

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
24 JANUARY 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. CABINET MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2023

A) Approval to Extend Day Opportunities Services for Learning Disabilities – DEC23/CAB/64

1. The Cabinet approved an extension to the following Agreements totalling £1,720,563, relating to provision of day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025 for the following Providers:

- Thera East Anglia (company number 05566295)
- THHG Limited trading as Helping Hands Group (company number 07359910)
- Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association (company number 01825301)

B) Extra Care Housing Tender in Peterborough – DEC23/CAB/65

1. The Cabinet approved the award of a care and support contract to Atlas Care Services Ltd, for three extra care schemes: The Pavilions, Friary Court and The Spinney; with an annual value of £1,711,454; to begin 1 April 2024 for a period of three years, with an option to extend, at the sole discretion of the Council for up to two years, with a total contract value of £8,557,270.

C) Budget Consultation Launch 2024/2025 - DEC23/CAB/66

1. The Cabinet approved the launch of the Budget Consultation 2024/25 from 4 December 2023, closing on 7 January 2024.

2. CABINET MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2023

A) Peterborough Community Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities – DEC23/CAB/68

The Cabinet approved:

1. The award of 8x block contracts for the delivery of Community Short Breaks from 01.04.2024, each with an initial contract term of 3 years; with an option to extend up to 2 years, in increments of 12 months, as follows:
 - a. A1 – All Year Small Group awarded to Circles Network (Company Number: 02972700), with a value of £60,000 per annum (£300,000 for the contract term including extension period).
 - b. A2 – Holiday Only Small Group awarded to Circles Network (Company Number: 02972700), with a value of £60,000 per annum (£300,000 for the contract term including extension period).

- c. A3 – Term Time Only Small Group awarded to Circles Network (Company Number: 02972700), with a value of £30,000 per annum (£150,000 for the contract term including extension period).
 - d. A4 – Holiday Only Small Group awarded to Breakthrough Therapy (Company Number: 11919412), with a value of £25,000 per annum (£125,000 for the contract term including extension period).
 - e. B1 – All Year Large Group awarded to Circles Network (Company Number: 02972700), with a value of £32,000 per annum (£160,000 for the contract term including extension period).
 - f. B2 – All Year Large Group awarded to Peterborough Limited (Company Number: 1493249), with a value of £28,000 per annum (£140,000 for the contract term including extension period).
 - g. B3 – Holiday Only Large Group awarded to Circles Network (Company Number: 02972700), with a value of £28,000 per annum (£140,000 for the contract term including extension period).
 - h. B4 – Autism Focused Large Group awarded to Romsey Mill Trust (Company Number: 3556721), with a value of £25,000 per annum (£125,000 for the contract term including extension period).
2. Delegate approval to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care & Commissioning following consultation with the Executive Director for Children and Young Peoples Service for the decision whether to invoke the extension period for each or any of the 8x block contracts following the initial contract term and in accordance with the contract provisions.
 3. Delegate approval to the Executive Director Adult Social Care & Commissioning to agree an uplift (per annum) of the contract value, subject to internal governance arrangements.

B) Write-off of irrecoverable debts in excess of £10,000 (Biannual process) – DEC23/CAB/69

1. The Cabinet authorised the write-off of the irrecoverable debt shown as outstanding in respect of Non-Domestic (Business) Rates (NDR) accounts included in the Appendices to this report (which detail the financial year and the category for the write-off request). The total value of irrecoverable NDR debts in excess of £10,000 outlined in this report is £554,336.

C) Council Tax Base 2024/25 and Collection Fund Declaration 2023/2024 - DEC23/CAB/70

That Cabinet approved to:

1. The calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2024/25 set at a level of 62,103.69 Band D equivalent properties based on the existing council tax support scheme.
2. Note the estimated position on the Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax as at 31 March 2024 being: £2.437m Deficit.
3. Note the estimated position on the Collection Fund in respect of Business Rates as at 31 March 2024 being: £2.224m Deficit.

4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Corporate Services and S151 Officer to amend the final estimated position on the Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates as at 31 March 2024 in accordance with the statutory Determination legislation and timescales.

D) Quarterly Performance Report - Quarter Two (2023/2024) - DEC23/CAB/71

Cabinet noted the Corporate Performance Report for Quarter Two, 2023/24.

3. CABINET MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2024

A) Draft Housing Strategy – JAN24/CAB/74

Cabinet approved the DRAFT Housing Strategy 2024 to 2029, for consultation.

The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an overview of the draft Housing Strategy 2024-29 and to seek approval for the document to begin a 6-week period of public consultation. On adoption, the Peterborough Housing Strategy will be a major policy for the Council. The draft sets out the Council's priorities and commitments for the period 2024-2029 for a broad range of housing matters. The draft Housing Strategy will be widely consulted on to ensure that all stakeholders and partners have an opportunity to influence the final report.

