20 to 2022/23.</p>

<b>Report 2019/20</b>	<p>ii. Approve an increase in the Authorised Limit for External Debt from £300m to £400m (paragraph 5.3 of the officer's report).</p> <p>iii. Note the inclusion of loans to the Cambridge City Housing Company and Cambridge Investment Partnership on the Current Counterparty list shown in Appendix B of the officer's report.</p> <p>The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation to Council.</p>
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