

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

14 July 2021

Present:-

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

Councillor Davis attended remotely due to having to self-isolate (did not vote)

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

Remote attendance

Councillors A Connett, A Dewhirst, J Hodgson and C Whitton

In person attendance

Councillors R Hannaford and M Wrigley

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2021 be signed as a correct record.

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Revenue and Capital Budget Outturn for 20/21

RESOLVED

(a) that the draft outturn for 2020/21 showing an underspend of £35,000 against the approved revenue budget (after carry forwards and contributions to balances, reserves and provisions) be noted;

(b) that the 2020/21 revenue outturn be approved, including transactions on earmarked reserves and provisions, spending against budget, treatment of over and under spending and the implications for balances, as set out in the tables and the narrative of the Report;

(c) that the 2020/21 capital outturn be approved including spending against budget and proposed carry forwards, in accordance with the tables;

(d) that the use of capital finance as set out in the Determination of Capital Finance section 11 of the Report also be approved;

(e) that a total of £14.257 millions be set aside from revenue resources as Minimum Revenue Provision (provision for credit liabilities to repay debt);

(f) that the Prudential Indicators as set out in section 10 of the Report be noted;

(g) that the total monies owing to the Council as at 31st March 2021 also be noted; and

(h) that the Cabinet place on record their gratitude to the County Treasurer and her team for their exceptional management of the Council's finances during a very difficult year.

* 7 **A3121 Safer Roads Fund – Kitterford Cross Roundabout Improvement - Scheme for Approval**

RESOLVED

(a) that approval be given to the proposed roundabout junction, as shown on Plan 17356-04KIT /18 in Appendix 1, for construction at an estimated cost of £1.411 million; and

(b) that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highway Management and the Local Member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.

* 8 **Dawlish Link - Elm Grove Road to A379 Exeter Road**

RESOLVED

(a) that approval be granted for a scheme in Dawlish connecting Elm Grove Road and the A379 Exeter Road, including provision for cycle lanes and footpaths, as identified in the Local Plan, to proceed towards securing planning consent;

(b) that subject to planning consent, approval be given, if necessary, for DCC to acquire land through negotiation and/or Compulsory Purchase Order powers;

(c) that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the County Treasurer, to enter into any necessary funding agreements to undertake the planning and land acquisition; and

(d) that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the Local Member and Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport to make minor amendments to the scheme design.

* 9 **Community Renewal Fund - Taking Forward Delivery in Devon**

RESOLVED

(a) that Devon County Council act as Lead Authority for the Community Renewal Fund, for up to £12.25m of projects on behalf of the national programme;

(b) that in recognising the Community Renewal Fund payment profile, the Council provide short term cashflow for the Community Renewal Fund should its bid be successful; and

(c) that the management fee secured to resource the delivery of the Lead Authority role be used, to include contract management, financial and legal capacity within the Council.

* 10 **Education and Inclusion Direct Delivery Project: Future Arrangements for the Provision of Traded Services and Resourcing Budget Allocation**

RESOLVED

(a) that approval be given to all traded services, either partly or wholly traded, to transfer into Devon County Council to be primarily delivered through the Education and Learning service;

(b) that the use of a brand name (potentially LDP) be used to market those traded services; and

(c) that an allocation of up to £500,000 be approved from the Transformation Reserve for the Education and Inclusion Direct Delivery Project, as detailed in Section 2 of the Report, to ensure the smooth transition of resources from Babcock Learning and Development Partnership LLP (Babcock LDP) to Devon County Council on 1 August 2022.

11 **Notices of Motion**

(a) Speed Limits - Deaf Academy and Wider Devon (Councillor Dewhirst)

RESOLVED that the Council

(a) thank the pupils at the Deaf Academy at Douglas Avenue for highlighting their concerns;

(b) agree any future proposals to address the concerns of the Deaf Academy are presented at a future East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee; and

(c) support the proposal to include specific consideration of the application of 20mph limits around schools as part of the study into speed in Newton Abbot.

(b) Councils for Fair Tax Declaration: Standing up for Fair Tax Practices (Councillor Aves)

RESOLVED

(a) that the County Council is committed to supporting the principles and ethos relating to fair tax. This commitment is enacted through the Council's Financial Regulations and procurement policies. These regulations and policies align with statutory requirements and the Cabinet Office supplier accreditation standards and ensure best practice, adherence to regulations and ensuring those regulations are maintained;

(b) that the Council already applies many of the considerations within this motion, wherever possible in the course of its work. For supplier qualification, the Council is required to apply Cabinet Office procurement policy which sets national standards for tax compliance as part of supplier qualification criteria for public contracts; and

(c) that Council continue to support fair tax principles through the application of its financial regulations and procurement policies, however in order to remain aligned with Cabinet Office national policy for supplier qualification, Council be recommended not to formally sign the Declaration itself.

* **12** **Treasury Management Stewardship Outturn Report**

RESOLVED that the Members of the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their consideration and review of the Annual Treasury Management Stewardship Report for 2020/2021 and that the document be further endorsed.

* **13** **Public Health Annual Report 2020/2021**

RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2020-21 be received and the recommendations, as outlined above, be noted.

* **15** **Minutes**

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

Farms Estate Committee – 14 June 2021

Devon Education Forum – 16 June 2021

Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee – 16 June 2021

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education - 1 July 2021

* 17 **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.