

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

13 October 2021

Present:-

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

Apologies:-

Councillors R Croad

Members attending in accordance with Standing Order 25

Councillors F Biederman, J Brazil, A Connett, A Dewhirst, R Hannaford, J Hodgson and C Whitton

(Councillors Brazil, Hannaford and Whitton attended in person and Councillors Biederman, Connett, Dewhirst, and Hodgson attended remotely)

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2021 be signed as a correct record.

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A382 Drumbridges to Newton Abbot Major Road Network Scheme (Phase 3)

(Councillors Connett and Dewhirst declared personal interests in this matter by virtue of being Members of Teignbridge District Council)

RESOLVED

(a) that the preliminary scheme layout shown on the scheme plans (attached to the report in Appendix 1) be approved and delegated authority be given to the to the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport and relevant local member(s), to make minor amendments to the Scheme details and to progress towards a Full Business Case (FBC);

(b) that the commencement of the acquisition of land through negotiation and/or a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and any associated Side Road Orders be approved;

(c) that the funding of advance works for utility diversions, land acquisition and mitigation measures of £2.469 million in 21/22 and 22/23 and £1.5 million in 23/24 be approved funded by Local Transport Plan (LTP) grant (which will be eligible for DfT grant funding, if the Scheme receives FBC approval; and

(d) that the Scheme proceed to tender and a Full Business case be prepared for submission to the Department for Transport at an estimated cost of £44.85 million of which £38.12 million will be funded by the DfT with the remaining £6.73 million funded by developer contributions and LTP grant.

* 7 **Devon County Council Proposed Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)**

RESOLVED

(a) that the main principles of a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) to be agreed in partnership with local bus companies be endorsed;

(b) that the forthcoming public consultation on the main recommendations within the County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan be approved;

(c) that the proposed bid to the Government of approximately £34m per year (revenue) and with a local contribution based on the emerging allocated revenue budget for 2022/23 be approved; and in addition, approval to a bid for £7.5m capital for bus priority measures with a local contribution from the Local Transport Plan given, subject to a further review of cost and approval by the County Treasurer and the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport; and

(d) that delegated authority be given the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport to make minor amendments to the Bus Service Improvement Plan following the consultation and response from the Department for Transport (DfT).

* 8 **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Capital Programme: Update and Additional Approvals**

RESOLVED

(a) that the progress in the delivery of additional state funded Special School Places in Devon be noted;

(b) that the additional £1.9 million funding to support the revised project cost of £10.7 million for the delivery of the new Okehampton Special School and the rephasing of £800,000 from 2023-24 to 2022-23 be approved; and noting that the additional £1.9 million is to be funded from external grant which is currently within the 2021/22 Capital Programme and will be phased £280,000 in 2021/22, £1.42 million in 2022/23 and £200,000 in 2023/24; and

(c) that a new start project at Ace Tiverton Special School at a total cost of £840,000 also be approved, subject to Regional School Approval of Significant Change application.

* 9 **North Devon Enterprise Centre Phase 2 - Provision of support for development**

RESOLVED

(a) that the capital funding of up to £640,000 to enable Phase 2 of the North Devon Enterprise Centre to be constructed be approved, subject to agreeing a capital grant from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership;

(b) that the increase in revenue funding of up to £75,000 to be met by revenue at outturn also be endorsed; and

(c) that delegated authority be given to the Head of Economy Enterprise and Skills, in consultation with the County Treasurer and the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery and Skills, to agree the capital grant funding with the LEP.

* 10 **Advanced Practitioner Role – Adult Social Care**

RESOLVED that the funding be approved for new Advanced Practitioner roles in Adult Social Care to support statutory work, reduce pressure at a time of increased demand and complexity and provide a career pathway for Social Workers and Occupational Therapists in Devon (see Option 3 as outlined in sections 4 and 6 of the Report).

* 11 **Domestic Abuse Act 2021: Delivery of the Council's statutory duty under Part 4**

RESOLVED

(a) that the draft Strategy for Domestic Abuse Support in Safe Accommodation in Devon 2021 be approved; and

(b) that delegated authority be given to the Head of Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Equality, to implement the Strategy, including reporting to Government.

* 12 **Property Consultancy and Facilities Management Service Model**

RESOLVED that the establishment of a Joint Venture service model to contract for the provision of property consultancy, facilities management, cleaning and catering services be agreed, and that the Joint Venture (between Devon County Council and Norse Group) be awarded a service contract starting 1 April 2022, for an initial 5 year period plus DCC extension options of 3+2 years.

* 13 **Adult Care and Health Market Sufficiency Statement**

RESOLVED

(a) that the financial risks associated with the impacts of Covid-19 on the adult social care market be noted and also taken into account as part of budget preparation;

(b) that the actions being taken to tackle the market sufficiency issues be endorsed; and

(c) that the Market Position Statement be updated to reflect the Report including detail related to the relevant sectors.

* 15 **Minutes**

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

Farms Estate (Interviewing) Committee – 31 August 2021

Farms Estate Committee – 27 September 2021

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* 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.