

## **CABINET – DECISION NOTICE**

11 October 2023

### Present:-

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

### Apologies:-

Councillors A Leadbetter

### Members attending in accordance with Standing Order 25

Councillors S Aves, F Biederman, J Brazil, R Hannaford and C Whitton

A Dewhirst and P Henderson (remote attendance)

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### **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2023 be signed as a correct record.

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### **The Property Change programme**

#### **RESOLVED**

(a) that the Council's Property Strategy, as set out in section 2 of the Report, be approved;

(b) that the following properties be disposed:

- Larkbeare House, Exeter
- Compass House, Exeter
- Ivybank, Exeter
- Former Matford Offices land, Exeter
- St Georges Road Youth Centre, Barnstaple
- Pottington Industrial Unit, Barnstaple

(c) that the Director of Transformation and Business Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Policy Corporate and Asset Management, be given delegated authority to make minor amendments to the timescales and disposal programme as set out in section 3 of the Report.

\* 7 **Coroners - Merger to become a Devon Wide Service**

**RESOLVED** that the business case for the merge of the coronial jurisdictions of Exeter and Greater Devon and Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon, is given to the Ministry of Justice for consultation more widely.

\* 8 **Transport Capital Programme 2023/24 and 2024/25: Update and Proposed Allocation**

**RESOLVED**

(a) that the budgets to the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block (LTP ITB) schemes in 2023/24 and 2024/25 as included in Appendix 1 be allocated, noting the level of overprogramming planned;

(b) that the increase of the 2023/24 capital programme by £3.102 million, with £2.240 million funded from other external grants, £0.308 million from developer contributions and £0.554 million from external contributions, be approved. The schemes are listed in Appendix 1; and

(c) that the increase to the 2024/25 capital programme by £1.220 million with £0.518 million funded from other external grants, £0.084 million from external contributions and £0.618 million from developer contributions, be approved. The schemes are listed in Appendix 1; and

(d) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Highway Management be given delegated authority to make amendments to the Integrated Block allocations.

\* 9 **Bus Service Improvement Plan: Tranche 1 Capital Schemes**

**RESOLVED**

(a) that the advertising of the traffic regulation orders necessary for the schemes in this report and to make and seal the orders subject to the requirements of the legislation and the council's procedures, be approved;

(b) that subject to the resolution of the traffic regulation orders, the construction of the bus lane scheme in Roundswell, as shown in Appendix 1, at an estimated cost of £525,000 be approved;

(c) that subject to the resolution of the traffic regulation orders, the construction of the New North Road Bus Gate in Exeter City Centre, as shown in Appendix 2, at an estimated cost of £400,000, be approved; and

(d) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highway Management, the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport and the relevant Local Members, to approve minor changes to the schemes.

\* 10 **Devon Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans**

**RESOLVED**

(a) that officers be asked to review the three Local Cycling Walking and Infrastructure plans at Appendices I, II, and III against the policy paper Plan for Drivers; and

(b) that the outcome of that review be brought to a future Cabinet meeting.

\* 11 **Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

**RESOLVED**

(a) that the County Council's appointment as responsible authority for the preparation of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for the Devon LNRS area, including Plymouth and Torbay, be confirmed.

(b) that officers be mandated to establish appropriate governance and operational arrangements to enable the preparation, publication and future review and republication of the Devon LNRS through engagement with the defined supporting authorities, a wide range of stakeholders and neighbouring authorities; and

(c) that the expenditure of the new burdens funding allocated by central government for this purpose be approved.

\* 12 **Referral from Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee, 28 September 2023 - Call-In of Cabinet Decision – Mobile Library Service (Minute \*359 of 12 July 2023)**

**RESOLVED** that the Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its consideration of this matter and its recommendation and given the short timescale between the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee and this Cabinet, and the matters raised, Cabinet will consider the issues in more detail and determine the matter at its next meeting.

\* **14**      **Minutes**

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

Farms Estate Committee – 12 September 2023.

\* **16**      **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.

\* **17**      **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 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely the financial or business affairs of persons tendering for the provision of council goods or services and of the County Council, in both cases, 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.

\* **18**      **Developing a Family Hubs Model in Devon and Contract Award Arrangements**

**RESOLVED**

(a) That recommendation (a) as outlined in the Report relating to the direct award of a new 12-month contract from the 1st of April 2024 be agreed, noting that the new contract would have a budget of c.£4.837m (including £1.5m from Public Health) and would focus on prevention and early intervention; on reducing inequalities; and on engaging with communities and helping to build, shape and strengthen local services that reflect and respond to local need;

(b) that the proposals that the new and developing Family Hubs model be funded as set out in the overarching strategy described in section 7, be endorsed; and

(c) that the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Schools, be given delegated authority to negotiate and approve the details of the contract, delivery plan and conditions for the 12-month contract award being recommended.