



Executive

Date: Monday, 21 February 2022

Time: 16:02

Venue: Cathedral Room

Present: Councillor Mrs Marilyn Bowman, Councillor Nigel Christian, Councillor Gareth Ellis, Councillor Stephen Higgs, Councillor John Mallinson

Officers: Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Corporate Director of Finance and Resources
Corporate Director of Economic Development

EX.16/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder and the Deputy Chief Executive.

EX.17/22 WELCOME

The Leader welcomed Councillor Mrs Bowman to her first meeting as the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder.

EX.18/22 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED - That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

EX.19/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

EX.20/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 be agreed.

EX.21/22 CALL IN

The Leader reported that the Mayor had, on 16 February 2022, agreed that the following items be exempt from call in as call-procedures would overlap the City Council meeting on 1 March 2022 when the Council will be asked to approve the following matters:

- A.8 - Capital Budget Overview and Monitoring report April to December 2021
- B.1 - Citadels Project

EX.22/22 HEAT DECARBONISATION PLAN

(Key Decision KD.02/22)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder submitted a Heat Decarbonisation Plan for the Council's operational buildings portfolio. (GD.12/22)

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder reported that Carlisle City Council developed its Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy in August 2020 and had subsequently committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions for sites within its operational control. The Council had taken significant steps to reduce its emissions and wanted to target further reductions through its building stock and heat usage to ensure the UK Government 2050 ambition was met.

The Council had been successful in securing funding through Phase 2 of the Public Sector Fund to produce a Heat Decarbonisation Plan (HDP). A HDP was the starting point in looking at how the Council improved energy efficiency in its portfolio.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved, and the Leader seconded, the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected not to approve the Heat Decarbonisation Plan

DECISION

That the Executive:

- 1) Approved a Heat Decarbonisation Plan for its operational buildings portfolio
- 2) Delegated responsibility to accept the grant funding to the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Resources.

Reasons for Decision

The HDP was a small step in the journey to net zero. It set out opportunities for the Council to reduce its energy consumption and associated emissions. Approving the HDP offered the opportunity to apply for funding to undertake the recommended improvements and improve the environmental performance of its operation portfolio.

EX.23/22 CAR PARKING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT THE HIGH STREET RECOVERY

(Key Decision KD.03/22)

Portfolio Environment and Transport

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Subject Matter

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder reported that as part of the budget discussions at the meeting of City Council on Tuesday 01 February 2022, it was announced that options were to be developed to further support the retail and leisure sector through a review of car parking offers designed to increase footfall and dwell-time in the city centre. The proposals would introduce, for up to one year:

Free parking at weekends and on bank / public holidays
Reduced rate parking Monday to Friday for the first hour

Report CS.09/22 highlighted the potential impact of the proposed offers on income levels for 2022-23 and confirmed the next steps and timescales to take this forward.

Referring to the consultation responses, the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder set out the Council's involvement in a variety of walking, cycling and public transport schemes aimed at encouraging people to use alternatives to cars. In addition the Council supported the Government's policy to decarbonise car transport.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder commented that the proposals supported the recovery of the economy and would encourage visitors back to the city centre. She seconded the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected not to carry out a review of car parking

DECISION

The Executive reviewed the feedback from the consultation and agreed to:

- provide free parking at weekends, bank and public holidays as per the table in section 5.1 of report CS.09/22;
- introduce a reduced fee of £1 for the first hour of parking in city centre Council pay and display car parks
- implement the changes from 1 April 2022 or at a date as soon as possible;
- terminate the offer on 31 March 2023, subject to review.

Reasons for Decision

To consider options to further support the retail and leisure sector through a review of car parking offers designed to increase footfall and dwell-time in the city centre.

EX.24/22 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 21 January 2022 was submitted for information.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 21 January 2022 be received.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.25/22 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY LEADER / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

Details of decisions taken by the Leader and Portfolio Holders under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That the decisions, attached as Appendix A, be noted.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.26/22 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

Details of decisions taken by Officers under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the decisions, attached as Appendix B, be noted.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.27/22 JOINT MANAGEMENT TEAM

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 19 January 2022 were submitted for information.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 19 January 2022, attached as Appendix C, be received.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.28/22 REVENUE BUDGET OVERVIEW AND MONITORING REPORT - APRIL TO DECEMBER 2021

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted the Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report for the period April to December 2021 (RD.70/21), which set out an overview of the overall budgetary position for revenue schemes only and provided details of the impact of Covid 19 on the revenue budget. The report also included details of balance sheet management issues, bad debts written off in the period and progress against the budget sayings.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder concluded by moving the recommendations. The Leader seconded the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That Executive:

1. Noted the budgetary performance position of the Council to December 2021;

2. Noted the action taken by the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources to write-off bad debts as detailed in paragraph 7;
3. Noted the release of reserves as set out in the table at paragraph 2.2, and noted the virements approved as detailed in Appendix A of report RD.70/21.

