# Delivering the new BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

# SHADOW EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken by the Shadow Executive at the meeting held on **20** August 2019

#### 6 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

# ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY

# (a) Decisions

The report sought a view from the Shadow Executive on the proposed approach to the development of a short and longer term office accommodation strategy for the new Buckinghamshire Council to support service delivery and the democratic process both in transition and transformation.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. to agree that the new Unitary Council will have a countywide footprint for both Members and Staff, and that the emerging policy will enable the flexibility to work in any of the new council's offices across the county.
- 2. to agree to a two phase office accommodation strategy as set out in the report to include:

a) a first phase to take the necessary steps to implement the proposed small Unitary Headquarters at the Gateway, Aylesbury, on an interim basis.

b) a second phase to take the necessary steps to enable the transformation work for the office accommodation strategy post vesting day.

3. to delegate authority to the Shadow Interim S151 Officer to make necessary appointments of consultants and contractors to facilitate the work to progress the strategy and implementation, provided that costs fall within the budget envelope set out in the report.

# (b) Reason for Decision

The proposed approach would support the development of a short and longer term office accommodation strategy for Buckinghamshire Council.

# (c) Alternative Options Considered

1. Do nothing – this was not considered an option. The Unitary will need to establish a new Accommodation Strategy due to substantial overlaps in

business activity and the requirement to achieve efficiency savings in the Corporate Estate.

- 2. Consider an alternative arrangement. It is considered that either the Gateway or the County Council offices would be able to accommodate the interim headquarters to enable the New Council to operate effectively and would reduce the requirement for substantial alterations elsewhere.
- 3. Agree the Gateway as the proposed base for a small corporate Headquarters on an interim basis whilst the overarching longer term Office Accommodation strategy is agreed.

# (e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensations

Councillor W Whyte declared a personal interest as the Aylesbury Vale District Council representative on the board of Aylesbury Vale Estates.

# 8 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

# WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT PROCUREMENT FOR CHILTERN, SOUTH BUCKS AND WYCOMBE

# (a) Decisions

The Confidential report was discussed in private session.

# **RESOLVED**:

That the Leader of the Buckinghamshire Shadow Executive shall write in confidence to the Leaders of Aylesbury Vale, Wycombe, South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils to summarise the Shadow Executive's views and decision on the current waste procurement process.

That the Chief Executive for the Shadow Authority be authorised to take any further steps as appropriate to implement the decision of the Shadow Executive in relation to the waste procurement process.

# (b) Reason for Decision

The purpose of the report was to seek a view from the Shadow Executive.

# (c) Alternative Options Considered

The options were considered.

# (e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensations

None.

Call in expiry: 5pm, 29 August 2019.