

CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL CABINET DECISIONS

Notice is given that the following decisions have been taken by Cabinet on
Tuesday 1 May 2018

7 Performance Indicator Review 2018-19

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet received a report updating Members on the outcome of the performance indicator (PI) review for 2018/2019, and which also sought approval for the proposed changes to reporting.

RESOLVED:

that the changes to the performance indicators for each service be approved.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

Reviewing PIs allows each service to adjust targets, add in more relevant indicators and remove those indicators that do not provide valuable information. PIs are part of the service planning process; they serve as an important part of the Council's performance management framework and link to the Councils' policy objectives.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not applicable.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

9 Local Enforcement Plan

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet received a report which set out a revised way of handling planning enforcement complaints, and which sought approval of the Local Enforcement Plan for the Chiltern and South Bucks districts.

RESOLVED:

that the Joint Local Enforcement Plan at Appendix 1 be approved.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

The Local Enforcement Plan would provide a common platform for the delivery of efficient and effective enforcement services for the Councils, whilst taking into account national guidance set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

An option not to have a Local Enforcement Plan had been considered and discounted. This option would not relate well to national guidance, and cause the Council to be out of alignment with the majority of other councils that have adopted such an approach.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

10 **The delivery of an exemplary planning service in Chiltern & South Bucks**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet received a report which sought approval for the draft Exemplary Planning Service Action Plan at Appendix 1.

RESOLVED:

that the Exemplary Planning Service Action Plan at Appendix 1 be approved.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

The work on the shared planning service identified the need for a long term vision within which the various process changes for the service could be delivered, as well as the opportunity to take the planning service from its current position to an exemplary position. This approach builds on the long standing high performance of both Councils on the speed of processing planning applications.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option of not pursuing an exemplary service was considered but this was not recommended as a suitable option in striving for an excellent service.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

11 Ten year plan programme for King George V House

(a) DECISION:

Members considered a report detailing works to be carried out at King George V House (KGVH) over the next few years in order to address health and safety concerns and essential maintenance required at the offices, and also considered changes to the capital programme to fund these works.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the current capital programme spend for KGVH is reprofiled to allow the urgent identified works to be funded from the existing programme be agreed.**
- 2. That the identified works estimated in the sum of £730,750 be planned and carried out as soon as possible, and authority be delegated to the Head of Environment to conduct procurements and award contracts.**
- 3. That the unspent Repairs & Renewals budget of £210,411 for KGVH be carried forward from 2017/18 to 2018/19 for the works.**
- 4. That the unspent capital budget of £14,000 for KGVH be carried forward from 2017/18 to 2018/19 for the works.**
- 5. That the remaining sum of £327,000, including the above amounts carried forward, for the other KGVH works in the capital and R & R programme after the identified urgent works have been accounted for, be utilised for any further works for KGVH as required or if the estimated costs of urgent works change, to be agreed by the Head of Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment.**
- 6. That a further update report be presented to Members when the final costs are known after tendering and the timetable to deliver all the works is clear.**

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

These works have been deemed necessary to maintain a safe and fit for purpose office environment for members of staff.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option of not carrying out the works was considered, but deemed an unsuitable option due to the need to maintain a safe fit for purpose office environment for staff.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

12 **Chiltern Pools Open Space update**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet considered a report on the consultation to dispose of the Public Open Space at Woodside Close and land off Chiltern Avenue to Amersham Town Council in return for an area of King George V Playing Fields to facilitate the development of the Chiltern Life Centre.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Chief Executive be advised that the Cabinet supports the decision to acquire the area of land marked in Appendix 1 and dispose of the land referred to in Appendix 2 to Amersham Town Council in support of the redevelopment of the Chiltern Pools, library, Drake Hall, and Youth club in Amersham; and**
- 2. That the public be informed about the redesigned centre ahead of any decision to proceed with a planning application.**

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the land assembly to facilitate the development of the Chiltern Life Centre as a replacement to the current Chiltern Pools, Drake Hall, Nursery/Youth Club and Library buildings.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

N/A

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

13 **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet received a report proposing to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

RESOLVED:

- 1. to make the Public Spaces Protection Order in the form of the draft appended to the report; and**
- 2. that authority be delegated to the Head of Healthy Communities in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to undertake the three yearly review of the Public Spaces Protection Order and implement any changes as required.**

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

PSPOs are designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space which is having or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people in the area. Local authorities have the power to make PSPOs under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option of not making the PSPO was discounted.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

14 **Unauthorised encampments**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet was asked to consider and adopt the Thames Valley Police (TVP) and Local Authority Joint protocol, and the Buckinghamshire Councils' and TVP Memorandum of Understanding for dealing with unauthorised encampments.

