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DECISIONS OF THE DORSET COUNCIL - CABINET 5 NOVEMBER 2019

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 5 November 2019 and will come into force and may be implemented on 14 November 2019 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **13 November 2019**

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

7 QUARTER 2 BUDGET REPORT

Decision

- (a) That the Senior Leadership Team's forecast for Dorset Council's position at the end of Quarter 2 and the movement since Quarter 1 be received and noted;
- (b) That the impact that any overspend will have on reserves and the general fund be noted and
- (c) That the update to the MTFP following the Spending Review and the work in progress to develop a sustainable base budget for 2020/21 and beyond be noted.

8 PROCUREMENT OF BANKING SERVICES

Decision

That authority be delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets to award a contract for banking services.

9 PROCUREMENT OVER £5M REPORT: ELECTRICITY AND GAS PROCUREMENT

Decision

- (a) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Development (S151) and the Executive Director for Place to enter into appropriate Customer Access Agreements through the LASER framework agreement for the supply of electricity, gas and ancillary services.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Development (S151) and the Executive Director of Place to procure and award a call off contract under a LASER framework agreement for the council's (including partners) gas and electricity supplies for a term of up to four years for the period 2020-2024.
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Development (S151) and the Executive Director of Place to decide on the preferred in-contract purchasing option.

10 PROCUREMENT OVER £5M REPORT: TEMPORARY STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Decision

That the procurement and award of Consultancy for Specialist Professional Services and the Supply of Temporary Agency Staff be approved.

11 TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND

Decision

- (a) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and the Environment to submit a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC), jointly with BCP, to the Department for Transport (DfT) following consultation with the Executive Director for Place and Executive Director for Corporate Development (S151).
- (b) That the development of the programme contained within the SOBC submission to Full Business Case(s) detail utilising LTP funding be approved;
- (c) That the proposed next steps regarding both the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) process be noted.

12 DORSET COUNCIL - PEOPLE STRATEGY

Decision

- (a) That the People Strategy and accompanying documentation as set out in Appendix 1, be approved;
- (b) That the equality impact assessment as set out in Appendix 3, be noted;
- (c) That in consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Development, the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change be delegated authority to make changes to the strategy which might occur as a result of the scrutiny process.

13 DORSET COUNCIL DRAFT TRANSFORMATION PLAN 2020-2024

Decision

- (a) That the draft Transformation Plan as set out in Appendix 1, be approved;
- (b) That the creation of a £5 million transformation fund and the allocation criteria detailed in section 3 of the report be approved;
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Transformation Board as an Executive Committee of the Cabinet (comprising the Leader, the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change, and the Portfolio Holder for Finance Commercial and Assets) responsibility for:
 - i. Oversight of the Transformation Plan; and
 - ii. Allocation of the transformation fund according to the criteria.
- (d) That the proposed governance arrangements for transformation activity particularly the role of the Transformation Board and its accountability to Cabinet be approved;

- (e) That the equality impact assessment as set out in Appendix 2 be noted.

14 DORSET COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE LANDSCAPES REVIEW FINAL REPORT (GLOVER REVIEW)

Decision

- (a) That the findings of the Landscapes Review be noted

Note: It is important to stress that Dorset Council was unable to contribute to the Review's "call for evidence" as it was only created on 1 April 2019.

- (b) That council would engage with the Government concerning its response to the Landscapes Review particularly in regard to any proposal which would change the current designation and landscape management arrangements within Dorset.
- (c) That the contents of the desktop study set out in Appendix A be noted;
- (d) That having committed to put in place a new local plan by 2024 this should remain the Council's highest planning land use priority and that the council should not be distracted from this by any reconsideration of statutory planning powers and responsibilities in Dorset following the Landscape Review.

15 CROSS BORDER HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE (HRC) USE BY DORSET RESIDENTS

Decision

- (a) That an additional £405,000 in the 2020/21 budget to cover payments to Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP) be provided to allow Dorset residents continued access to Somerley, Millhams, Christchurch and Nuffield HRC's;
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Customer, Community and Regulatory Services in consultation with the Executive Director for Place to finalise arrangements with HCC and BCP councils.
- (c) That the provision of a new Household Recycling Centre (HRC) and waste transfer facility in the east of the County be investigated as part of a wider HRC review;
- (d) That a survey be undertaken of the use of all Dorset Council HRCs by residents outside Dorset, to help inform the HRC review and future HRC strategy.

16 GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

Decision

- (a) That an 8 week period of consultation be agreed to consult on the following funding options for 2020/21:-
 - i. No change - maintain the current level of funding to the current organisations with no change from 1st April 2020

- ii. Maintain the current level of funding but change to the new approach to allocating funding from 1st April 2020.
 - iii. Reduce the current level of funding to current organisations by 10% (except Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)) and change to the new approach to allocating funding from 1st October 2020
 - iv. Reduce the current funded organisations by 10% (except CAB) for a 12-month period. Change to the new approach to allocating funding from 1st April 2021
- (b) That the draft grants application criteria set out in in Appendix 2 for consultation be approved;
 - (c) That the level of funding for future years (after 2020/21) as part of the medium term financial planning process be reviewed;
 - (d) That following the consultation process and prior to bringing a report back to Cabinet, the outcome of the consultation be considered by Resources Scrutiny Committee.