Reasons for Decision

To show that the Executive had been informed of the Council's actual financial position compared with the budgeted position, and to bring to their attention any areas of concern

EX.29/22 CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW AND MONITORING REPORT - APRIL TO DECEMBER 2021

(Non Key Decision)

******(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, The Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report RD.71/21 providing an overview of the budgetary position of the City Council's capital programme for the period April to December 2021.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved, and the Leader seconded, the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Noted and had commented on the budgetary position and performance aspects of the capital programme for the period April to December 2021;
2. Noted adjustments to the 2021/22 capital programme as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of report RD.71/21;
3. Made recommendations to Council to approve reprofiling of £4,295,300 as detailed in para 3.9 and Appendix A from 2021/22 into 2022/23.

Reasons for Decision

To inform the Executive of the Council's actual financial position opposite its Capital Programme

EX.30/22 TREASURY MANAGEMENT OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report RD.72/21 providing the regular quarterly report on Treasury Transactions, including the requirements of the Prudential Code.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved, and the Leader seconded, the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That Report RD.72/21 be received, and the Prudential Indicators noted as at the end of December 2021.

Reasons for Decision

To ensure that the Council's investments are in line with the appropriate policies, including the Treasury Management Strategy Statement

EX.31/22 CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET VIREMENTS 2022/23

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report RD.75/21 which detailed funding available in 2022/23 to respond to proposals considered at the Council Budget meeting on 1 February 2022 where it was agreed that the proposals be funded from existing resources.

Council had debated nine amendments to the budget proposals which were either defeated or withdrawn; however, as part of the debate, the Executive confirmed their commitment to allocate funds for mental health support/Happy Mums Foundation and environmental clean-up and enforcement. These were to be funded from existing resources and as they were individually over £35,000, they must be approved by the Executive in line with the Council's Scheme of Virement.

Funding had been identified in the 2022/23 base budget which could be vired, when required, from the Old Fire Station budget provision, which was no longer required now that the property and functions were being operated by a third party and subject to a lease agreement. £100,000 could be vired from this budget provision.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That the Executive approved two separate virements totalling £100,000 as detailed in report RD.75/21 to fund the following, when required:

1. Additional non-recurring funding of £40,000 to be used to support mental health provision in Carlisle, which would include a £10,000 contribution to the Happy Mums Foundation;
2. Additional non-recurring funding of £60,000 to support the continuation of the existing environmental clean-up and enforcement scheme.

Reasons for Decision

To fund the commitments provided by the Executive at Council on 1 February 2022.

EX.32/22 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) FOR RICKERBY PARK

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Transport

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder submitted a report which set out the justification for the intention to introduce an experimental traffic regulation order for Rickerby Park car Parks (CS.11/21).

Rickerby Park had open access to the park off the highway that runs from Brampton Road to Linstock. This open access from the highway had, unfortunately, meant that in recent years the park had been used for numerous unauthorised encampments on the grassed areas, and repeated overnight parking in the 3 car parks of Rickerby Park by holiday makers and members of the campervan community.

Whilst unauthorised encampments can be moved on by serving a legal notice and the courts, there currently was no way to legally enforce no overnight parking by other groups. Therefore, there was a requirement to create an experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to allow 'No overnight Parking' to be enforced. This would allow the Council to have a consistent approach to all groups wanting to use the park for overnight stays.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected not to create an experimental traffic regulation order

DECISION

That the Executive approved the introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Rickerby Park car parks.

Reason for Decision

To approve an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to cover three car parks in Rickerby Park so that 'no overnight parking' can be enforced and support the health and wellbeing of residents who overlook the park.

EX.33/22 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph numbers (as indicated in brackets against the minutes) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act

EX.34/22 CITADELS PROJECT

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(Key Decision KD.04/22)

**(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, The Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Leader

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Leader submitted a report detailing a suggested disposal of the City Council's property assets to allow the creation of a city centre campus for the University of Cumbria.

The Leader moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder.