RESOLVED:

1. that the final decision to adopt the Thames Valley Police (TVP) and Local Authority Joint protocol, and the Buckinghamshire Councils' and TVP Memorandum of Understanding on unauthorised encampments be delegated to the Head of Healthy Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities; and

2. to work with all Bucks authorities to see if there is any scope to identify a tolerated temporary site(s) somewhere in Bucks to support the moving on of unauthorised encampments.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure a partnership approach to dealing with unauthorised encampments.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Options to suggest amendments to the unauthorised encampment protocols with TVP and the other Buckinghamshire Councils, as well as the option of identifying a transit site for travellers, were considered.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

15 **Asylum seekers**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet considered adopting an agreement in principle with the Home Office to accommodate asylum seekers.

RESOLVED:

1. that the final decision to adopt an 'in principle agreement' with the Home Office to accommodate asylum seekers be delegated to the Head of Healthy Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

In March 2016 the Chief Executive of every UK local authority received a letter from the Director General of UKVI requesting their participation in permitting people

seeking asylum to live in their areas. The Home office has powers available to require Councils to participate in a resettlement programme for asylum seekers and is seeking an in principle decision at this time.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option to agree to further discussions relating to an in principle agreement with the Home Office was considered.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

17 **Chiltern District Council and Paradigm Housing Principles of Co-Operation**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet were asked to agree to Chiltern District Council entering into a Principles of Co-Operation Agreement with Paradigm Housing.

RESOLVED:

1. that Chiltern District Council enter into a Principles of Co-Operation Agreement with Paradigm Housing; and

2. that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to enter into the agreement on behalf of Chiltern District Council.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure that the Council and Paradigm Housing have a clear framework for working together effectively to increase the supply of affordable homes for the people of Chiltern District.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option to not enter into an agreement and to continue to look at proposals on a scheme by scheme basis with Paradigm Housing was considered. However, it was felt that Paradigm Housing would be less likely to commit time and resources to bring schemes and proposals forward if there was no over-arching agreement demonstrating the Council's commitment to joint working.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

18 **Affordable housing contributions update**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet received an update of the receipt and expenditure of section 106 Affordable Housing Contributions (AHCs).

RESOLVED:

1. That, subject to the balance of £424,902 being added to the sum allocated for “enabling opportunities to acquire land for the development of affordable housing”, the allocation of Affordable Housing Contributions proposed in paragraph 3.12 be agreed subject to final decision on an individual scheme being delegated to the Head of Healthy Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

The amount of the contributions secured and how they are spent are reported to Cabinet on a quarterly basis. It was proposed that, annually, a capital programme for expenditure be agreed by Cabinet and the spending of individual amounts in line with this programme be agreed in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not applicable.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

19 **Buckinghamshire Domestic Violence & Abuse Strategy 2018-2021**

(a) DECISION:

Members considered the draft Buckinghamshire Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy 2018-2021 and draft consultation response.

RESOLVED:

- 1. that the draft response to the consultation on the strategy be agreed;**
- 2. that the approval and endorsement of the final strategy be delegated to the Head of Healthy Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities; and**
- 3. that the intention to produce a multi-agency action plan to support delivery of the strategy be noted.**

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

Domestic abuse has a direct impact on family household breakdown and increased homelessness, increased risk of crime and disorder, safeguarding, impact on welfare benefits, and reduced opportunities for younger and older people to contribute to the local economy and community. The strategy aims to prevent domestic abuse from happening by raising awareness and challenging attitudes and behaviours which foster or tolerate it; reduce the impact of domestic abuse on children and adults by intervening early; provide support to victims; ensure perpetrators are held to account; and reduce the risk of people becoming victims again.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option not to support the strategy was discounted.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

20 **Summer youth diversionary projects**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet was asked to provide funding for the voluntary youth sector to enable them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities.

RESOLVED:

That financial support of up to £3000 be provided to support voluntary youth organisations to deliver summer holiday activities.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

Voluntary youth sector organisations often suspend sessions over the summer holiday leaving young people little to keep them occupied. Providing funding for youth organisations would enable them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities and maintain a consistent level of support to our younger residents, as well as reducing the risk of disruptive behaviour.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option to not provide funding was considered and found unsuitable as this option would result in an inconsistent level of support provided to young people.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

25 **HS2 Work and Resourcing Report**

(a) DECISION:

The Cabinet received an update on the work on the HS2 project, as well as the resource forecast of this work.

RESOLVED:

- 1. that the report and progress made on the project be noted;**
- 2. that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into a Funding Agreement with HS2 for the delivery of the Additional Projects approved by the AONB Group under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011; and**
- 3. that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into agreements with relevant stakeholders/project leads appointed by the AONB Group for the delivery of the Additional Projects under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.**

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

Members were updated on work undertaken on the project, and the up to date position on the Service Level Agreement and the Funding Agreement to cover the

resources being expended on the project.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not applicable.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

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