

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

13 July 2022

Present:-

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

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

Councillors T Adams, J Bailey, J Brazil, R Hannaford, F Letch MBE and S Randall-Johnson

Councillor F Biederman (remote attendance)

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022 be signed as a correct record.

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Future management of local bus network in Devon

RESOLVED

(a) that the establishment of an Enhanced Partnership (EP) with local bus companies to implement actions from the Government's National Bus Strategy and Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding allocation be continued;

(b) that a review be undertaken by the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport on the state of the network by November 2022 when the Enhanced Partnership should be in place;

(c) that the use of public transport to restore public confidence and grow passenger numbers be actively promoted;

(d) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, be given delegated authority to continue to develop the County Council's Enhanced Partnership and respond to the commercial changes to the local bus network; and

(e) that the content of the Report be taken into account when making a decision on the Notice of Motion on Better Buses for Devon (later in the agenda for the meeting).

* **7** **20mph projects prioritised for delivery in 2022/23**

RESOLVED

(a) that the recommended 20mph schemes for delivery in 2022/23 (pending detailed design, costing, and democratic process), be approved;

(b) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highway Management and local Member be given delegated authority to approve the detailed design for each scheme; and

(c) that the content of the Report be taken into account when making a recommendation to Council on the Notice of Motion on the Implementation Process for 20mph Roads and zones, later on the agenda for the meeting.

* **8** **Budget Monitoring - Month 2**

RESOLVED

(a) that the month 2 budget monitoring forecast and the very challenging financial position faced by the Council be noted;

(b) that the immediate action being taken to safeguard the financial sustainability of the authority be supported; and

(c) that progress on the Safety Valve Intervention programme also be noted.

* **9** **Recommissioning of Young People's Homelessness Prevention Services**

RESOLVED

(a) that Option 4 (Multi-provider Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)); as outlined at section 3.5 of the Report, as a procurement approach to the provider market be approved;

(b) that the preferred option for contract partners, as outlined in 3.8 of the Report, enabling District Council's to be named as potential users within the new Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) arrangement be further approved;

(c) that a tendering process to be undertaken during August 2022 – January 2023 for the provision of supported accommodation and housing-related support to:

- (i) young people aged 16/17 years at risk of homelessness, who do not need to come into care under section 20 of the Children Act; and
- (ii) care experienced young people aged 18-25 years.

(d) that the Chief Officer for Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Schools be given delegated authority to the to agree non-material changes within the overarching strategy detailed in section 4 (proposal); and

(e) that the Chief Officer for Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services & Schools, be given delegated authority, to approve contract award recommendations for supported accommodation and housing-related support for 16/17 year olds and care leavers.

* 10 **Commissioning for Peninsula Residential Children's Homes, with Independent Residential Children's Home Providers Tender Approval and Arrangements for Award of the Contract.**

RESOLVED

(a) that the Flexible Purchasing System (known as a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) as a procurement approach for Independent Residential Children's Homes (IRCH), as outlined at paragraph 3.2.6 of the Report (Option 6), be approved;

(b) that a tendering process be undertaken during summer 2022 with Independent Residential Children's Homes (IRCH), for the delivery of residential children's home services from February 2023;

(c) that the Chief Officer for Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services & Schools be given delegated authority to agree non-material changes within the overarching strategy detailed in section 4 of the Report (proposal); and

(d) that the Chief Officer for Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services & Schools be given delegated authority to approve contract award recommendations for Peninsula Residential Children's Home Services with IRCHs.

* 11 **Public Health Annual Report 2021/2022**

RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021-22, which focuses on the impact to Devon residents of COVID-19 and the economic crisis, be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted.

* 12 **Local Government Ombudsman Complaint and Report of Children's Services**

RESOLVED that the Report and actions to date be noted

13 Notices of Motion

(a) Better Buses for Devon (Councillor Hannaford)

RESOLVED that it is recommended that Council in response to the Devon Devolution deal seek to gain powers for the franchising of local bus services as a longer-term option, following the introduction of the Enhanced Partnership in the autumn.

(b) First not Second Homes (Councillor Hannaford)

RESOLVED that Council continues to play a leading role in the work of the Team Devon Housing Taskforce which is addressing Devon's serious and ongoing housing crisis.

(c) MOT Certification Scheme (Councillor Letch)

RESOLVED that Council recognises the robust safety inspection process that is in place to ensure highway assets are maintained in a safe condition for the travelling public and that this provides the level of assurance achieved by the MOT certification scheme.

(d) Implementation Process of 20mph Roads and Zones (Councillor Hodgson)

RESOLVED that Council ask the Cabinet to provide an appropriate level of funding for the continuation of the roll out of 20mph speed limits, when considering all the proposals for the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block expenditure in the autumn.

* **14 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 2021/2022 and that the document be further endorsed.

* **15 Cabinet (9 March 2022) and East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (14 February 2022): (A3052: Speed Limits and Facilities for Active Travel - Greendale to Cat & Fiddle)**

RESOLVED that subject to funding:

(a) a Traffic Regulation Order be advertised to reduce the existing 50mph speed limit to 40mph from the existing 40mph terminal point at Clyst St Mary to a point East of the Cat & Fiddle Inn on the A3052, aligning with current community nameplate; and

(b) that a basic gateway treatment including refreshed community nameplate,

terminal signs and carriageway roundels be introduced to compliment the new speed limit.

* 16 **Children's Scrutiny Committee (14th June 2022) - Child Friendly Devon Task Group**

RESOLVED

(a) that the Children's Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its commitment and dedication to creating a Child Friendly Devon that is evident from the work of the Task Group review and associated report; and

(b) that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Director for Children and Young People's Futures support the submission of a report to Leadership Group that recommends that the Council establishes a dedicated corporate resource to deliver against the objectives and recommendations identified therein; and

(c) that the corporate resource, when agreed, reports back to Scrutiny on a regular basis.

* 17 **South Western Ambulance Service Trust: Spotlight Review**

RESOLVED

(a) that the Adult Care and Health Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its Spotlight Review into Ambulance Waiting Times and associated Report;

(b) that the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health and the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care (Interim) take forward the Report and co-ordinate progress towards the objectives and recommendations identified therein, engaging the NHS and other partners and stakeholders as necessary; and

(c) that a progress report be taken to the Adult Care and Health Scrutiny Committee in six months' time.

* 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 – 16 June 2022
- Devon Education Forum – 22 June 2022, including the endorsement of Minute 51(b) relating to the Finance Update as below:
 - (c) that the Early Years surplus carry forwards as set out in Section 7, table 5 be approved; (Vote: Schools, Academies and PVI members)
- Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee – 29 June 2022

* **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.