DECISION

That the Executive:

- (a) approved the disposal of the Old Gaol site (English Street and Victoria Viaduct properties), as identified in red on plan 1 in report GD.11/22 in the attached appendices at nil consideration.
- (b) approved to enter a Co-operation Agreement with the University of Cumbria with final terms to be agreed by the Corporate Director of Economic Development following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.
- (c) recommend the report to Council for approval to dispose of a property at less than best consideration.

Reason for Decision

The Citadels project will support the delivery of the vision set out in the Carlisle Plan, which is to enable Carlisle to grow and prosper as the capital of the Borderlands region. It also contributes directly to the priority of delivering inclusive and sustainable economic growth, by making

Carlisle a more attractive place for investment, improving skills and drive key sector development.

The Meeting ended at: 16:20

Executive

Date: Monday, 21 March 2022

Time: 16:00

Venue: Flensburg Room

Present: Councillor Mrs Marilyn Bowman, Councillor Gareth Ellis, Councillor Stephen Higgs, Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Mallinson, Councillor John Mallinson

Also Present: Councillor Christine Finlayson, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Trevor Allison, Observer

Officers: Deputy Chief Executive
Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Corporate Director of Finance and Resources
Corporate Director of Economic Development

EX.35/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder and the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

EX.36/22 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED - That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

EX.37/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

EX.38/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED - 1) That the minutes of the meetings held on 20 December 2021 and 19 January 2022 be signed as a correct record.

2) That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2022 be agreed.

EX.39/22 CALL IN

The Leader reported that the Mayor had, on 11 March 2022, agreed that item B.3 – Carlisle Town Deal be exempt from call in. The report seeks the approval of the Carlisle Town Deal business cases for submission to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC). This submission has to be made by 24 March 2022. If a call-in was received, the call-in procedures would overlap the DLUHC submission requirements and would therefore prejudice the Council's interests.

EX.40/22 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 18 February 2022 was submitted for information.

The Corporate Director of Economic Development was scheduled to submit a private report regarding the Central Plaza Development Site Options (Key decision – KD.01/22). This report has been incorporated into the Central Plaza Project report (KD.08/22).

The Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services was scheduled to submit a private report regarding the Proposed Disposal of Four Property Assets to Provide New Affordable Housing Sites (KD.06/22). A further period of time is required to conclude negotiations and finalise recommendations for the Executive therefore the report has been deferred to a future Executive meeting.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 18 February 2022 be received.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable.

EX.41/22 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY LEADER / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

Details of decisions taken by the Leader and Portfolio Holders under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the decisions, attached as Appendix A, be noted.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.42/22 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS

(None Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

Details of decisions taken by Officers under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the decisions, attached as Appendix B, be noted.

Reason for Decision Not applicable

EX.43/22 JOINT MANAGEMENT TEAM

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team on 21 February 2022 were submitted for information.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 21 February 2022, attached as Appendix c, be received.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.44/22 REFERENCE FROM THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Leader

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Health and Wellbeing Panel had, at its meeting on 17 February 2022, scrutinised an overview of the key findings of the Feasibility Study for the James Street Baths and adjoining Grade II listed Turkish Health Suite that had been commissioned for Carlisle City Council by Cumbria County Council. The Panel also listened to a presentation from representatives of The Friends of Carlisle Victorian Baths and Turkish Baths.

The Health and Wellbeing Panel the referred the following recommendations to the Executive (HWSP.17/22 referred)

"2) That the Panel recommend to Executive that the Friends Group be allowed 8-10 months to complete the AHF funded feasibility study and business plan (RIBA Stage 1) before Council progresses to Community Consultation, Order of Costs and Economic Appraisal/Outline Business Case.

3) That the Panel recommend to Executive that Officers work with the Friends Group to explore a Community Asset Transfer and progress options for the James Street Public Baths; and provide an update to the August meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel."

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder expressed his support for the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel and thanked Officers for their continued work in respect of the sites at James Street. He moved that the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel be adopted by the Executive.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected Not to support the recommendations of the Panel.

DECISION

That the Executive adopt the recommendations of Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel:

1. That the Friends Group be allowed 8 - 10 months to complete the AHF funded feasibility study and business plan (RIBA Stage 1) before Council progresses to Community Consultation, Order of Costs and Economic Appraisal/Outline Business Case;
2. That Officers work with the Friends Group to explore a Community Asset Transfer and progress options for the James Street Public Baths; and provide an update to the August meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.

