

CABINET

17 MAY 2018 - 2.00PM



PRESENT: Councillor C J Seaton(Chairman), Councillor M Buckton, Councillor M Cornwell, Councillor Mrs A Hay, Councillor Mrs D Laws, Councillor D Mason, Councillor P Murphy, Councillor D C Oliver

OBSERVING: Councillor Mrs Mayor.

APOLOGIES: None

CAB53/17 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2018 were confirmed and signed.

CAB54/17 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW 2017/18

Members considered the Treasury Management Annual Review 2017/18 report, presented by Councillor Mrs Hay.

Councillor Seaton thanked Brendan Arnold, Mark Saunders and the Finance team for their exceptional work.

Cabinet AGREED to;

- **Note the report**
- **Recommend that Council receive the Treasury Management Annual Report**

CAB55/17 COUNCIL REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2017/18

Members considered the Council Revenue and Capital Provisional Outturn 2017/18 report, presented by Councillor Mrs Hay.

Councillor Seaton praised the report and thanked officers for their work.

Cabinet AGREED to;

- **Note the Provisional Outturn for the Council's General Fund Services 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix A and Section 2 of the report in the Agenda Pack and approve the contributions to reserves detailed at Paragraph 2.5 of the report**
- **Note the reasons for the variations from estimate**
- **Approve the proposed Capital Funding schedule for 2017/18 at Appendix B (i) of the report in the Agenda Pack.**

CAB56/17 WISBECH ACCESS STUDY

Members considered the Wisbech Access Study report, presented by Councillor Oliver.

Councillor Seaton thanked Councillor Oliver and all those involved, for their work on the Wisbech Access Study and added that it was a great achievement for the Council.

Members asked questions, made comments and received responses as follows;

- Councillor Buckton said he was pleased to see so many members of the public engage with the public consultation. He added that the comments received will help influence future work on the Study.
- Councillor Cornwell said he hopes once approval is received, that Cambridgeshire County Council delivers the scheme at a satisfactory pace. Councillor Seaton thanked Councillor Cornwell for his comment.

Cabinet AGREED to;

- **Endorse the short term package of schemes**
- **Recommend it to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Business Board and CPCA Board for final approval and release of the £10.5m**
- **Endorse the A47 Elm High Road junction medium term scheme being brought forward for earlier delivery using CPCA funding and seek appropriate approval from CPCA as required**
- **Recognise that a flexible approach is required to schemes within the package and that as further design and scheme development work is carried out, the final packages of the scheme may change**
- **Endorse the phased approach being taken regarding the Southern Access Road Project and the railway line**
- **Note Cambridgeshire County Council officers to carry out further work on the Wisbech Access Strategy and the short term package of schemes including;**
 - i) Reassessment of the business case Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) on the revised package**
 - ii) Land negotiations and Purchase Negotiation or submission of consents for the delivery of the schemes as appropriate**
 - iii) Developing a procurement strategy for the delivery of a package of transport improvements in Wisbech totalling £21m**
 - iv) Commission the design and detail design stage of the schemes**
 - **Delegate the agreement of the detailed design, work packages, phasing and CPCA bid proposals for the additional £10.5m to the Corporate Director of Growth and Infrastructure in conjunction with Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Heritage (including Transport)**

CAB57/17 WHITTLESEY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL & WHITTLESEY CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members considered the Whittlesey Conservation Area Appraisal & Whittlesey Conservation Area Management Plan report, presented by Councillor Mrs Laws. She thanked Katie McAndrew (Conservation Officer) and Whittlesey Town Council for their hard work on this report.

Councillor Seaton thanked Councillor Mrs Laws for her presentation.

Cabinet AGREED to recommend to Council to approve the Whittlesey Conservation Area Appraisal and Whittlesey Conservation Area Management Plan for adoption.

CAB58/17 ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT; PROCUREMENT OF A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER WITH PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

Members considered the Environmental enforcement; procurement of a private sector partner with Peterborough City Council report, presented by Councillor Murphy.

Councillor Seaton thanked Councillor Murphy for his presentation.

Members asked questions, made comments and received responses as follows;

- Councillor Cornwell asked for clarification on the working times of Enforcement Officers, listed on Page 171 of the Agenda Pack. Councillor Murphy confirmed that Enforcement Officers work on different shift patterns and therefore there will be occasions where they work between 06:30 and 19:30.
- Councillor Murphy thanked Annabel Tighe (Environmental Health Manager) for her hard work on this report.
- Councillor Buckton praised the report and said this partnership will allow the partners to tackle community priorities such as littering offences, whilst allowing officers to focus on larger issues such as fly-tipping.

Cabinet AGREED to;

- **Jointly procure with Peterborough City Council, an environmental enforcement service as set out in Appendix A of the report in the Agenda Pack**
- **Delegate responsibility to award a contract to the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment**

CAB59/17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Councillor Mason proposed that this item be deferred as Members require further information on the proposal.

Cabinet AGREED to defer this item until the necessary information has been gathered and Members briefed accordingly.

CAB60/17 CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BUSINESS RATES SUPPLEMENTS ORDER

Members considered the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Business Rates Supplement Order report, presented by Councillor Mrs Hay.

Councillor Seaton thanked Councillor Mrs Hay for her presentation.

Members asked questions, made comments and received responses as follows;

- Councillor Oliver asked if the levy would have any effect on the business investment district. Councillor Seaton stated that he believed the two could run alongside one another and reminded Members that certain steps must be followed before the Business Rate Supplement can be levied on to businesses. Paul Medd confirmed that he would look into this and provide Members with formal confirmation at a later date.

Cabinet AGREED to;

- **Approve the transfer of functions from central government to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) conferred by the Business Rates Supplement Act 2009**
- **Give consent on behalf of Fenland District Council to the making of an Order giving effect to this transfer**
- **Give delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Section 151 Officer to approve the final draft Order to meet the timetable for transfer of the powers**
- **Note that only the draft Order (Appendix A of the report in the Agenda Pack) can be approved, as the order cannot be deemed finalised until it has been presented to and approved by Parliament**

CAB61/17 CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET ORDER

Members considered the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Adult Education Budget Order report, presented by Councillor Mrs Hay.

Members asked questions, made comments and received responses as follows;

- Councillor Cornwell believes the devolution of the Adult Education Budget will allow Fenland to benefit from education that is relevant to the District's needs.
- Councillor Seaton said this is a good example of local issues being addressed via the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Cabinet AGREED to;

- **Approve the transfer of functions from central government to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) to ensure the successful devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) in 2019**
- **Give consent on behalf of Fenland District Council to the making of an Order giving effect to this transfer**
- **Give delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to approve the final draft Order in order to meet the timetable for transfer of the powers**

- **Note that only the draft Order (Appendix A of the report in the Agenda Pack) can be approved, as the Order cannot be deemed finalised until it has been presented to and approved by Parliament**

CAB62/17 DRAFT 6 MONTH CABINET FORWARD PLAN

Councillor Seaton presented the Cabinet Forward Plan for information.

CAB63/17 DEVELOPER AGREEMENT CHATTERIS (WITH CONFIDENTIAL ADDENDUM)

Members considered the Confidential Developer Agreement - Chatteris report.

Cabinet AGREED the recommendations as outlined in the confidential report.

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Chairman