



## Cabinet decision notice

The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **28 September 2021**. Decisions will (unless called-in) become effective at 5pm on 5 October 2021.

### **Agenda item no. 7**

#### **Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021**

##### **(a) Decisions**

Each year the Director of Public Health produces an annual report on the health of the population. This year the report focused on domestic violence and abuse. Key areas included how to recognise signs of domestic abuse and signposts on where to get help, who might be at greater risk of experiencing domestic abuse and when, including research on warning signs leading up to domestic homicides. It also covered what was known about interventions that contributed to reducing the risk and harms of domestic abuse and the need for more work to focus on preventing perpetrators from committing domestic abuse.

The report made recommendations based on the local situation for the new Buckinghamshire Domestic Abuse Board and a range of partners in Buckinghamshire to implement. The Buckinghamshire Domestic Abuse Board would be responsible for strategy development and development and oversight of an action plan which should include the responses to these recommendations. This would fall under the remit of the Communities portfolio.

##### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021 be noted.**
- (2) That the recommendations within the Annual Report on Domestic Violence and Abuse, that were in addition to the statutory duties for support for people living in safe accommodation, be endorsed with a view to them informing the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board Strategy and Delivery Plan.**

##### **(b) Reasons for decisions**

The report set out a high level summary of domestic abuse, and its impacts on individuals and society. The recommendations are aimed at improving prevention of domestic abuse

in Buckinghamshire, and improving services for both victims and perpetrators. It acknowledges the opportunities afforded by the Domestic Abuse Bill and linked funding and statutory changes such as the formation of a multi-agency Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

The options considered are detailed at Section 4.1 of the Cabinet report.

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None.

**Agenda item no. 8**

**Buckinghamshire County Deal Proposals**

**(a) Decisions**

During 2020 through the Buckinghamshire Growth Board (comprising elected Members and representatives from health and business) the Council and its partners had developed proposals for a Recovery and Growth Deal building on the unique strengths, partnerships, and opportunities within the County. In November 2020 had Cabinet agreed the deal proposition and supported engagement with government with the aim of securing investment in the county.

In July 2021, the Prime Minister had set out his vision on how the government would level up the UK. As part of this he had announced plans to take a more flexible approach to devolution through the creation of new 'County Deals'. Expressions of interest were invited from upper tier local authorities interested in pursuing discussions with government to develop a County Deal.

To confirm the Buckinghamshire Council's intention to submit a bid the Leader of the Council had written to the Minister in August this year.

**RESOLVED –**

**That ongoing negotiations with central Government to secure a county deal for Buckinghamshire based on the priorities and proposals set out in the Council's Recovery and Growth Proposition be supported.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

A county deal is an opportunity to secure additional government investment and opportunities for the county to support recovery and growth ambitions.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

None.

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None.

**Agenda item no. 9**

**Oxford-Cambridge Arc Vision proposal response**

**(a) Decisions**

Following the launch of the Oxford Cambridge Arc Spatial Framework policy paper in February 2021, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government launched the first of three proposed consultations. This first consultation focussed on '*Creating a Vision for the Ox-Cam Arc*' and the proposed scope of the sustainability appraisal.

Cabinet received a report that set out the context of the consultation and the proposed response from the Council. The draft response was attached to the Cabinet report.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the draft response to the Oxford Cambridge Arc consultation be agreed.**
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Planning, Growth and Sustainability, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit the final response to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, incorporating any further changes agreed at the Cabinet meeting.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

To ensure Buckinghamshire Council's view is submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for consideration prior to the consultation deadline of 12 October 2021.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

None.

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None.

**Agenda item no. 10**

**Wycombe Air Park**

## **(a) Decisions**

Cabinet received a report, as well as a confidential appendix (considered in private session) on 10 hectares (26 acres) of land that Buckinghamshire Council owned adjacent to Wycombe Airpark known as Area A/Southside, edged red on the plan in the public Cabinet report.

The report asked Cabinet to authorise the Service Director for Property & Assets to conclude negotiations, and heads of terms, exchange and complete a lease with the prospective tenant for:

- (i) Licence to occupy Area A land as shown on the plan contained in this report in accordance with the terms considered in the Part 2 report considered in the confidential part of this agenda.
- (ii) Agreement to lease (subject to planning) and lease for Area A land contained in this report in accordance with the terms considered in the Part 2 report considered in the confidential part of this agenda.

## **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That authority be delegated to the Service Director for Property and Assets, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources, Property and Assets, the Section 151 Officer and the Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services, to conclude conclude negotiations and heads of terms, agree contracts, exchange and complete on the lease of Area A land as shown on the plan contained in this report and adjacent to Wycombe Airpark as set out in this report and the confidential report containing the financial information considered at Part 2 of the agenda.**
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Service Director for Property and Assets, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources, Property and Assets, the Section 151 Officer and the Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services, to discontinue negotiations with the parties set out in confidential annex at Part 2 of this report for the disposal of Area A.**

## **(b) Reasons for decisions**

These property transactions will facilitate and bring forward the Area A land for commercial uses as set out in the Wycombe Local Plan and bring employment to this location. The proposal continues the strategy of releasing the Area A land for employment uses, and will generate a significant rental income stream for the Council as set out in the Confidential Annex in the Part 2 report.

## **(c) Alternative options considered**

The options considered are detailed at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the Cabinet report.

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None.

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