



## Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee 8 February 2021 Decisions

### 5. Noted the following Officer Urgent Decisions:

- 5a. Discretionary Self-Isolation Payments
- 5b. Discretionary Self-Isolation Payments – revised
- 5c. Addressing the implications for business and the city centre in the context of the coronavirus restrictions

### 6. Kings Parade – Vehicular Access Restrictions

- The Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety noted the outcomes of public and stakeholder engagement and consultation, and behavioural monitoring, on the interim scheme introduced from January 2020;
- The Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety noted the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on everyday life and visitor numbers to the city, and the limitations on undertaking a fully comprehensive evaluation of the scheme's effects, through 2020;
- The Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety supported a request to Cambridgeshire County

Council for Traffic Regulation Orders to become permanent, enabling the existing controls and a fuller appraisal of their effects to continue beyond 13th July 2021;

- The Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety requested that officers continue to investigate and develop a more sympathetic and suited longer-term solution that addresses the primary limitations of the existing interim scheme, and aligns with parallel work with partner organisations and groups to better manage access to the city-centre.

#### 7. Update on the work of Key External Partnerships

- The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships noted the contents of the report and continue to work with the Greater Cambridge Partnership, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Fast Growing Cities, London-Stanstead-Cambridge Consortium and the Cambridge – Milton Keynes – Oxford Arc, so that together the Council and its partners can address the strategic issues and challenges affecting Cambridge City, to the overall benefit of citizens

#### 8. Cambridge City Housing Company Update.

- The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships noted the comments of the Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee on the draft Business Plan
- The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships agreed to inform the Board of Directors of Cambridge City Housing Company of the comments of the Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee/Council for consideration in finalising the Business Plan

- The Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships requested a further review of the Housing Company's acquisition policy and future plans prior to the Council's loan refinancing due in April 2022.

#### 9. Cambridge North East

- The Executive Councillor noted the update on progress across the programme
- The Executive Councillor noted the progress against the projects which are managed in line with their statutory and legal governance and management arrangements.
- The Executive Councillor noted that a further update will be submitted to Strategy and Resources committee in 2022 (any reserved matters decision requirements will be reported to the relevant Committee and Anglian Water's Board as required).

#### 10. Combined Authority Update

- The Executive Councillor noted the update provided on issues considered at the meetings of the Combined Authority Board held on the 25 November (reconvened on 27 November 2020) and on 27 January 2021.

#### 11. Delivery of General Fund Property Development Programme

- The Executive Councillor approved the officer recommendation.
- The Scrutiny Committee resolved 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## 12. Capital Strategy

- The Executive Councillor recommended the capital strategy to Council
- The Executive Councillor noted the summary capital programme

## 13. Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22 to 2023/24

- The Executive Councillor recommended Council approved this report including the estimated Prudential & Treasury Indicators for 2021/22 to 2024/25 (inclusive) as set out in Appendix C of the officer's report.
- The Executive Council recommended Council authorised the increase in the limit for external debt from £400 million to £450 million on 1 April 2022, and to £550 million on 1 April 2023, in order to provide sufficient headroom for external borrowing to finance the HRA new build programme in accordance with the HRA capital plan.

## 14. UK Municipal Bonds Agency Framework Agreement

- Item deferred.

## 15. General Fund Budget Setting Report (General Fund) 2021/22 to 2025/26

- The Executive Councillor agreed recommendations for submission to the Executive in respect of:
  - Revenue Pressures and Bids shown in Appendix C(b) and Savings shown in Appendix C(c) of the officer's report.
  - Non-Cash Limit items as shown in Appendix C(d) of the officer's report.

- There are no bids to be funded from External or Earmarked Funds (which would be included as Appendix C(e)) of the officer's report.
- Any recommendations in respect of the proposals outlined in Appendix D(a) of the officer's report for inclusion in the Capital Plan.
- The Executive Councillor noted the impact of revenue and capital budget approvals and approved the resulting level of reserves to be used to support the budget proposals as set out in the table [Section 8, page 49 of the BSR refers].
- The Executive Councillor recommended Council approved:
  - Delegation to the Chief Financial Officer (Head of Finance) of the calculation and determination of the Council Tax taxbase (including submission of the National Non-Domestic Rates Forecast Form, NNDR1, for each financial year) which is set out in Appendix A(a) of the officer's report.
  - The level of Council Tax for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A (b) of the officer's report (to follow for Council) and Section 4 [page 20 of the BSR refers].  
Note that the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel will meet by 3 February 2021 to consider the precept proposed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority will meet on 11 February 2021 and Cambridgeshire County Council will meet on 9 or 12 February 2021 to consider the amounts in precepts to be issued to the City Council for the year 2021/22.

- Delegation to the Head of Finance authority to finalise changes relating to any corporate and/or departmental restructuring and any reallocation of support service and central costs, in accordance with the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (SeRCOP).
- The revised Capital Plan for the General Fund as set out in Appendix D(c) of the officer's report and the Funding as set out in Section 6, page 29 of the BSR.
- The updated Corporate Plan 2019 - 2022, attached at Appendix B to the officer's report.

16. Amendment to Budget Setting Report (General Fund) 2021/22 to 2025/26

- The purpose of the discussion was to ask questions of the Liberal Democrat Members on the Scrutiny Committee on their group's budget amendment. No formal vote was taken.

17a. Noted the Urgent Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships regarding the appointment of Council Representative on the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board.

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