

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

13 March 2024

Present:-

Councillors R Croad, A Davis, R Gilbert, J Hart (Chair), S Hughes, A Leadbetter, J McInnes (Vice-Chair), L Samuel and P Twiss

Apologies:-

Councillors A Saywell

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

Councillors J Bradford, J Brazil, C Leaver, F Letch MBE, D Sellis and C Whitton (in person)

J Berry, P Crabb and A Dewhirst (on line attendance)

* 2

Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2024 be signed as a correct record.

* 7

Delivery of Parking Management Policy : New Pay and Display Schemes

RESOLVED

(a) that the benefits of identifying, through the consultation, the need to address the complex parking issues identified in the communities and the differing impacts on business and residents at varying times of the years, be recognised;

(b) that the proposals for pay and display parking in the towns of Braunton, Crediton, Dartmouth, Honiton, Okehampton, Salcombe, Sidmouth and Tavistock do not proceed; and

(c) that proposals from the communities be invited, on how they would wish to address their parking issues, so that joint sustainable solutions can be developed in the future.

* **8** **Future of Learning Disability Services (Day Care)**

RESOLVED

(a) that the information in the Report relating to the rationale for change and the consultation process, be noted; and

(b) that closure of the Learning Disability and Older Persons Services listed below, which currently have one or no people attending, be agreed, noting that usage rates were not the only reason prompting the decision.

(i) Learning Disability Services

- a. Lyric, Okehampton
- b. Newholme, Honiton
- c. Rosalind House, Tiverton
- d. Silverhill, Barnstaple
- e. Tumbly Hill, Kingsbridge

(ii) Older Persons Services

- a. Tumbly Hill, Kingsbridge.

* **9** **North Devon Link Service**

RESOLVED that in noting the public consultation undertaken by the Council and Devon Partnership NHS Trust and feedback therefrom;

(a) the North Devon Link Service Drop-in services that run from the Link Centres in Barnstaple, Bideford and Ilfracombe, be closed;

(b) that the closure includes ceasing the short-term enabling support to those service users in receipt of Care Act 2014 eligible services, and to note that the Council and Devon Partnership Trust will assist those people to access alternative equivalent support; and

(c) that the Council work with Devon Partnership NHS Trust and the Devon Mental Health Alliance to support all service users in their transition to alternative community support over a period of 3 months minimum.

* 10 **Flood Risk Management Action Plan 2024/2025**

RESOLVED

(a) that the budget allocations made to support delivery of the Annual Flood Risk Management Action Plan for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A, be approved; and

(b) that delegated authority be given to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Equality for approval of any significant changes to schemes within the approved Revenue and Capital allocations.

* 11 **M5 Junction 28 and Town Centre Relief Road submission of Strategic Outline Case**

RESOLVED

(a) that the M5 Junction 28 and Town Centre Relief Road scheme, as shown in Appendix 1 of the Report, be endorsed as the preferred option for inclusion in the Strategic Outline Case submission to the Department for Transport (DfT); and

(b) that the submission of the Strategic Outline Case for the M5 Junction 28 and Town Centre Relief Road scheme to the Department for Transport (DfT), be supported, with any changes agreed by the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport and Local Member for Cullompton and Bradninch.

* 12 **Endorsement of the Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Climate Adaptation Strategy**

RESOLVED that Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Climate Adaptation Strategy be endorsed.

* 13 **Blundell's Road Traffic Calming Phase 2a (Barberry Way to Gornhay Orchard)**

RESOLVED

(a) that the scheme layout shown on drawing C21032/9 (Appendix 1 of the Report) for tender and construction at an estimated cost of £636,135, be approved;

(b) that the Traffic Regulation Orders and road humps be advertised, and if no objections received, be made and sealed;

(c) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Local Member and Cabinet Member for Highway Management, to make minor amendments to the scheme; and

(d) that the enhancement to the 2024/25 capital programme by £588,000 from developer contributions be approved.

* **14** **Budget Monitoring - Month 10 - Performance Progress**

RESOLVED

(a) that the Month 10 budget monitoring forecast position be noted;

(b) that the Safety Valve Intervention programme update be noted;

(c) that the update on progress of the corporate performance management framework also be noted; and

(d) that the new requirement for Local Authorities to develop and publish productivity plans be noted.

* **15** **Change Programme Priorities**

RESOLVED

(a) that the introduction of the Council's Operating Principles, set out in full at section 3 of the Report, be agreed;

(b) that the introduction of the Change and Improvement Programme priorities, set out in full at section 3 of the Report, be agreed; and

(c) that the Governance Board structure, also outlined in section 3, for leading change, performance, and improvement, also be endorsed.

* **16** **Residential Short Break Provision for Children with Disabilities - Robins Provision**

(Councillors Dewhirst, Leaver and Whitton attended in accordance with Standing Order 25(2) and spoke to this item).

(Councillor Samuel declared a personal interest in this matter due to potential future involvement in staying close provision and left the meeting for its consideration).

RESOLVED

(a) that the Council's continued operation of residential short break and 52-week provision at Robins Children's Home, onwards, from 31st March 2024, be approved; and

(b) that the movement of £2 million budget from independent placements for children in care, as a result of this policy change, be endorsed.

* 17 **People First Strategy - Action Plan (6 Month Progress Report)**

RESOLVED

(a) that the update be noted and welcomed; and

(b) that delegated authority be given to the Director of People & Culture in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Organisational Development, Workforce & Digital Transformation to make minor amendments.

* 19 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following be endorsed and any recommendations to Cabinet therein be approved:

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – 6 February 2024
Farms Estate Committee – 19 February 2024
Farms Estate (Interviewing) Committee – 7 March 2024

* 21 **Forward Plan**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet reviewed the [Forward Plan](#) and determined those items of business to be defined as key and framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting onwards reflecting the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

* 22 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2, 3 and 8 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

* **23** **Safety Valve Agreement**

RESOLVED that the Authority enter into the Safety Valve Agreement with the Department for Education, as set out within the Report.

* **24** **Exeter Science Park Limited Guarantee**

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the position, as outlined in Report, and that the recommendations outlined in the Report at (a), (b), (c) and (d) relating to the Exeter Science Park Guarantee, be approved, noting the additional wording to recommendation (d) as agreed at the meeting.