

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD, AT 10.00AM ON 21 JUNE 2016

Published with effect from Tuesday 21 June 2016. Provided a decision has not been called in by close of business on Friday 24 June 2016 it can then be implemented.

Please note that this is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting only. A full account of proceedings will appear in the minutes of the meeting which will be published on the Council's website by Thursday 7 July 2016.

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Present:

Councillors	Cabinet Member responsibility
K Bentley	Deputy Leader and Economic Growth and Partnerships (in the Chair)
R Bass	Infrastructure
A Brown	Corporate, Communities and Customers
G Butland	Health
R Gooding	Education and Lifelong Learning
E Johnson	Highways and Transport
D Madden	Adults and Children
J Spence	Finance, Housing and Planning
S Walsh	Environment and Waste

Councillors J Abbott, J Aldridge, S Barker, K Bobbin, P Channer, M Danvers, R Gadsby, A Hedley, I Henderson, Mrs T Higgins, R Howard, M Maddocks, Lady P Newton, M Page, C Pond, S Robinson, J Whitehouse and J Young also attended.

Members of the public were also in attendance and, in order to accommodate the numbers present, with the agreement of the Chairman the meeting relocated from Committee Room 1 to the Council Chamber.

1. Silence in Memory of Jo Cox MP

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Cabinet and all present stood for a minute in silence in memory of Jo Cox MP, who had been murdered on 16 June 2016.

The Chairman of the County Council, Councillor John Aldridge, advised that a Book of Condolence was available for signature in the Atrium at County Hall.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr David Finch (Leader of the Council).

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

Members declared Code interests as follows – minutes 6, 7 and 9 below refer:

Item	Title	Nature of Interest
Councillor Mrs T Higgins		
5	Adoption of Cycling Strategy	Chairman of Planning Committee at Colchester Borough Council Former Mayor, Colchester Borough Council (2015/16), who cycled to events Past cycling champion
6	Housing-Related Support: Post 16 Services	Colchester YMCA was one of the Mayor's Charities in 2015/16 Daughter is a Trustee of Colchester YMCA
8	Procurement of a New Model to Deliver Integrated Pre-birth to 19 Health, Wellbeing and Family Support Services	Committee Member of Stepping Stones Play and Learn Nursery (also a Mayoral Charity in 2015/16) Member of Colchester Borough Council
Councillor R Howard		
8	Procurement of a New Model to Deliver Integrated Pre-birth to 19 Health, Wellbeing and Family Support Services	Board Member of Little Lions Children's Centre, Canvey island
Councillor Lady P Newton		
6	Housing-Related Support: Post 16 Services	Braintree District Council Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning
Councillor J Young		
8	Procurement of a New Model to Deliver Integrated Pre-birth to 19 Health, Wellbeing and Family Support Services	Trustee of Greensted Community Association, Colchester

5. Public Questions

Details of the questions asked and responses given will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

6. Adoption of Cycling Strategy

Councillor Mrs T Higgins declared a Code interest in this item – minute 4 above refers.

The Cabinet considered report FP/439/03/16 by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport which sought agreement to adopt the Essex Cycling Strategy, attached as an appendix. Members noted that the draft Strategy had been the subject of consultation.

Resolved:

That the Essex Cycling Strategy, attached as Appendix D to report FP/439/03/16, be adopted.

7. Housing Related Support: Post 16 Services

Councillors Mrs T Higgins and Lady P Newton declared a Code interest in this item – minute 4 above refers.

The Cabinet considered report FP/418/02/16 by the Cabinet Member for Adults and Children, which sought agreement to re-commission Housing-Related Support (HRS) services to meet the needs of priority cohorts of young people and to reduce the revenue spend by about £1 million per annum.

