## **Norfolk County Council**

Date: Monday 22 July 2019

Time: **10.00 a.m** 

Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Norwich

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# Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 15 July 2019

#### 1 Norwich Western Link

- 1.1 Cabinet received the report by the Executive Director of Community & Environmental Services setting out the work completed to establish the need for a road-based transport solution and to evaluate each of the options, considering not only the consultation responses, but further environmental assessment work, costing of options, transport modelling, related value for money, land and property impacts, as well as other growth plans and planned projects, including the significant proposals to dual the A47 between Easton and North Tuddenham.
- 1.2 Cabinet received a presentation on the Norwich Western Link Preferred Route from the Executive Director of Community & Environmental Services, the Infrastructure Delivery Manager and the Project Manager (WSP).

#### 1.3 Decision

Upon the recommendations being put to a vote, with 9 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 1 abstention, Cabinet **RESOLVED** to **agree**:

- 1. To submit the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) to Department for Transport via Transport East as part of their Regional Evidence Base by the end of July 2019.
- 2. That a road-based transport intervention was the most appropriate solution to address the identified transport issues affecting the area and to select Option C as the preferred route for the Norwich Western Link in order for the Council to make a Preferred Route Announcement (PRA).
- 3. To bring forward project development spend to FY2019/20 in order to maintain the project delivery programme.

#### 2 Greener Facilities Management

2.1 Cabinet received the report by the Executive Director of Finance & Commercial Services noting the decision to shift to green electricity, saving some 9100 tonnes of CO2 per annum, and recommending a number of further steps and studies to reduce the council's environmental impact.

#### 2.2 Decision

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 1. **Agree** that with effect from October 2019, the council should shift to a 'green' tariff for electricity, saving some 9100 tonnes of CO2 equivalent per annum:
- 2. **Agree** a new approach to reduce single use container consumption in County Hall;
- 3. Agree that the council will shift to recycled paper for photocopying; and
- 4. **Request** that officers investigate the feasibility of switching to electric vehicles when the pool car fleet arrangements are refreshed later this year.

#### 3 Healthy Ageing Campaign

3.1 Cabinet received the report by the Executive Director of Community & Environmental Services setting out proposals for a healthy ageing communications campaign for 2019-20.

#### 3.2 Decision

#### Cabinet **RESOLVED** to

• **Approve** the proposed campaign to support the prevention priority that the Council has identified.

#### 4 Finance Monitoring Report (P2 – May 2019).

4.1 Cabinet received the report by the Executive Director of Finance & Commercial Services providing a summary of the forecast financial position for the 2019-20 Revenue and Capital Budgets, General Balances and the Council's Reserves at 31 March 2020, together with related financial information.

#### 4.2 Decision

#### Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 1. **note** the period 2 forecast general fund revenue overspend of £6.108m noting also that Executive Directors will take measures throughout the year to reduce or eliminate potential over-spends;
- 2. **note** the period 2 forecast shortfall in savings of £4.706m noting also that Executive Directors will take measures throughout the year to mitigate savings shortfalls through alternative savings or underspends;
- 3. **note** the forecast General Balances at 31 March 2020 of £19.623m, before taking into account any over/under spends;
- 4. **note** the expenditure and funding of the revised current and future 2019-22 capital programmes.
- 5. **approve** entering into a grant agreement with DCMS to deliver the Norfolk Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) project, and note the commitment to reinvest 50% of revenue savings as set out in Appendix 2 (paragraphs 1.7-1.10) of the report.

### 5 Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) and Norfolk Agreed RE Syllabus

5.1 Cabinet received the report by the Executive Director of Children's Services setting out the details of the statutory process to review and agree the syllabus for Religious Education in Norfolk. Cabinet was asked to adopt the new Norfolk Religious Education Syllabus.

#### 5.2 **Decision**

#### Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 1. Adopt the new draft RE Syllabus for Norfolk in line with the recommendation by SACRE.
- 2. Agree the amended constitution, which included a representative of the Humanist Society as part of Committee A.

#### 6 Delegated Decisions Reports

6.1 Cabinet **noted** the Delegated Decision made by the Cabinet Member for Commercial Services and Asset Management to approve the freehold sale of the former PRU, Elm Road, Thetford to Breckland District Council.

#### 7 Norwich Airport Equity Sale

7.1 Cabinet received the report by the Executive Director of Finance & Commercial Services setting out the details of the sale of Norfolk County Council's shares in Norwich Airport Limited to Regional and City Airports Limited.

#### 7.2 **Decision**

Cabinet considered the report, including the Appendix containing exempt and confidential information, and **RESOLVED** to:

- **Approve** the sale of Norfolk County Council's shares in Norwich Airport Limited to Regional and City Airports Ltd.
- **Agree** to enter into a 15-year ongoing engagement agreement with Norwich Airport Limited.

Cllr Andrew Proctor Chairman, Cabinet

# Recommendation of the Corporate Select Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2019

#### 1. Constitution Amendments

- 1.1 The Council agreed its new Constitution at the AGM in May 2019. Since then a number of amendments have been identified as being required to improve the Constitution to enable the Council to effectively fulfil its objectives. The Committee considered the proposed amendments outlined in Appendix A of the report that needed to be agreed by Full Council
- 1.2.1 A proposal was made to remove the recommendation to full council on an amendment to Appendix 9; the proposal was unanimously carried.
- 1.2.2 A proposal was made to remove the recommendation to full council on an amendment to Appendix 7; with 8 votes for, 3 against and 1 abstention the proposal was carried.
- 1.3 The Committee:
  - 1. **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** amendments to Article 12 and appendix 5 to be **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council on 22nd July 2019 (at Appendix A of the report)

The full report and appendices considered by Committee can be found here: Corporate Select Committee Agenda, 16 July 2019

**CIIr Karen Vincent, Chairman Corporate Select Committee**