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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD, AT 10.00AM ON 22 MARCH 2016

Published with effect from Tuesday 22 March 2016. Provided a decision has not been called in by close of business on Tuesday 29 March 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 Monday 11 April 2016.

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Present:

Cabinet Member responsibility
Leader of the Council (Chairman)
Deputy Leader and Economic Growth,
Waste and Recycling
Infrastructure
Corporate, Communities and Customers
Education and Lifelong Learning
Highways and Transport Delivery
Adults and Children
Finance

Councillors Mackrory, Young, Twitchen, Page, Walsh, Henderson, Danvers, Barker, Hirst, Aldridge, Howard, Maddocks, Kendall, Higgins and Buckley also attended.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Butland and Gavin Jones

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Questions

No members of the public had registered an interest in asking a question or making a statement on any of the items to be considered at the meeting.

5. Lower Thames Crossing: 2016 Consultation Response

The Cabinet received report FP/411/02/16 by the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure which outlined the proposed Essex County Council (ECC) response to the public consultation by Highways England on the Lower Thames Crossing: Route Options

Resolved:

- Agree to send a response based on the principles outlined in paragraphs
 3.21 3.36 to Highways England regarding the consultation on the Lower Thames Crossing: Route Options.
- 2. Agree that the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure be authorised to approve the final terms of the submission.

6. Installation of LED Lanterns in ECC Streetlights

The Cabinet received report FP/355/12/15 by the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure which sought agreement to a proposal to invest £9.222m which would be spent on the replacement of approximately 19,000 sodium street lanterns with more efficient LED lanterns. These lanterns are those which are lit all night under the Council's part night lighting scheme. The proposal will save the council an estimated £24m in energy, maintenance and carbon taxes over a 20 year period. Part of this investment, £4.350m would be forward funded by an interest free Salix loan under a government scheme.

Resolved:

- 1. Agree that up to £9.222m can be spent on the installation of LED lighting units on the basis of the savings projections contained in this report.
- 2. Agree to commission the work directly from Ringway Jacobs subject to a requirement that they will undertake a competitive tender for materials and labour is undertaken when sub-contracting the work.
- 3. Agree to delegate to the Director for Commissioning: Transport & Infrastructure authority to:

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- (a) determine the technical specification; and
- (b) issue an order to Ringway Jacobs.

7. Cabinet Decisions Report

The Cabinet received report FP/397/02/16 by the Secretary to the Cabinet setting out the decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members since the last meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 10:40am.