
Cabinet

Report of the meeting held on 21st July 2011

Matter for Determination

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

By way of a report by the Head of Financial Services (attached as an Annex), the Cabinet has been acquainted with the respective levels of performance for the year ending 31st March 2011 by Fund Managers in the investment of the Council's Capital Receipt.

The Council has continued to carry out its treasury management activities with due regard to minimising risk and in accordance with relevant legislation.

Having been acquainted with the deliberations of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) on this matter, as described in Item No. 12 of their Report, the Cabinet

RECOMMEND

that the Council receives the content of the report now submitted.

Matters for Information

15. REVENUE MONITORING 2010/2011 OUTTURN AND 2011/2012 REVENUE BUDGET

The Cabinet has noted the final outturn for revenue expenditure for 2010/2011 and the variations already identified in the current year. Executive Councillors were advised that as a result of under-spending, the Council has been successful in saving an additional £1m in reserves.

16. CAPITAL MONITORING: 2010/2011 OUTTURN AND 2011/2012 BUDGET

The Cabinet has been acquainted with variations in the Capital Programme in the current year.

17. CAMBRIDGESHIRE FUTURE TRANSPORT INITIATIVE

In conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) (Item No. 8 of their Report refers), the Cabinet has been acquainted with the background to the Cambridgeshire Future Transport Initiative which has been developed to provide alternative ways of meeting County-Wide transport needs.

In considering the key aspects of the initiative, Executive Councillors have been reminded that all public transport subsidies across the County would end by April 2015. In response to which a cross-authority member led Governance Group comprising the County Council, NHS Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire ACRE and the District Council has been set up with the aim of establishing a Transport for Cambridgeshire Partnership. In supporting the work of the Partnership, Executive Councillors have stressed the need to ensure that the Initiative's objectives reflect those within the new Council Plan.

In discussing the perceived implications for the Council, the Cabinet has been advised that the authority currently supports comprehensive and highly regarded community transport based services across the District within a budget of £83.5k per annum. Having recognised the importance of safeguarding current services delivered through Service Level Agreements, the Cabinet has approved the principle of aligning the current District Council Rural Transport Budget with the budgets of other Cambridgeshire Partners within the future Transport Initiative subject to the protection of existing services or their replacement as part of the overall project.

18. REPRESENTATION ON ORGANISATIONS

The Cabinet has appointed Councillor P L E Bucknell to serve on the Nene and Ouse Community Transport Board of Trustees and Councillors S Cawley, J J Dutton and T D Sanderson to the One Leisure Huntingdon Sports Centre Joint Committee.

19. LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

The Cabinet has authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Health and Active Communities, to negotiate and finalise new Management Agreements for the District's five leisure centres. Members were advised that the five secondary schools linked to the leisure centres sites have committed themselves to achieving academy status. As a consequence the ownership of the school sites will transfer from the County to the appropriate schools/colleges and the associated management agreement will need to be renegotiated.

20. DEVELOPMENT OF ONE LEISURE, ST. IVES

(The following item was considered as a confidential item under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

The Cabinet has considered four potential options to re-model the St. Ives Leisure Centre. The proposals have been designed to reduce One Leisure's net operating costs and to increase admissions and participation levels to meet both Government and Council health agenda targets.

In discussing the options, Executive Councillors were conscious that the current rifle range facilities had not been incorporated into the remodelling proposals. In that respect, the Cabinet has noted that the range returns a minimal amount of income and that the rifle and pistol club was not in a position to make a significant contribution to the cost of providing a smaller facility within the development.

Having considered the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels (Economic Well-Being) and (Social Well-Being) the Cabinet has supported Option B for the redevelopment of the Centre and has requested the Leisure Centres General Manager to issue tenders in respect of this. Following the final tender evaluation, a further report including an assessment of the business case for the proposal will be submitted to the Cabinet.

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Chairman