

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING
HELD AT 4.00PM, ON
MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

To be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.

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Cabinet Members Present:

Councillors Mohammed Farooq (Chair), Bisby, Elsey, Saqib Farooq, Hiller and Howard.

Cabinet Advisors Present: Councillors John Fox and Harper.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received from Members.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations interest received from Members.

76. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2024

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15 January 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

77. PETITIONS PRESENTED TO CABINET

Mr Dale McKean, spoke on a petition, which had been presented previously to the meeting of the full Council, held on 24 January 2024. The petition, in respect of the future of Eye Youth Centre (as part of the Council's Localities Review) was referred to Cabinet by the Council (unanimously) as follows:

“Council acknowledges the petition from Mr McKean and proposes that the petition is referred to the February Cabinet meeting when the next steps in respect of the Eye Community Centre and Library will be considered and Cabinet will be able to take into account the petition and the comments made by members this evening as part of the consideration of the next steps. This will be in line with the work that is being done on the asset review. In the meantime, the communities and property teams, and myself (Councillor John Howard) as the Cabinet member responsible, will continue with the high level of engagement with Mr McKean to discuss the site and ensure when a decision is made it is suitable for the Eye community.”

RESOLVED that Cabinet consider the petition as part of the deliberations at Agenda Item 8 (Localities Assets Review – Update) (Minute No.81 below refers).

STRATEGIC DECISIONS

78. APPROVAL ON SPEND VIA CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM (DPS) FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

RESOLVED that the continuation of method of procuring and future predicted spend of up to £11,672,606 by procuring care at home support for Peterborough City Council Clients via Cambridgeshire County Council's Dynamic Purchasing System (CCC's DPS) for Home and Community Support Services, from 2nd March 2024 through to 31st October 2027, as an alternative way to meet the assessed needs of a Service User when the existing closed framework of providers was unable to meet demand, be authorised.

79. AWARD OF PSEUDO DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM (PDPS) AGREEMENT FOR SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE AGED 16 – 18 AND FOR SEPARATED MIGRANT CHILDREN AND/OR FORMALLY SEPARATED MIGRANT CHILDREN WITH NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS

RESOLVED that:

1. The award of the Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System (PDPS) to each of the successful bidders who tendered for the PDPS for Supported Accommodation Services for young people in care aged 16 – 18 and for separated migrant children and /or formally separated migrant children with no recourse to public funds, be approved.
2. The Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Commissioning be authorised to extend the Contract Term up to 2 years (x2 periods of 12 months) in accordance with the contract provisions.
3. The Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Commissioning be authorised to agree fee uplifts, (per annum) on the hourly rate and weekly core accommodation costs, subject to internal governance arrangements and the value given in the published Contract Notice.
4. The Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Commissioning be authorised, for future awards, to invite successful bidders to join the PDPS, as and when the PDPS had been reopened, throughout the duration of the Contract Term, within the contract provisions.

80. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH FALLS PREVENTION STRATEGY

RESOLVED that Peterborough City Council's role within the system-wide Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Falls Prevention Strategy, be endorsed.

81. LOCALITIES ASSETS REVIEW - UPDATE

RESOLVED that:

1. The Localities Assets Review's initial findings and recommendations for each of the sites highlighted in Phase One, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
2. The Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance, be authorised to take all necessary steps to implement disposals where sites were deemed suitable as being surplus to requirements (up to a maximum disposal price of £500,000).
3. Where any proposed sale or repurposing of an asset was at a price in excess of £500,000 the decision to proceed be brought back to Cabinet for specific approval to dispose on a case-by-case basis.
4. Directors should continue to provide regular, quarterly updates to Cabinet on the progress of these sites.
5. The proposal to focus on the Council's education sites under Phase 2, where officers would work with Academies and Maintained Schools to investigate opportunities to improve community usage across buildings, to repurpose surplus properties and to divest of surplus land if deemed appropriate, be noted.
6. In respect of Eye Youth Centre, Officers should undertake further research into grant funding opportunities.

82. BUDGET 2024-2025 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024-2027

RESOLVED that:

1. **COUNCIL** be **RECOMMENDED** to **APPROVE**:
 - (i) The Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2024/27 outlined in Appendix A, which included the key financial assumptions, strategic direction, and estimated budget gaps in future years.
 - (ii) The Budget for 2024/25, outlined in Appendix B, which included: a) Funding and Council Tax Summary, which included a proposed Council Tax increase of 4.99% in 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27; b) Detailed Revenue budgets and proposal detail; c) The Capital Budget (Programme) and d) Section 25 robustness statement.
 - (iii) The feedback from the budget consultation summarised in Section 4 of this report and outlined in Appendix C, along with the Council's response, which was outlined in Appendix O.
 - (iv) The Reserves commitments outlined in Section 2 of the budget report and the draft Reserves Strategy and Policy outlined in Appendix D, which set the future direction of travel and planned use of reserves.

- (v) The Treasury Management Strategy outlined in Appendix E, which had the fundamental roles of managing external investments, ensured debt was prudent and economic, outlined the Prudential Indicators and ensured that decisions complied with regulation.
- (vi) The draft Capital and Investment Strategy outlined in Appendix F, which managed its assets and investment resources to help achieve the strategic priorities of the Council.
- (vii) The outline Asset Management Plan (AMP), as set out in Appendix G, which set out principles for managing the Council's assets in the most efficient and effective manner and the direction of travel for future years while a more detailed and refreshed AMP was developed.
- (viii) The newly introduced Sales, Fees and Charges Policy, as outlined in Appendix H, and the full Sales, Fees and Charges Schedule for 2024/25, as outlined in Appendix I.
- (ix) The Dedicated Schools Grant and the Schools Budget 2024-25, as set out in Appendix J.
- (x) The Council Tax Resolution for 2024, which set out the Council Tax requirement and precepts and included those from the Parish Councils, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, as outlined in Appendix K.
- (xi) The increase in the level of Council tax premiums in line with Section 2.5.
- (xii) The Budget Virement Rules outlined in Appendix L, which set out the financial approval limits for transferring budgets between different cost codes and directorates.
- (xiii) The Equality Impact Assessments outlined in Appendix M, which had been completed for all major budget proposals.
- (xiv) The Carbon Impact Assessments outlined in Appendix N, which had been completed for all major budget proposals.
- (xv) The Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme, as referred to in section 2.6, and as outlined in Appendix P.

MONITORING ITEMS

83. BUDGET CONTROL REPORT DECEMBER 2023 - QUARTER 3

RESOLVED that:

1. The budgetary control position for 2023/24, as of 31 December 2023, which outlined a forecast overspend of £2.1m, be noted.

2. The key variance analysis and explanations, which were contained in Section 4.2 and Appendix A to the report, be noted.
3. The Council's Capital Programme performance, as outlined in Section 4.6, be noted.
4. The Council's performance with respect to Business Rates (NNDR) and Council Tax Collection, as outlined within Appendix B to the report, be noted.

84. PCC RESPONSE TO THE FOURTH INDEPENDENT IMPROVEMENT AND ASSURANCE PANEL REPORT

RESOLVED that:

1. Having considered the fourth report of the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, the action to be taken as a result, be agreed.
2. The report, PCC's response to it and the progress being made with the delivery of the Improvement Plan, be endorsed.

Leader
4.00pm to 5.05pm
12 February 2024

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