

## **EXECUTIVE**

**MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019 AT 4.00 PM**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Glover (Leader / Chairman)  
Councillor Dr Tickner (Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Ms Quilter (Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Miss Sherriff (Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Southward (Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Glendinning (Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder)

### **OFFICERS:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Councillor Nedved (Chairman of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel)  
Councillor Mallinson (J) (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel on 21 February 2019)  
Councillor Allison (Observer)  
Director of Public Health (Cumbria County Council)

### **WELCOME**

The Leader welcomed all those present to the meeting.

### **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

### **PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 10 December 2018 and 16 January 2019 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings.

**EX.19/19      NORTH PENNINES AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
(Key Decision – KD.04/19)

**Portfolio**      Economy, Enterprise and Housing

**Relevant Scrutiny Panel**      Economic Growth

**Subject Matter**

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder reported (ED.11/19) that, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the City Council had a statutory duty to prepare and review a management plan for each of its two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

The North Pennines AONB covered approximately 30 square miles in the south eastern corner of the district. It included the villages of Cumrew, Castle Carrock, Talkin and Hallbankgate, together with a number of smaller rural communities such as Forest Head, Tindale and Midgeholme. The AONB lay within the boundaries of five adjoining local authorities – Carlisle, Eden, Northumberland, Durham and Cumbria.

In terms of the proposals before Members, the Portfolio Holder explained that the current North Pennines AONB Management Plan ended in 2019 and had therefore been reviewed and redrafted to cover the period 2019 – 2024. Details of the purpose and vision of the Management Plan; risks and consultation undertaken could be found at Sections 2 - 4 of the report.

The Council ultimately needed to adopt the management plan to meet its statutory duty.

The Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel had scrutinised the matter on 28 February 2019 (Minute EGSP.16/19) and resolved:

- “1) That the Panel noted the Management Plan progress to date (ED.09/19);
- 2) That the comments and observations of the Panel as detailed above be submitted to the Executive for inclusion in the Council’s response to the consultation process on the North Pennines AONB Management Plan 2019-2024.
- 3) That the implementation plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel along with any Key Performance Indicators that may be relevant.”

The Chairman of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel began by expressing thanks to the Principal Planning Officer for her presentation of the report to the Panel, adding that the North Pennines AONB Management Plan was both a comprehensive and extremely interesting document.

The Chairman referenced the questions posed at the panel meeting highlighting, in particular, the clarification provided that, although the AONB plan sat alongside the Planning Policies in the Local Plan, it was not a planning policy document. He added that the AONB Management Plan did not have any timelines for objectives or any key performance indicators for actions. It was further considered that the plan contained little information on Open Access Cumbria or on access for disabled people in the countryside.

However, subject to the comments and observations detailed within the Minute Excerpt, the Panel was happy.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder indicated that she accepted the observations made, before formally moving the recommendation set out in the report.

The Leader formally seconded the recommendation.

**Summary of options rejected** not to adopt the Management Plan

## **DECISION**

That, following consideration of the comments and observations of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel, the Executive adopted the North Pennines AONB Management Plan.

## **Reasons for Decision**

The North Pennines AONB Management Plan required to be adopted by the City Council in fulfilment of its statutory duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The Plan would be instrumental in conserving and enhancing that nationally protected landscape. It would assist in the implementation of many of the actions and activities that would conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the AONB and sustain the economy in sustainable ways

It was a plan for the area, and many organisations, individuals and communities would have a role in implementing it. It focused on landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural heritage. It would also assist with securing external funding for project implementation

**EX.20/19 GLOBAL HOUSE, DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**  
(Key Decision – KD.06/19)

**Portfolio** Finance, Governance and Resources

**Relevant Scrutiny Panel** Business and Transformation

## **Subject Matter**

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report CE.02/19 concerning an application for discretionary rate relief in respect of a large empty hard to let premises, namely Global House, Castle Street, Carlisle.

Speaking by way of background, the Deputy Leader reminded Members that, in July 2016, the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy was expanded to include Large Empty 'Hard to Let' Business Premises. The amendment to the Policy was designed to encourage the occupation of such premises and therefore support the Council's economic development objectives as set out in the Carlisle Plan.

Conditions of the relief included that the business had to commit to Carlisle for a minimum of 5 years and create job opportunities and other benefits for the Carlisle economy. Wider economic growth considerations included that further business rate benefits may be

gained by increasing capacity in areas through increased employment and footfall. That, in turn, may lead to additional businesses paying rates in the longer term.

The Deputy Leader then provided a detailed overview of the current application made by The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Limited concerning the occupation of Global House, 5/11 Castle Street, Carlisle for the purposes of the business group's headquarters, including the conditions which must be met; financial considerations and risks; details of which were set out within the report.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder concluded his presentation by formally moving the recommendation.

In formally seconding the recommendation, the Leader emphasised that the Edinburgh Woollen Mill had placed its confidence in Carlisle. Their presence enforced Carlisle's status as a regional centre, would bring jobs to the City Centre and help to support the high street; important factors in the current economic climate.

**Summary of options rejected** that approval be not granted

## **DECISION**

That the Executive approved the application for 100% discretionary business rate relief for two years for Global House, a large empty hard to let premises, and in so doing, was satisfied that the award was in the interests of Carlisle City Council Tax Payers;

- a) Note that the total cost of awarding such relief is £255,757 over two years with the direct cost to Carlisle City Council being £102,303 over two years. The balance being shared between the Cumbria Pooling authorities.