Resolved:

1. That Housing-Related Support (HRS) services should support the following priority cohorts of young people at risk:
 - Vulnerable teenage parents (up to the age of 19 years with an additional need or where the baby/child is known to Family Operations);
 - Care leavers (18-21 years old, and up to 25 years old in special circumstances); and
 - 16-18 year olds at risk of homelessness (up to their 19th birthday if known to Essex County Council)
2. That a Single Point of Access model be established within Essex County Council as the gateway for any vulnerable young person to access HRS services, liaise with District/Borough Council housing and support partners and allocate appropriate support to eligible young people.
3. That the total budget for HRS services be approximately £2.7m per annum, with the exact expenditure dependent on successful provider bids.

4. That tenders be invited for Housing-Related Support: Post 16 Accommodation Support Services to focus on improving outcomes for priority groups of young people at risk across Essex, on a quadrant basis.
5. That contracts, awarded from the tender process, operate for three years commencing on 1 December 2016, with options to extend for up to two years at the sole discretion of the Authority.
6. That authority be delegated to the Director for Commissioning – Vulnerable Adults to determine the evaluation criteria in compliance with the principles set out in report FP/418/02/16.
7. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for People Commissioning to approve the award for the contracts to the successful bidders.

8. 2015/16 Provisional Outturn Report

A revised version of paragraph 3.2 of the report (part of the Executive Summary relating to revenue) was circulated.

The Cabinet considered report FP/481/04/16 by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Housing and Planning which presented and provided commentary on the provisional outturn position for 2015/16 prior to formal closure of the accounts.

The report noted that Ernst and Young, Essex County Council's external auditor, would carry out their audit of the Council's 2015/16 Statement of Accounts during the summer, and it was possible that changes may be made to the Accounts during that period which may alter the position presented at this meeting. The results of the external audit would be reported to the Audit Committee on **19 September 2016**, at which stage that Committee was expected to approve the 2015/16 Statement of Accounts for publication. The Statement of Accounts would be published on the Council's website.

Resolved:

That:

- (i) The provisional outturn positions on the Revenue budget and Capital Programme be noted as follows:
 1. **Revenue Budget:** A gross under spend of **Error! Reference source not found.** (including the variance on the Dedicated Schools budget) is shown. However, after adjusting this position for proposals to carry under spends forward for use in 2016/17 and other reserve movements, the contribution to the General Balance is **Error! Reference source not found.** less than budgeted; and
 2. **Capital Programme:** Payments are **Error! Reference source not found.** higher than the final approved capital payments budget for the year due to the early delivery of capital projects.

Also, that the explanatory comments that are provided in the Executive Summary (**section** Error! Reference source not found.) and the subsequent sections and appendices of the report be noted.

- (ii) The allocation of under spends between portfolios be approved (as set out within the 'Transfers of under / over spends between Portfolios' column of Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16).
- (iii) Error! Reference source not found. is appropriated to the Carry Forwards earmarked revenue reserve in respect of requests to utilise 2015/16 under spends in 2016/17 (as set out in the 'under spends to be carried forward into 2016/17' column of Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16).
- (iv) **Error! Reference source not found.** is released from the Carry Forwards Reserve in 2016/17 for the purposes detailed in Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16 (utilisation of these amounts will be subject to rigorous challenge throughout 2016/17, with any under spends being either returned to the General Balance, or re-directed for another purpose).
- (v) The following amounts are appropriated to / from restricted and other revenue reserves:

	Appropriations to reserves £000	Appropriations from reserves £000
Restricted Funds		
PFI - Building Schools for the Future	-	(60)
PFI- Clacton Secondary Schools	-	(512)
PFI- Debden School	43	-
Waste Reserve	12,449	-
Partnerships	209	-
Schools	-	(1,884)
Trading Activities	1,290	(600)
Sub total - Restricted Funds	13,991	(3,056)
Future Capital Funding		(22)
Other revenue reserves		
Carbon Reduction Reserve	-	(432)
Health and Safety	29	
Transformation	8,182	
Sub total - Other revenue reserves	8,211	(432)
Net Total	22,202	(3,510)

Note: Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16 sets out the position on the restricted and other revenue reserves as at 31st March 2016 after incorporating the above proposals.

