

CABINET Post-Decision

Summary of the Decisions taken

Date of Meeting Monday, 20th June 2022 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

Date of Delivery to Members: Wednesday, 22nd June 2022

Date which any call in must be received by: Wednesday, 29th June 2022

Implementation of decisions delayed to: Thursday, 30th June 2022

(Other than those items marked with an asterisk (*) which need to be implemented urgently and those items marked with a hash (#) which have been considered by scrutiny in the past 6th months and cannot be called in).

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations were made.	-	-
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st and 29th March and 17th May 2022	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Cabinet portfolios and Lead Member responsibilities 2022/23	(a) That the portfolios and responsible Lead Members as appointed by the Leader of the Council be noted	All	Resolved

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		(b) That the appointment of Councillor Pavitar Kaur Mann as Deputy Leader of the Council be noted.		
4.	Council Tax Energy Bill Rebates Scheme	<p>1. That the policy at Appendix 1 to the report for the allocation of the discretionary funding to support vulnerable households to meet their energy bills be approved. The following groups would be supported:</p> <p>a. A single one-off payment of £150 will be awarded to any household who resides in a dwelling with a Council Tax band E-H and are in receipt of Council Tax Reduction. Current cases 200 costing £30,000</p> <p>b. A single one-off payment of £150 will be awarded to any household who resides in a dwelling with a Council Tax band E-H and are entitled to a reduction under the Council Tax (Reduction for Disabilities) Regulations 1992. Currently 30 cases costing £4,500</p> <p>c. A single one-off payment of £150 will be awarded to any household who resides in a dwelling with a Council Tax band E-H and are entitled to a reduction as a result of Severe Mental</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>impairment. Currently 5 cases costing £750</p> <p>d. A single additional payment of £30 (in addition to the mandatory payment) will be awarded to any household who resides in a home with a Council Tax band A to D and is in receipt of Council Tax reduction on the 1st June 2022. Currently 9,500 cases costing £285,000</p> <p>e. Retain a small pot of £43,200 to make awards for energy support identified through the Household support fund scheme.</p> <p>2. That delegated authority be given to the Council's Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Oversight and Council Assets, to make technical scheme amendments to ensure the scheme meets the criteria set by the Government and the Council.</p>		
5.	Finance Department Restructure	That the restructure of services be approved, to consolidate them into a wider finance directorate, including the core operational finance teams (financial management and strategic and corporate finance), transactional finance teams (accounts payable and accounts receivable excluding revenues and benefits), a	All	Resolved

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		<p>strengthened commercial services team and a new team that brings together financial governance, risk, insurance, internal audit and counter fraud and investigations and involving the following specific changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Increased internal capacity in the commercial services team to replace services provided by an external contractor; ii. Increased internal capacity in the team covering internal audit to replace services provided by an external contractor; iii. The transfer of the counter fraud and investigations team into a wider financial governance team; iv. The transfer of the revenues, benefits and charges team into the finance department. 		
6.	Re-procurement of Adult Social Care Domiciliary Care Contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed to the award of contracts to 9 suppliers for the provision of domiciliary care. This will be to suppliers 1,9,10,13,15,16,19, 22 and 24. Full details were contained at Exempt Appendix A. 2. Agreed to the issuing of contract extensions and variations to existing tranche 1 providers who did not bid for new contracts, for a six month period until 16 January 	All	Resolved

