

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

11 January 2023

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

J Brazil and C Whitton (in person)
Y Atkinson, J Bailey, F Biederman and M Wrigley (remote attendance)

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2022 be signed as a correct record.

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Budget Targets for 2023/2024

RESOLVED

(a) that the provisional local government finance settlement set out in paragraph 2.3 of the Report be noted;

(b) that the revenue budget targets for 2023/24 as set out in paragraph 3.8 of the Report be approved; and

(c) that the Capital Programme be determined by Cabinet on 10th February 2023.

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Budget Monitoring - Month 8

RESOLVED

(a) that the month 8 budget monitoring forecast be noted;

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

(c) that the savings and additional income resulting from the Financial Sustainability Programme be noted; and

(d) that the extension to the Dedicated Schools Grant statutory override relating to accumulated deficits also be noted.

* 8 **Cullompton High Street Heritage Action Zone - Higher Bullring Public Realm Enhancement Project**

RESOLVED

(a) that the public realm enhancement design (developed as part of the High Street Heritage Action Zone project) for the Higher Bullring area of Cullompton, as set out in Appendix 1, at a cost of £828,016, to proceed to tender and construction be approved, noting there is no cost to Devon County Council;

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

(c) that an increase to the 2022/23 capital programme by £96,711, funded by developer contributions, be approved.

* 9 **Contract Extension for the Supported Living Options Framework for Children Looked After and Eligible Care Leavers**

RESOLVED

(a) that an eight-month extension to the existing Supported Living Options Framework Agreement for 16-17-year-old children in care and eligible care leavers, be approved, with an additional entry point at the start of the extension period, to go live at the start of February 2024;

(b) that approval of the future commissioning and procurement strategy be delegated to the Director of Children and Young People's Futures in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services; and

(c) that an increase of 5% to Framework Agreement prices for the duration of the extension period be applied.

10 **Notice(s) of Motion**

(a) Istanbul Convention to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Girls and Article 59 - Councillor Atkinson

RESOLVED that Council is committed to ensuring that victims presenting for domestic abuse support by local services commissioned by DCC receive the support they need and are not disadvantaged because of their status and therefore the Council will:

(a) work with local providers to explore how we can further improve access to support and services to be completely assured that no one is turned away on the basis of their immigration status;

(b) work with colleagues to understand how the issue presents itself in Devon within local migrant and settling communities (including those seeking asylum, those housed under the homes for Ukraine scheme and those housed in Home Office hotels, bridging hotels and in resettlement schemes);

(c) engage with organisations that already support and others that may be in a position to support this group to identify solutions that may minimise the impact of the reservation of Article 59 and ensure access to bespoke support; and

(d) create an opportunity to look at this issue in the context of the wider system and engage stakeholders, particularly DWP, housing, health, generic support services, police and adult and children social care, in this conversation focused on increasing awareness and developing shared solutions.

(b) Stop Short-changing Devon - Save our Services - Councillor Brazil

RESOLVED that Council be asked to;

(a) note the concerns expressed in the Notice of Motion regarding the fair funding of Services; and

(b) continue County Council's lobbying campaign, working in partnership with Devon MPs, the LGA and CCN on matters of common concern and in the best interests of the people of Devon.

(c) Voter Photo ID - Councillor Wrigley / Bailey

(a) that Council note the concerns raised by the Notice of Motion, in particular the additional requirements on Local Authorities to deliver Voter ID in a short timescale and also the additional financial costs at a time when budgets are constrained and squeezed;

(b) that Council share the concern of the Local Government Association, as articulated by its Chair, Cllr James Jamieson and further supports its view of the Gould Principle whereby electoral law should not be changed within six months of an election that the change would impact; and

(c) therefore, Council agrees to write to the LGA outlining its support of the LGA's position and that the letter be copied to the CCN and the Devon MP's.

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Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership - Annual Report

RESOLVED that the TDSAP be thanked for their work and the production of an informative Annual Report.

* **13** **Minutes**

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

Farms Estate Committee – 5 December 2022

Farms Estate (Interviewing) Committee – 19 December 2022

Farms Estate (Interviewing) Committee – 20 December 2022

RESOLVED that the most recent minutes of the Children's Services Improvement Partnership Board and SEND Improvement Partnership Board be noted.

* **15** **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.