



## Cabinet decision notice

The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **19 October 2021**. Decisions will (unless called-in) become effective at 5pm on 26 October 2021.

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

#### **Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy**

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

The Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy had been developed following the motion at Council on 15 July 2020 regarding climate change and subsequently approved at Cabinet in February 2021 for further engagement.

The Strategy set out the approach to addressing climate change and air quality across Buckinghamshire, including targets for emissions reduction from the Council's direct operations. Further engagement activity had been undertaken since Cabinet last considered this Strategy, the feedback from which had been supportive.

Members were informed that one amendment needed to be made to paragraph 3.11 of the Officers' report to reflect the current position and for the Strategy moving forward. As such, paragraph 3.11 should be replaced with the following text:

"We have already made some progress on EV charging but there is more to do. The Government are also seeking views on accelerating the provision of EV infrastructure as part of their Future of Transport consultation. To allow us to match this ambition our strategy will look for opportunities to accelerate our own provision based on focused engagement with key stakeholders and partners. This will ensure we increase provision of EV charging points across Buckinghamshire in a speedy manner."

##### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the outcomes of the recent engagement activity be noted.**
- (2) That the ongoing work being done to address climate change and reduce carbon emissions in 2020/21 be noted.**
- (3) That the Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy be agreed and adopted, subject to the updated information provided on paragraph 3.11 of the Officers' report.**
- (4) That the MTFP be amended to reflect the revenue and capital budgets for the Strategy.**
- (5) That Cabinet be provided with an annual update on the implementation of the Strategy.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

The Strategy would enable the Council to address climate change and air quality based upon its ability to control or influence different sources of emissions. The strategy provided milestone targets to be achieved by 2030 and 2040 on the way to reaching net zero no later than 2050 for direct emissions. Addressing climate change is a key area for action in the Council's Corporate Plan, supporting the priority for improving our environment.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

Other options considered are detailed at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 of the Cabinet report.

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

None.

**Agenda item no. 8**

**Youth Justice Strategic Plan**

**(a) Decisions**

The Buckinghamshire Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2021-2022 provides details of progress made against agreed outcomes for Children and Young People. It outlines priorities, alongside potential future challenges for the partnership over the coming year. It also highlights the partnership arrangements and budget position for the Youth Offending Service Partnership.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the Buckinghamshire Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2021-22 be endorsed and Council recommended to adopt it.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

The Council is required under Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce a "youth justice plan" each year, after consultation with the relevant persons and bodies, and setting out:

- (i) How youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded; and
- (ii) How the Youth Offending Team (YOT) or teams established by them (whether alone or jointly with one or more other local authorities) are to be composed and funded, how they are to operate, and what functions they are to carry out.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

None.

Please note: this decision has been forwarded to full Council on 24 November, 2021, and, as such, is not subject to call-in.

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

None.

**Agenda item no. 9**

**Bus Service Improvement Plan**

**(a) Decisions**

Cabinet had received and agreed a report on 29 June, 2021, on the 'Bus Back Better' National Bus Strategy that required Local Authorities to enter into Enhanced Partnerships with bus operators. Actions included agreeing a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) by 31 October 2021 to secure long term funding for vital bus services. An Enhanced Partnership with bus operators would have to be entered into by no later than 31 March 2022.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) be approved, as set out in Appendix 1, to support long term funding for bus services.**
- (2) That the submission of the BSIP to the Department of Transport by the 31 October 2021 deadline, as well as publishing it on the Council's website, be agreed.**
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Director for Transport Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, to make minor amendments to the plan if required for accuracy or updating.**
- (4) That the Council's agreed commitment to entering an Enhanced Partnership with bus operators by no later than 31 March 2022 be noted, as the mechanism for prioritising and delivering measures in the BSIP.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

- (i) Buckinghamshire Council committed to entering into an Enhanced Partnership with bus operators on 30 June 2021. The priorities in the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) will be addressed and delivered through the Enhanced Partnership. The Enhanced Partnership is required to be finalised by April 2022 in order to receive future discretionary bus funding from the Government, including future iterations of the Bus Service Operators Grant.
- (ii) So that the BSIP can be published by the Government's deadline of 31 October 2021.
- (iii) The BSIP sets out the strategy and priorities for public transport in Buckinghamshire.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

Other options considered are detailed at paragraph 3.1 of the Cabinet report.

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

None.

#### **Agenda item no. 10**

#### **Support to the Provider Market as a result of COVID-19**

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

In March 2021 a report relating to support to the provider market was presented and approved by Cabinet, which resulted in a package of financial support and a commitment to return to Cabinet with the viable options for the commissioning of services making note of the key commercial considerations.

The confidential report provided an update on the current position and outlined the options for next steps. The approaches proposed aim to provide the best foundation for managing the current care market whilst preparing for the future delivery of care and support for older people. Core to the proposals were ensuring the delivery of good quality care, value for money and ensuring market stability in line with our obligations under the Care Act 2014.

##### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the update on the provider market be noted, as detailed in the confidential report.**
- (2) That the Corporate Director for Adults and Health be authorised to continue to negotiate with a provider on appropriate contract variations.**
- (3) That the funding request for 2021/22, as detailed in the confidential report and appendix, be approved for immediate project resource, to be met from the General Contingency budget – Economic Uncertainty.**
- (4) To note that a request for additional Adults and Social Care contingency, as detailed in the confidential report and appendix, will be considered as part of the overall MTFP process, to mitigate the potential wider financial impacts in 2022/23 to 2025/26.**

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

To ensure the council provides continuity of care in line with its statutory obligations under the Care Act 2014 and to enable the future re-commissioning of services.

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

The options for next steps were set out in the confidential report, as it contained information relating to financial or business affairs that were commercially confidential.

The proposals offer the best way to ensure; continuity of care and support; robust contract and quality monitoring to ensure effective risk management whilst demonstrating value for money.

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

None.

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