

# **CABINET - THURSDAY, 16 JULY 2015**

LATE AGENDA ITEM(S)

# **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AMENDMENTS FROM:**

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL - SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING ON 7TH JULY 2015 AND THE CABINET MEETING ON 9TH JULY 2015

AND

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL - STRATEGY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 13TH JULY 2015

5. SHARED SERVICES OVERVIEW



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#### AMENDMENTS FROM SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### **SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING ON 7TH JULY 2015**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 7 July 2015. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

#### 1. SHARED SERVICES

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee **ENDORSED** the recommendations to the Cabinet as set out in the Shared Services Overview Report and in the shared Legal, Building Control and ICT services reports.

The Committee also **RECOMMENDED**:

- a) That performance of the Legal, Building Control and ICT shared services be monitored monthly at the Partnership Board for Shared Services and the Joint Committee, for the first six months of the shared services.
- b) That the Legal Practice Business Plan for 2016/17 be available for scrutiny by February 2016.

### **CABINET MEETING ON 9TH JULY 2015**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 9 July 2015. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

## **SHARED SERVICES**

The Cabinet **AGREED** the recommendations as set out in the Shared Services Overview Report and in the shared Legal, Building Control and ICT services reports. The Cabinet also **RECOMMENDED**:

- a) That the proposed sovereignty guarantee in paragraph 36 of the report be approved, subject to the inclusion of the words 'and users' after 'residents' in the third sentence and the same sentence being amended to reflect that the commissioning or delivery of services together was specifically designed not to change how residents and users experienced services, unless there was an improvement in services.
- **b)** That performance of the ICT, Legal and Building Control shared services be monitored monthly at the Partnership Board for Shared Services and the Joint Committee, for the first six months of the shared services.
- c) That the Legal Practice Business Plan for 2016/17 be available for scrutiny by February 2016.

**Other Options Considered:** Other options considered were as follows:

retaining services as they are for each respective Council;

- operate a shared services model with different partners;
- outsourcing of the services.

**Reason for Decision:** Sharing services presents a great opportunity for all three Councils to save money and build resilience across their current services, which often contain highly specialised roles. It also provides the opportunity to improve services to customers, by ensuring a focus on seamless service delivery.

#### AMENDMENTS FROM CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

# STRATEGY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 13TH JULY 2015

There were no alterations to the Business Cases or covering reports and no additional recommendations.