- (vi) Capital payment budgets, and associated capital financing, of Error! Reference source not found. be re-profiled into subsequent financial years, in respect of slippage in schemes (as shown in the 'Slippage' column of Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16).

- (vii) Capital payment budgets, and associated capital financing, of Error! Reference source not found. be brought forward from 2016/17 in respect of schemes that have progressed ahead of schedule (*as shown in the 'Advanced works' column of Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16*).
- (viii) Portfolios' 2015/16 capital payments budgets be reduced by Error! Reference source not found. (*as shown in the 'Reductions' column of Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16*), with increases of Error! Reference source not found. to other schemes (*as shown in the 'Additions' column of Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/16*), to reflect achieved activity in 2015/16.
- (ix) The financing of capital payments in 2015/16 be approved on the basis set out within Error! Reference source not found. to report FP/481/04/16.

9. Procurement of a New Model to Deliver Integrated Pre-birth to 19 Health, Wellbeing and Family Support Services

Councillors Mrs T Higgins, R Howard and J Young declared a Code interest in this item – minute 4 above refers.

The Cabinet considered report FP/467/04/16 by the Cabinet Member for Adults and Children which sought approval to launch a procurement for an Integrated Pre-birth to 19 Health, Wellbeing and Family support model which incorporated the following services:

- 0-5 Healthy Child Programme
- 5-19 Healthy Child Programme
- Healthy Schools
- Family Nurse Partnership; and
- Sure Start Children's Centres

The Cabinet was also asked to agree that, in the west quadrant of Essex, the above service would be commissioned jointly with West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (West Essex CCG) along with the following NHS community services:

- Therapies;
- Paediatrics; and
- Children's nursing and community continence outreach services.

Resolved:

1. That the Council commission Integrated Pre-Birth to 19 (PB19) Health, Wellbeing and Family Support services on a quadrant basis to commence on 1 April 2017.
2. That the Children's Centres should be part of the integrated services, and a delivery model be adopted as set out in Appendix 1 to report FP/467/04/16, with the locations as set out in Appendix 2 which, in summary, means

- A reduction from 37 Children's Centres to 12 Family Hubs;
 - A reduction from 38 Children's Centre Delivery Sites to 25 Family Hub Delivery Sites;
 - A range of Family Hub Outreach Sites which will be determined on a local basis by families through further consultation to be carried out by the selected provider; and
 - Secured outreach space in four buildings that will no longer be used for Children's Centre delivery to provide an option for community use as appropriate.
3. That an agreement be entered into with West Essex CCG under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 under which the proposed services will be jointly commissioned with therapies, paediatrics, children's nursing, continence outreach service, continence products, specialist school nursing in selected schools and paediatric liaison services.
 4. That contracts be procured using a streamlined competitive dialogue process as outlined in section 3 of report FP/467/04/16.
 5. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Children to authorise the award of the contracts following completion of the procurement process.

10. Cabinet Decisions Report

The Cabinet received report FP/502/05/16 by the Secretary to the Cabinet setting out the decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members since the last meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Cabinet would take place on Tuesday 19 July 2016 at 10.00am.

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

That, having reached the view that the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 3 and 5 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. Adjournment of Meeting

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12 midday to allow members of the public and press to leave. The meeting reconvened at 12.05pm in Committee Room 1.

14. Waste Disposal – Contract Issues

(Public and press excluded)

The Cabinet considered report FP/515/05/16 by the Cabinet Member for Waste and Environment which set out emerging contractual issues relating to waste disposal.

Resolved:

1. That authority be delegated as appropriate to the Cabinet Member for Waste and Environment, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Housing and Planning, the Executive Director for Place Commissioning, the Executive Director for Corporate and Customer Services and the Monitoring Officer to take any necessary action with regard to contractual issues in relation to waste disposal.
2. That any necessary funding be met by way of withdrawal from the Waste Reserve, subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member for Finance, Housing and Planning and the Executive Director for Corporate and Customer Services.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.