

## CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

10 July 2024

### Present:-

Councillors R Croad, A Davis (Vice-Chair), R Gilbert, S Hughes,  
A Leadbetter, J McInnes (Chair), L Samuel, A Saywell and P Twiss  
Councillor P Bullivant (remote attendance)

### Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

Councillors J Hawkins, C Leaver, C Whitton and J Yabsley  
Councillors F Biederman and F Letch (remote attendance)

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### Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2024 be signed as a correct record.

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### Corporate Plan 2024/2025

#### **RESOLVED**

(a) that the achievements against the areas of focus in the Corporate Plan 2023/24 be noted;

(b) that the proposed areas of focus for the Corporate Plan 2024/25 and Directorate priorities for improvement in 2024/25 be approved;

(c) that the publication of an Annual Report that describes the Corporate Plan; Directorates' priorities and progress with the Council's "Best Place" Strategic Plan be endorsed; and

(d) that from November 2024 the Corporate Plan 2024/25 will be monitored through the Council's new corporate performance framework.

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### Proposed Productivity Plan for submission to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

**RESOLVED** that the Productivity Plan be approved for submission to the former Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with the addition wording to articulate SEND challenges, as suggested at the meeting, and be published on the Council's website.

\* **9**        **Corporate Performance Framework**

**RESOLVED**

(a) that the Corporate Performance Framework be endorsed;

(b) that the provisional headline indicators, as set out in appendices one and two be approved, noting they will be developed and added to; and

(c) that the Director of Performance and Partnerships will provide a quarterly performance report under the new Corporate Performance Framework to the Cabinet on 13 November 2024.

\* **10**        **Bus Service Improvement Plan Tranche 2 Schemes**

**RESOLVED**

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

(b) that subject to the resolution of the traffic regulation orders, the construction of the Exeter Central Corridor scheme, as shown in Appendix 1, be approved, at an estimated cost of £1,022,000;

(c) that subject to the resolution of the traffic regulation orders, the construction of the Exeter Eastern Corridor scheme, as shown in Appendix 2, be approved, at an estimated cost of £564,000;

(d) that subject to the resolution of the traffic regulation orders and the funding sources being confirmed, that the construction of the Braunton Road, Barnstaple scheme, as shown in Appendix 3, be approved, at an estimated cost of £939,000;

(e) that the construction of the Newton Abbot scheme, as shown in Appendix 4, be approved, at an estimated cost of £245,000;

(f) that delegated authority is given to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport 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.

\* 11 **A382 Drumbridges to Newton Abbot Major Road Network Scheme  
(Phase 3) Change of Funding Sources**

**RESOLVED**

(a) that in principle the exchange of £4.85 million of Devon County Council recovered Housing Infrastructure Fund receipts at South West Exeter for £4.85 million from the Teignbridge District Council Community Infrastructure Levy towards the A382 Major Road Network scheme, be approved; and

(b) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated authority to enter into a Funding Agreement with Teignbridge District Council, subject to the A382 Major Road Network scheme Full Business Case approval.

\* 12 **VCSE Civic Agreement**

**RESOLVED** that the proposed Civic Agreement be approved.

13 **Notices of Motion**

**(a) Working Families - Councillor Adams**

**RESOLVED** that

(a) Council welcomes the spirit of the notice of motion, and Members are asked to support the commitment of the Council in promoting flexible working via the 'happy to talk flexible working' link on relevant job adverts and 'proudly flexible by default' strapline on its careers page and to also note that the motion is reflective of the Council's current recruitment processes.

(b) Council is asked to note the published recruitment advice for other employers, recently enhanced, but that Council will also continue to work with local businesses and organisations in relation to championing best practice for recruitment and retention, including the role flexible working can play in this regard.

**(b) Decline of the Swift Population (Swift Brick) (Councillor Bailey)**

**RESOLVED** that Council be recommended to support and encourage Devon Local Planning Authorities to incorporate the relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategy actions required to recover swift populations, such as installing swift bricks, into Local Plan policy and guidance.

\* 14 **Treasury Management Stewardship Annual 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 2023/2024 and that the Report be further endorsed.

\* 17 **Minutes**

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

Farms Estate Committee (Interviewing) - 12th June 2024  
Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee - 18 June 2024  
Devon Education Forum - 19 June 2024  
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education - 20 June 2024

\* 19 **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.

\* 20 **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.

\* 21 **Integrated Children's and Adult Social Care System Replacement**

**RESOLVED**

(a) that the proposed addition to the Capital programme, as outlined in the Report, for implementation costs for replacement case management systems for Adults and Children's services, be approved, including the flexible use of capital receipts, subject to financial dependencies (section 7) and risk management considerations (section 11);

(b) that delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance and Public Value to reallocate costs as appropriate, as outlined in full in recommendation (b) of the Report.

(c) that following the procurement process, delegated authority be given to the Director of Children and Young People's Futures, the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care, and the Director of Finance and Public Value to sign off the contract, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Members.