

CABINET Post-Decision

Summary of the Decisions taken

Date of Meeting Monday, 18th March, 2024 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

Date of Delivery to Members: Tuesday, 19th March, 2024

Date which any call in must be received by: Tuesday, 26th March, 2024

Implementation of decisions delayed to: Wednesday, 27th March, 2024

(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	None.	-	-
2.	Minutes of the Meetings held on 26th February and 5th March 2024	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2024 - 2029	(a) Approved the EVCI Strategy 2024 – 2029 set out in Appendix A.	All	Resolved

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		<p>(b) Adopted the British Vehicle Renting & Leasing Association (BVRLA) Fleet Pledge at Figure 2.</p> <p>(c) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration, Housing & Environment, in consultation with the S.151 Officer and the Lead Member for the Environment, Environmental Services and Open Spaces, to approve submission of the Stage 2 & 3 funding applications under the LEVI scheme.</p> <p>(d) Approved the addition of new capital programmes of up to £5 million in connection with the LEVI scheme on the basis that all expenditure is covered by external grant and third-party funding.</p> <p>(e) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration, Housing & Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member for the Environment, Environmental Services and Open Spaces, to commence the process for commissioning suppliers for EVCI using a compliant procurement route.</p> <p>(f) Delegated the decision to award and enter into the contract(s) to the Executive Director – Regeneration, Housing & Environment, in consultation with the S.151</p>		

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		<p>Officer and the Lead Member for Environment, Environmental Services & Open Spaces, subject to the funding being available from the LEVI grant and match funding from the private sectors.</p> <p>(g) Noted that a report will be brought to Cabinet by 31st December 2024 to update on the application under the LEVI Scheme and the procurement of EVCI.</p>		
4.	Energy Contracts	<p>i. Adopted and approved the Gas & Electricity Risk Management Strategy (Appendix A) as follows:</p> <p>a. Approved the purchase of electricity on a 'month ahead' basis and gas on a 'day ahead' basis on the open wholesale energy market price.</p> <p>b. Set wholesale energy market price caps for power for the summer 24 period (April 24 to September 24) to £90/MWh and the winter 24 (October 24 to March 25) to £110/MWh.</p> <p>c. Set wholesale energy market price caps for gas for the summer 24 period (April 24 to September 24) to £35 MWh and the winter 24 (October 24 to March 25) to £40/MWh.</p> <p>d. If the wholesale energy markets</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>price increase such that the cap is expected to be exceeded, or is exceeded, then Cabinet approves the purchase strategy for eEnergy to buy the remaining energy volume in that summer and/or winter period to limit further cost exposure.</p> <p>ii. Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration, Housing and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial (the S151 officer) and the Lead Member (Financial oversight, council assets, procurement, and revenues and benefits) to purchase energy in line with the Gas & Electricity Risk Management Strategy.</p> <p>iii. Approved the compliant procurement of new energy supply contracts with an estimated contract value between £8m and £11m for the period 25/26, 26/27 and 27/28. The procurement will be based on the most competitive price, supplier performance, bill validation and meter services, and flexibility to amend volume to align with the Estate Strategy. Council officers will be required to report back to Cabinet by 31st December 2024 and seek approval to award new energy contracts for the period 25/26 – 27/28.</p>		

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5.	Microsoft Licencing: Upgrade from Tier E3 to Tier E5 *	<p>(a) Approved the upgrade of the council's Microsoft software licencing from tier E3 to tier E5 at an increased approximate annual cost of £230,000 for three years, totalling £690,000.and,</p> <p>(b) Delegated authority to the executive director for strategy and improvement, in consultation with the Cabinet member for customer service, resident engagement, digital, data and technology, to approve and sign the contract amendment.</p>	All	Resolved
6.	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Update	<p>(a) Noted the progress made as set out in the body of the report.</p> <p>(b) Agreed that from the next municipal year, an annual update report will be provided to Cabinet on the SEND improvements, with the Lead Member receiving more regular updates on progress.</p>	All	Resolved
7.	Individual Placement Support Grants	<p>a) Accepted the Individual Placement and Support in Primary Care grant from Department of Work and Pensions. The total grant award is £4,585,252.31 (for the two financial years of the grant, with delivery period July 2023 to March 2025).</p> <p>b) Agreed to the delivery of the Supported Employment Programme (Ability Slough) funded by the Individual Placement and Support in Primary Care grant (Department</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>of Work and Pensions) as outlined in Appendix 1.</p> <p>c) Delegated authority to the Executive Director Children’s Services, in consultation with the Executive Director Adult Services and the Lead Member (Education and Children's Services), to procure a provider for delivery of the programme and award a contract to the successful bidder.</p> <p>d) Accepted the Individual Placement and Support (Substance Use) (IPSSU) grant from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) of £805,834 for a delivery period of 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026 across all six Berkshire local authorities. (Figures exclude an uplift for 2025/26 to be advised by OHID)</p> <p>e) Agreed that Slough Borough Council should be the lead authority for the IPSSU grant and delegate authority to the Executive Director Children’s Services, in consultation with the Lead Member (Education and Children’s), to enter into an inter authority agreement with the other Berkshire local authorities.</p>		

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8.	Children and Young People's (Placement) Sufficiency Strategy - update	Noted the update on the implementation of the Children & Young People's Placement Sufficiency Strategy.		Resolved
9.	Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers, including benefits of Fostering Friendly Employer status	<p>a) Agreed to submission of an application for the Council to be granted Fostering Friendly Employer status.</p> <p>b) Noted the steps being taken by Slough Children First Ltd to be granted Fostering Friendly Employer status.</p> <p>c) Noted the wider steps being taken to increase recruitment and retention of foster carers, including encouraging other local employers to adopt Fostering Friendly Employer policies and status.</p>	All	Resolved
10.	Disposal of Land at Uxbridge Road - Site of Former Rochfords Youth Hostel	<p>(a) Declared the site surplus to housing requirements.</p> <p>(b) Agreed to the Council sale of Land at Uxbridge Road – Site of former Rochfords Youth Hostel as shown on Appendix 2 to the bidder named in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(c) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Property, Planning and Housing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Oversight and Council Assets and the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial, to negotiate the terms of and</p>	All	Resolved

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		enter into the contract and any associated documentation in connection with the disposal consistent with the disposal report and Heads of Terms appended at Confidential Appendix 1.		
11.	Disposal of Former Police Station, High Street, Langley, Slough	<p>(a) Declare the site as surplus to housing requirements.</p> <p>(b) Agree to the Council sale of the site referred to in Appendix 1 and known as the Former Police Station, High Street Langley to the bidder named in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Property, Planning and Housing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Oversight and Council Assets and the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial, to negotiate the terms of and enter into the contract and any associated documentation in connection with the disposal consistent with the disposal report and Heads of Terms appended at Confidential Appendix 1.</p>	All	Resolved
12.	References from Scrutiny	There were no references from scrutiny.	All	-
13.	Exclusion of Press and Public	All business was conducted in Part I of the meeting without disclosing any of the exempt information, therefore it was not necessary to exclude the press and public.		Resolved

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14.	Disposal of Land at Uxbridge Road - Site of Former Rochfords Youth Hostel - Appendix	Part II appendix noted.	All	Resolved
15.	Disposal of Former Police Station, High Street, Langley, Slough - Appendix	Part II appendix noted.	All	Resolved