A 'do nothing' option (where no new Housing Strategy is developed, and the existing Housing Strategy is not updated) was considered. However, such an approach would mean that Peterborough would have an out-of-date Strategy which did not reflect the significant changes to national housing and welfare policy and how we as a council plan to respond to them. A refresh of the Strategy was necessary to ensure that we have a fit for purpose Housing Strategy

The reason for the decision is that the existing Housing Strategy has now lapsed.

3. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the publication of the previous report to Council, the call-in mechanism has not been invoked.

4. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVER OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS

Since the publication of the previous report to Council the urgency, special urgency and/or waiver of call-in provisions have been invoked once.

1. Termination of Contract - DEC23/CMDN/67

This report is NOT FOR PUBLICATION in accordance with paragraph (s) 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to an individual or likely to result in the individual being identified. The public interest test has been applied to the information contained within the report and it is considered that the need to retain the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing it as to do so.

With approval from the Monitoring Officer and the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee Chair all urgency powers are being invoked to waive the 28-day Forward Plan, 5-day consideration and 3-day call-in requirements.

The Cabinet Member approved the termination of a contract.

5. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION	REFERENCE	DECISION TAKEN
<p>Extension of Housing Related Support Grant Funding</p> <p>22/11/2023</p>	<p>NOV23/CMDN/61</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve an extension to the grant funding for Housing Related Support in relation to supported accommodation for homeless households, funded through the Housing Related Support Programme, to the following grant recipients for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longhurst Group (formerly Axiom Housing Association) – Hostel accommodation and drop-in services - £141,907.50 • Cambridgeshire & Peterborough YMCA – hostel accommodation - £66,953.40 • Futures Housing Group – hostel accommodation - £15,547.32 2. Authorise entering into a grant agreement between the Council and recipients of grant funding for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024. 3.
<p>Joining the National Parking Platform</p> <p>30/11/2023</p>	<p>NOV23/CMDN/62</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member approved the decision to:</p> <p>Join the National Parking Platform (NPP) to give parking customers the choice of which cashless parking provider they use to pay for their parking by either phone or app.</p> <p>Enter a contract with the parking providers (currently Pay by Phone, RingGo (EasyPark), APCOA Connect and JustPark) for an initial period of 2 years with an option to automatically extend, after the initial period, for successive periods of 12 months for the purpose of receiving payments from the parking providers, made by Peterborough City Council's parking customers. The annual value of the overall contracts is anticipated to be £24,000 per year, being 2.5% of the transaction. However, this cannot be broken down per provider because it is the motorist who chooses which provider to use to pay for their parking in a Council car park.</p> <p>Enter into contracts with further parking providers as and when they join the NPP for a term to coincide with the contract period stated at paragraph 2 above.</p>
<p>Delegated partnership agreement for</p>	<p>DEC23/CMDN/63</p>	<p>The delegation of function to Cambridgeshire County Council to act as the lead Local Authority in commissioning Independent Advocacy Services for children/young people across Peterborough & Cambridgeshire be authorised from</p>

<p>procuring independent advocacy services for children and young people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</p> <p>4/12/2023</p>		<p>5th February 2024 until 4th February 2027 with the option to extend for 12 months. This shall include the associated transfer of funding to Cambridgeshire County Council of £35,368,00 per annum, totalling a maximum of £141,472.00 over the 4 years period.</p> <p>Delegation and Partnering Agreement between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council be authorised to enable the function to be transferred between the local authorities in respect of this function.</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Council, as the lead authority, enter into a contract with the successfully procured provider for the delivery of this function.</p>
<p>Compensation for Upheld Complaint (Housing Needs)</p> <p>20/12/2023</p>	<p>DEC23/CMDN/72</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member approve a payment of £2950 to compensate a complainant for delays in the processing of their application in line with the Peterborough Homes Allocations Policy and delays in the Peterborough City Council complaints process.</p>
<p>Approval to Award. Peterborough Lifeline and Alarm Receiving Centre Contract</p> <p>9/01/24</p>	<p>JAN24/CMDN/73</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member approved:</p> <p>A contract for the Peterborough Lifeline and Alarm Receiving Centre Services to Doro, (registered company 04133585) from 1 April 2024 for an initial period of 3 years, with the option to extend for a period of 2 years, in 1-year intervals, for a maximum value of £200,000 per year and total contract value of £1,000,000.</p> <p>Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care & Commissioning to decide whether to invoke the extension period for the contract following the initial contract term and in accordance with the contract provisions.</p> <p>Delegated authority to the Executive Director Adult Social Care & Commissioning to agree an uplift (per annum) of the contract value, subject to internal governance arrangements.</p>

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