Reasons for Decision

To consider and respond to a reference from the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.

EX.45/22 LOCAL HUB DEVELOPMENTS (COMMUNITY SAFETY)

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Communities, Health and Wellbeing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder submitted an update on the work of the Carlisle Local Focus Hub (LFH). The report proposed the transfer of leadership responsibilities of the LFH to the City Council, bringing the work in line with other district areas in North Cumbria. The report (CS.13/22) also proposed the appointment of a fixed term, full time Hub Manager.

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had considered the matter at its meeting on 17 February 2022 (HWSP.16/22 referred).

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel was in attendance.

In moving the recommendations, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder emphasised the importance of the LFH and the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel's support for the proposals.

The Deputy Leader seconded the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected Not to take over leadership responsibilities of the LFH

DECISION

That the Executive agreed the proposals for establishing the Local Focus Hub within the City Council and supported the recruitment of a fixed term, full time Hub Manager (CS.13/22)

Reasons for Decision

The LFH would assist the Council and local partners to manage the requirements arising from the North Cumbria Community Safety Partnership and review the requirements of each Community Safety partnership under the two new authorities for Cumbria.

EX.46/22 RELEASE OF CITY CENTRE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BUDGET

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Communities, Health and Wellbeing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder submitted report CS.12/22 which requested approval for the release of £20,000 non-recurring revenue budget to support action to address anti-social behaviour in the city centre. Work was underway to develop actions via the Local Focus Hub, working with Cumbria Police and businesses associated with retail, catering and night time economy.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations and the

Leader seconded them.

Summary of options rejected Not to release the money

DECISION

- 1) That the release of the £20,000 non-recurring revenue budget to support action to address anti-social behaviour in the city centre be agreed;
- 2) That such action be agreed with the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder prior to expenditure.

Reasons for Decision

To address anti-social behaviour in line with the Carlisle Plan and vision.

EX.47/22 CARLISLE LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Transport

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder presented the Carlisle Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which had been prepared by Cumbria County Council with the support of a range of Key Stakeholders including Carlisle City Council (CS.14/22).

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder presented to the Carlisle Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan which set out prioritised plans for the provision of enhanced cycling and walking routes in Carlisle and had been the subject of extensive public consultation. The approved Plan would be an essential requirement for bids to government for cycling and walking improvements.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation to endorse the Plan and the Leader seconded it.

Summary of options rejected Not to endorse the Plan

DECISION

That the Executive endorse the Carlisle Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan as set out in the appendix to report CS.14/22.

Reasons for Decision

The government had indicated that bids for improved cycling and walking infrastructure would only be considered if a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan was in place. The Carlisle Plan lists a large number of potential schemes which had been ranked in priority order based on a range of criteria which were detailed in the report.

EX.48/22 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report PC.04/22 containing the Quarter 3 performance against the current Service Standards, together with an update on the delivery of the Carlisle Plan 2021-23 actions as defined in the Plan. Performance against the 2021/22 Key Performance Indicators was also included.

The Health and Wellbeing; Business and Transformation and Economic Growth Scrutiny Panels had scrutinised performance at their meetings held on 17 February; 24 February and 3 February 2022 respectively. Excerpts from the Minutes of those meetings (HWSP.19/22; BTSP.23/22 and EGSP.16/22) were also submitted.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation which was seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

The Executive had considered the performance of the City Council with a view to seeking continuous improvement in how the Council delivered its priorities.

Reasons for Decision

To seek the Executive's consideration of the performance of the City Council as presented in the report.

EX.49/22 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph numbers (as indicated in brackets against the minutes) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

EX.50/22 CENTRAL PLAZA PROJECT

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(Key Decision KD.08/22)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted the progress on the Future High Streets Fund Central Plaza project (ED.04/22). The report outlined the site stabilisation investigations which formed the next stage of activity and sought delegated authority for various actions and decisions related to the development and delivery of the project.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Leader.

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Noted the progress with the development of the Central Plaza project, with immediate next steps and focus on site preparation and stabilising the retaining walls of the site that adjoin West Walls and Victoria Viaduct.
2. Noted that a national marketing exercise would be undertaken to identify a private sector developer for the de-risked site.
3. Noted that a change control to the project may be required by the Future High Streets Fund central team, given that the redevelopment of the site was now likely to happen after the end of the in March 2024.
4. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Economic Development, following consultation with the Leader and the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources, to agree any change controls to the project that may be required by the Future High Streets Fund central team.
5. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Economic Development, following consultation with the Leader, the Head of Regeneration and the Head of Property Services, to agree the preferred stabilisation specification for the Central Plaza site for tender / implementation.
6. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Economic Development, following consultation with the Leader and Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services to enter into a contract with the preferred contractor for the delivery of the site stabilisation works.