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		<p>2023. This would enable providers to continue to work with up to 155 service users whilst alternative arrangements are put in place, but not to take on new referrals</p> <p>.</p> <p>3. Noted that lessons learned from the tendering process relating to tranche 1 would be built into arrangements concerning the tendering process for tranche 2 .</p> <p>4. Delegated authority to the Executive Director for People (Adults) in consultation with the Lead Member for Public Health and Social Care to have oversight of the mobilisation period and to be kept apprised of changes in the local adult social care market.</p>		
7.	Procurement of Integrated Community Equipment Service	<p>1. Agreed to Slough Borough Council working in partnership with local authorities and statutory health bodies across Berkshire to develop a new model for the delivery of community equipment services, led by West Berkshire Council.</p> <p>2. Delegated authority to the Executive Director People Adults in consultation with Lead Member Social Care and Public Health, and Lead Member Children’s Services, Lifelog Learning and Skills, to</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>have oversight of the development process.</p> <p>3. Approved the continuance of the Berkshire Community Equipment Service (BCES) Section 75 Agreement. (This is the vehicle through which funding between statutory bodies can be pooled)</p> <p>4. Noted that a paper concerning the proposed new model will be presented to People Scrutiny Panel in Spring 2023.</p> <p>5. Agreed that recommendations and updates concerning the re-procurement of new community equipment services will be presented to Cabinet in Spring 2023.</p> <p>6. Agreed that recommendations for contract award for new community equipment services will be presented to Cabinet in Winter 2023.</p>		
8.	Re-procurement of Adult Social Care Extra Care Contracts	1. Agreed to the procurement of the Integrated Care and Support in Extra Care contract via the Council's Adult Social Care Dynamic Purchasing System, on a three-year basis with scope for one extension of one year. This will be subject to satisfactory performance throughout the initial contract period and that the contract is assessed as continuing meet best value requirements.	All	Resolved

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Delegated authority to the Executive Director for People (Adults), in consultation with the Lead Member for Social Care and Public Health, to have oversight of the procurement process. 3. Agreed that recommendations for contract award will be presented to Cabinet in December 2022. 4. Noted the pricing scenarios included at Exempt Appendix A 		
9.	Draft Home to School Travel Assistance and Post 16 Travel Assistance Policies for Consultation *	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the strategic aims to support deliver of the Council's statutory responsibilities in relation to providing travel assistance to attend school and colleges. 2. Approved the policies attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report in draft and authorise a public consultation to take place from the end of June to August 2022. 3. Noted that a report would be brought back to cabinet early in the 2022/23 Autumn Term for approval of the final policies, following consideration by the People Scrutiny Panel on 12 September 2022. 	All	Resolved

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10.	Improvement & Recovery - Asset disposals programme	<p>Agreed that:</p> <p>(a) A report to full Council recommending amendments to Part 3.5 -Responsibility for Executive Functions and Part 4.4 Executive Procedure Rules of the Constitution to require decisions on disposal of an asset via a lease at less than best consideration to be a reserved function of Cabinet and to set up a new cabinet committee to oversee the asset disposal programme.</p> <p>(b) The Cabinet Committee – Asset Disposal Programme would provide Cabinet with a regular progress report on the disposals programme (standing agenda item) including recommendations for disposal for those assets that are deemed key decisions.</p> <p>Noted that:-</p> <p>(a) The process being followed in the consideration of asset disposals.</p> <p>(b) The decision to market the assets located out of the borough of Slough.</p>	All	Resolved
11.	Bus Enhanced Partnership	1. That the EPPS be noted in particular the proposed plan and governance arrangements.	All	Resolved

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		<p>2. Delegated authority to the Executive Director - Place and Community, in consultation with the Lead Member for Transport and the Local Environment, to:</p> <p>(a) approve the final version of the EPPS in a form to be submitted to the DfT, (b) approve the formal commencement of the EP with the bus operators.</p>		
12.	Exclusion of Press and Public	The Part II appendices were considered and noted during Part I of the meeting, without disclosing any exempt information, therefore there was no requirement for the Cabinet to exclude press and public who were present for the duration of the meeting.	-	Resolved
13.	Re-procurement of Adult Social Care Domiciliary Care Contracts - Appendices 1-4	Noted during Part I without disclosing exempt information.	-	-
14.	Re-procurement of Adult Social Care Extra Care Contracts - Appendix	Noted during Part I without disclosing exempt information.	-	-