



Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee 5 October 2023

Decisions

6. Designated Bathing Area on the River Cam

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor supported the Cam Valley Forum application for a Designated Bathing Area to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for an inland water stretch along the River Cam, within Cambridge City Council boundaries, to be designated as a bathing water site.

7. Local Government Ombudsman Decision – Highfields Tree Belt

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor noted the findings of the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman in respect of this case and the actions taken by the Council in response to these findings

8. Air Quality Strategy

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Leader of the Council:

- i. Approved the adoption of World Health Organisation (WHO) Air Quality Guidelines as the air quality standard to work towards across Cambridge.
- ii. Approved the progress of a joint Greater Cambridge Air Quality Strategy with South Cambridgeshire District Council with the finalised Strategy coming before committee in March 2024.
- iii. Approved the progress of a Cambridge City Air quality strategy should South Cambridgeshire District Council not wish to pursue a joint strategy, or the delivery times becomes too long.

9. Cambridge City Smoke Control Areas, (SCA's), Enforcement & Fee Policy

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Leader of the Council approved the adoption of the proposed Cambridge City Smoke Control Areas, (SCA's), Enforcement & Fee Policy as attached in Appendix A of the Officer's report.

10. Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan Annual Report 2022/23

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Leader of the Council:

- i. Noted the progress achieved in implementing the actions in the Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan.
- ii. Approved the updated Climate Change Strategy action plan

11. Fixed Penalty Notices Review 2023

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Leader of the Council agreed to:

- a) Adopt new levels for fixed penalty notice (FPN) for offences related to littering, fly-tipping, and household waste duty of care and to give a discount of 40% (i.e., discounted fine value), for early payment as detailed in the following tables.

| Offence | Proposed FPN level | Proposed discounted FPN level |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Littering | £225 | £135 |
| Household waste duty of care | £500 | £300 |
| Fly-tipping | See below | See below |

| Size of fly-tipped waste | Proposed FPN level | Proposed discounted FPN level |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A single bin bag up to four bin bags of controlled waste (household, industrial or commercial waste) | £500 | £300 |

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| More than four bin bags up to the size of a large car boot (up to 0.5 m ³) or a two-seater sofa of controlled waste (household, industrial or commercial waste). | £700 | £420 |
| A pile of waste about the size of a small van up to 7.5 tonne tipper truck (0.5 to 10 m ³) of controlled waste (household, industrial or commercial waste) | £900 | £540 |

- b) Amend the payment period for FPNs for littering, fly-tipping, and household waste duty of care to 28 days and the early payment (discounted FPN level) period to 14 days.

12. Record of Decision

The decision was noted.

13. S106 Funding Round for Community Facilities and Indoor/Outdoor Sports Facilities

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor agreed to:

- 2.1 allocate generic S106 funding from the relevant S106 contribution types, subject to business case approval and community use agreement (as appropriate), to the following project proposals:

| | Project proposals | Amount | S106 type |
|----|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. | Jesus Green Lido: improved lighting within the facility | £36,000 | Outdoor sports |
| b. | Nightingale Avenue Pavilion furnishings and equipment | £15,000 £2,500 | Community facilities & Outdoor sports |
| c. | Chesterton Rec Pavilion: additional equipment | £10,950 £7,400 | Outdoor sports & Community facilities |
| d. | Basketball court improvements at Coldham's Common | £7,200 | Outdoor sports |
| e. | Football goal improvements at Cherry Hinton & Nightingale Avenue Rec Grounds and Coldham's Common | £13,500 | Outdoor sports |
| f. | Netherhall Sports gym: grant to Cambridge Dive for specialist equipment for diving training | £9,050 | Indoor sports |
| g. | Parkside Pool: new competition lane ropes & improved access to 1-metre diving board | £11,600 | Indoor sports |
| h. | Parkside Pool: grant to City of Cambridge Swimming Club for additional storage | £5,000 | Indoor sports |
| i. | The Meadows Community Centre: equipment for social events, also subject to approval from Environmental Health | £8,650 | Community facilities |

See section 4 and Appendices A and B for more details.

- 2.2 refocus the use of S106 funding allocated to the East Barnwell Community Centre project in 2013 so that the allocation could now support community facility improvements forming part of the East Barnwell redevelopment that is being overseen by the City Council as part of the Cambridge Investment Partnership (see paragraph 5.3); and

2.3 approve a new process whereby any generic S106 funds in the community facilities or outdoor sports or indoor sports categories that are within two years of the date by which they need to be used or contractually committed may be de-allocated from a project which is unlikely to deliver on time, so that they could be re-allocated to another relevant project (related to where the S106 contributions are from) which could make timely use of this funding (see paragraphs 6.1-6.3).

14. Fixed Penalty Notices Review 2023

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the work undertaken thus far on this topic.
- ii. Supported further engagement work with stakeholders.

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