

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** held in the Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Tuesday, 8 January 2019.

PRESENT

Cllr J G Jamieson (Chairman)
Cllr R D Wenham (Vice-Chairman)

Executive Members:	Cllrs	I Dalgarno S Dixon E Ghent	Cllrs	Ms C Hegley B J Spurr J N Young
Deputy Executive Members:	Cllrs	A D Brown K M Collins Mrs A L Dodwell	Cllrs	Ms C Maudlin S Watkins B Wells
Apologies for Absence:	Cllrs	Mrs S Clark Mrs T Stock		
Members in Attendance:	Cllrs	D Bowater K Ferguson F Firth C C Gomm Mrs S A Goodchild	Cllrs	Ms A M W Graham P Hollick D McVicar B Saunders M A G Versallion
Officers in Attendance		Mr R Carr Mr M Coiffait Mrs S Hobbs Ms K McFarlane Mrs J Ogley Mr S Rix Mrs M Scott Mrs S Tyler Mr C Warboys		Chief Executive Director of Community Services Senior Committee Services Officer Business Investment Group Manager Director of Social Care, Health and Housing Interim Monitoring Officer Director of Public Health Assistant Director Business and Supporting Services Director of Resources

E/18/83

Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E/18/84 **Members' Interests**

None were declared.

E/18/85 **Chairman's Announcements**

No announcements were made.

E/18/86 **Petitions**

No petitions were submitted.

E/18/87 **Public Participation**

No members of the public had registered to speak.

E/18/88 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

RESOLVED

that the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020 be noted.

E/18/89 **Draft Budget 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan**

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that set out the draft Budget for 2019/20 and updated the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). It was noted that the report had been published before the provisional Financial Settlement for Local Government had been released. The outcome of the Settlement would be included in the final budget presented to the Executive on 5 February 2019. The report sought approval for the draft Budget and MTFP as the basis for consultation.

In response to questions, the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources explained:

- that the results from the consultation would be carefully considered when the Executive came to finalise its budget proposals in February;
- the draft Budget would be presented to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 31 January 2019, where all Members from all Scrutiny Committees would be invited to attend; and
- the majority of the £58.6m of external funding within the draft Capital Programme report for 2019/20 had been secured.

Reason for decision: To enable consultation on the draft Budget 2019/20 and updated MTFP, prior to recommendations being made by the Executive on 5 February 2019 to Council on 21 February 2019.

RESOLVED

that the updated MTFP 2019/20 – 2022/23 and the draft Budget for 2019/20 be approved for consultation with the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other interested parties.

E/18/90

Draft Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that set out the draft Capital Programme for 2019/20 to 2022/23. The proposed Capital Programme would continue to support the following schemes:

- New School Places
- M1/A6 Link Road
- Highways Structural Maintenance
- Integrated Health and Care Hubs for Dunstable and Biggleswade
- M1/A421 dualling between Junction 13 – Milton Keynes Magna Park

In response to a question, the Executive Member for Health described the current work taking place on the proposed Hubs in Dunstable and Biggleswade. First level planning was taking place for the Hubs in West Mid Beds, Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis.

In response to a question, the Director of Community Services advised that feasibility work had been commissioned covering leisure facilities in Houghton Regis, taking into account the facilities provided on the Kingsland Campus, including education services.

Reason for decision: To enable consultation on the draft Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23, prior to recommendations being made by the Executive on 5 February 2019 to Council on 21 February 2019.

RESOLVED

that the draft Capital Programme for 2019/20 to 2022/23 be approved for consultation with the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other interested parties.

E/18/91

Draft Budget for the Housing Revenue Account (Landlord Business Plan)

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that set out the draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Landlord Business Plan budget for 2019/20.

The Executive Member for Adults, Social Care and Housing Operations advised that there would be a briefing for Members on the proposals for investment in affordable housing, including the proposed borrowing to fund this.

Reason for decision: To enable consultation on the draft HRA (Landlord Business Plan) budget, prior to recommendations being made by the Executive on 5 February 2019 to Council on 21 February 2019.

RESOLVED

that the draft Housing Revenue Account budget proposals for 2019/20 be approved for consultation with the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, tenants and the public.

E/18/92

Procurement Framework for Consultancy Services for the Regeneration & Business Directorate

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Regeneration that set out details of the forthcoming procurement via an open, EU compliant procurement process. The report sought approval of the approach to a procurement framework for the provision of consultancy services for the Regeneration and Business Directorate.

In response to a question, the Executive Member for Regeneration assured Members that the Council would continue to grow their own staff and would bring in consultants only when specialist expertise was required.

Reason for decision: Option 1 was the preferred option; procure a Regeneration and Business specific framework with significant benefits in terms of time management, competitiveness and supplier relationship and performance without the need to guarantee any volume of business. The establishment of a framework was not in itself binding.

RESOLVED

- 1. that the development and the implementation of a framework for the provision of consultancy services to support the Regeneration & Business Directorate be approved;**
- 2. that a notice be published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) to invite Expressions of Interest from Suppliers wishing to tender; and**
- 3. to authorise the Director of Regeneration & Business, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, to approve the successful professional services suppliers, to be added to the framework, following assessment of organisational fit and best value.**

E/18/93 **Tendering and Award of Contract for The Brook Project, Windsor Drive, Houghton Regis**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery that sought approval to tender and award the contract for construction of The Brook Project, Windsor Drive.

Reason for decision: To contribute to the Council's delivery of accommodation and to ensure the timely development of The Brook Project. If the tender costs exceeded the business case budget, the project would not proceed.

RESOLVED

- 1. that the proposed approach and tender of the contract for the construction of The Brook Project, Windsor Drive be approved and the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery, be authorised to tender the contract; and**
- 2. that the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Member of Assets and Housing Delivery, be authorised to award the contract for construction of The Brook Project, Windsor Drive so long as the tender sum was within the agreed funding as set out in the detailed Business Case.**

E/18/94 **Tendering and Award of Contract for the Potton Road, Wrestlingworth Project**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery that sought approval to tender and award the contract for the construction of Potton Road, Wrestlingworth Project.

Reason for decision: To contribute to the Council's delivery of affordable housing and to ensure the timely development of the Potton Road, Wrestlingworth Project. If the tender costs exceeded the business case budget, the project would not proceed.

RESOLVED

- 1. that the proposed approach and tender of the contract for the construction of The Potton Road, Wrestlingworth Project be approved and the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery, be authorised to tender the contract; and**
- 2. that the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery, be authorised to award the contract for the construction of The Potton Road, Wrestlingworth Project so long as the tender cost was within the agreed funding as set out in the detailed Business Case.**

E/18/95 **Tendering and Award of Contract for The Brook Project, Windsor Drive, Houghton Regis**

Minute E/18/96 related to exempt business. See minute E/18/93.

E/18/96 **Tendering and Award of Contract for the Potton Road, Wrestlingworth Project**

Minute E/18/97 related to exempt business. See minute E/18/94.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and concluded at 10.15 a.m.)

Chairman

Dated