Reason for Decision

The successful implementation of Central Plaza project and the wider Future High Streets Fund programme would support the delivery of the vision set out in the Carlisle Plan, which was to enable Carlisle to grow and prosper as the capital of the Borderlands region.

EX.51/22 TOWN DEAL PROJECT ‘START WITH THE PARK’

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 2)

(Key Decision KD.05/22)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder presented an update on progress with the Town Deal 'Start with the Park' project (ED.13/22). The report sought agreement to proceed with the key next steps leading to, and including, the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in respect of the land needed to implement the project.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved, and the Leader seconded, the recommendations.

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Noted progress on the project (ED.13/22)
2. Approved the proposed next steps leading to the making of a Compulsory Purchase order (CPO) in respect of the land needed for the Start with the Park project which cannot be acquired by private negotiation
3. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services to appoint specialist consultants following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Housing.

Reason for Decision

St Cuthbert's Garden Village, of which the Start with the Park project was a key component, would have a significant influence in terms of shaping how Carlisle will grow and function over at least the next 30 years. Delivering St Cuthbert's Garden Village was listed as one of the key economic growth programmes and projects in the plan, and Start with the Park was set out as a project that would position SCGV as a unique and attractive destination for working-age families setting the scene for future phases of development. Accordingly, it would have a significant, direct and positive impact on the Carlisle Plan priorities of Economic Growth and Health and Wellbeing.

EX.52/22 CARLISLE TOWN DEAL

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(Key Decision KD.07/22)

******(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, The Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted the final business cases, independent assurance report and project approval reports which had been prepared for the individual projects included within the Carlisle Town Deal programme prior to submission to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (ED.05/22).

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected Not to approve the business cases

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Approved the updated Carlisle Town Deal Local Assurance Framework (Appendix G1 of ED.05/22) for the appraisal and sign off of business cases.
2. Noted the business cases, which have been prepared in accordance with the criteria set out in the Carlisle Town Deal Local Assurance Framework.
3. Noted the independent assurance reports that have been produced for the each of the business cases, which have been prepared in accordance with the criteria set out in the Carlisle Town Deal Local Assurance Framework.
4. Considered the project approval reports that have been produced by Programme Management Office for each project and signed off by Carlisle City Council as Accountable Body.
5. Noted that the Carlisle Town Deal Board has considered the business cases, independent assurance reports and project approval reports and endorsed the business cases for submission to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
6. Approved the business cases for submission to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on the basis of the project approval reports and subject to the conditions required by the Accountable Body (Carlisle City Council) set out therein.
7. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Economic Development, following consultation with the Leader, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services and the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources, to finalise and submit the required documentation to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Reasons for Decision

The successful implementation of the Town Deal programme would support the delivery of the vision set out in the Carlisle Plan, which was to enable Carlisle to grow and prosper as the capital of the Borderlands region. The projects to be delivered through the Town Deal programme would contribute directly to the priority of delivering inclusive and sustainable economic growth, by making Carlisle a more attractive place for investment.

EX.53/22 LAND AT MORTON

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(Key Decision KD.09/22)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted an update on the development potential of the City Council owned Morton District Centre and Employment Site, including the next steps (GD.18/22).

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected Not to release the funding

DECISION

That the Executive noted the work to date and authorised the Corporate Director for Finance and Resources to release funding from the Carry Forward Reserve to undertake the phase 1 site investigations estimated at £60,000.

Reason for Decision

The proposals would generate income and/or capital to support front line service delivery and create employment opportunities.

EX.54/22 LAND AT GREARSHILL

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(Key Decision KD.10/22)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted an update on the development potential of the City Council owned site north of Junction 44 of the M6 and to seek approval to proceed with the next stage of site investigations. (GD.19/22).

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected Not to authorise the release of the funding

DECISION

That the Executive noted the work to date and authorised the Corporate Director for Finance and Resources to release funding from the Carry Forward Reserve to undertake the phase 1 site investigations estimated at £60,000.

Reason for Decision The proposals would generate income and/or capital to support front line service delivery, create employment opportunities and help deliver the Council's net zero carbon aspirations.

The Meeting ended at: 16:14