## **Reasons for Decision**

It was considered that the application by Edinburgh Woollen Mill Limited, relating specifically to the reoccupation of Global House, fulfilled all of the requirements of the discretionary business rate relief policy for hard to let empty business premises. Based on this and the belief that the reoccupation would give rise to significant economic benefits, and in doing so would therefore be in the interests of Carlisle City Council Tax payers, it was recommended that the maximum relief permitted by the policy be granted i.e. 100% relief across the two years period

## **EX.21/19 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 8 February 2019 was submitted for information.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

**DECISION**

That the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 8 February 2019 be received.

**Reasons for Decision**

Not applicable

**EX.22/19      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 A, be noted.

**Reasons for Decision**

Not applicable

**EX.23/19      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 11 February 2019 were submitted for information.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

**DECISION**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 11 February 2019, attached as Appendix B, be received.

## Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

### **EX.24/19      PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 3 2018/19** (Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**      Finance, Governance and Resources

**Relevant Scrutiny Panel**      Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

## Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report PC.04/19 containing the Quarter 3 2018/19 performance against the current Service Standards, together with a summary of the Carlisle Plan 2015-18 actions as defined in the 'plan on a page'. Performance against the 2018/19 Key Performance Indicators was also included.

The Deputy Leader referred Members to the updates against the actions in the Carlisle Plan presented at Section 3.

In conclusion the Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder formally moved the recommendations, which were formally seconded by the Leader.

**Summary of options rejected**      none

## DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Had considered the performance of the City Council as presented in Report PC.04/19 with a view to seeking continuous improvement in how the Council delivered its priorities.
2. Agreed the proposed target and KPI changes highlighted in the report.

## Reasons for Decision

To seek continuous improvement in how the Council delivered its priorities

### **EX.25/19      DRAFT JOINT CUMBRIA PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY** (Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**      Communities, Health and Wellbeing

**Relevant Scrutiny Panel**      Health and Wellbeing

## **Subject Matter**

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder submitted report CS.12/19 presenting the Draft Joint Cumbria Public Health Strategy, which described wide ranging aims to tackle the wider determinates of health and wellbeing, in line with the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-20 in preparation for adoption.

The Director of Public Health at Cumbria County Council had led on the creation and development of the Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy. Officers with multi-disciplinary backgrounds and expertise from Carlisle City Council, the other district councils, Cumbria County Council and the Lake District National Park had contributed to the writing and the shaping of specific thematic areas, as discussed at Cumbria Leaders board.

The Portfolio Holder explained that the joint Strategy took a different approach to previous public health strategies as it acknowledged the conditions in which a person was born, lived, grew, learned and worked, and considered impacts on their access and ability to live a healthier life. It provided a huge opportunity to influence and improve health and wellbeing.

The above further built upon the good work Carlisle had done with regard to the World Health Organisation Healthy City agenda, the wider determinants of health and council services aligned to those determinants. The next phase of Healthy City (phase 7) outlined the 6 themes (6Ps) identified at paragraph 1.5.

Members' attention was further drawn to the proposals and risks identified at Sections 2 and 3 of the report.

The Portfolio Holder expressed thanks to those Officers involved for the hard work which had gone into the matter.

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had scrutinised the matter on 21 February 2019 (Minute HWSP.20/19) and resolved:

"That observations and comments as set out above be referred to the Executive as part of the consideration of the Draft Joint Cumbria Public Health Strategy (CS.08/19).

2) That Mr Cox circulate details of the support provided to children who were not in education due to ill health."

The Chairman of the 21 February 2019 Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel meeting informed the Executive that the Panel had received a thorough and excellent presentation on the topic from the Director of Public Health (Cumbria County Council).

A very interesting, robust and wide-ranging discussion ensued, covering topical issues such as climate change. The Chairman was further impressed by the input from Officers of the City Council.

Speaking at the invitation of the Leader, the Director of Public Health (Cumbria County Council) expressed his thanks to the Officers involved in preparation of the documentation. Members would note that the objectives were high level, ambitious and not able to be delivered by any one organisation.

The Director indicated that the draft strategy built very much upon the healthy weight documentation, taking that work to the next stage. Accordingly, he would be very grateful if the Executive endorsed the strategy.

In response, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder formally moved the recommendation to full Council on 30 April 2019, indicating that she looked forward to all working together towards the strategy's fruition.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder congratulated all Officers involved in preparation of the report. He considered the draft Strategy to be extremely wide ranging and was particularly pleased to note the section entitled 'Tackling climate change'. Adoption of the strategy constituted the start of a journey and he looked forward to all policies being turned into practical steps.

The Deputy Leader then formally seconded the recommendation.

**Summary of options rejected** none

## **DECISION**

That, following consideration of the comments from the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, the Executive recommended the Draft Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy to full Council on 30 April 2019 for adoption.

## **Reasons for Decision**

The draft Joint Cumbria Public Health Strategy correlated strongly with the Carlisle Plan, via themes such as: health and wellbeing, housing, economy, education and skills, culture and leisure, environment; as well as cross cutting multidisciplinary partnership working. Those were all incorporated within the strategy. There were also strong links with council services below the plan

Not adopting the new county wide Public Health Strategy would not be the recommended option as it would mean Carlisle was working towards a separate public health strategy and framework to the rest of the county

## **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 number (as indicated in brackets against the minutes) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

### **EX.26/19 ASSET MANAGEMENT OF KINGSTOWN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PARKHOUSE BUSINESS PARK**

(Non Key Decision)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

**Portfolio** Finance, Governance and Resources



**Relevant Scrutiny Panel**

Business and Transformation

**Subject Matter**

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted private report GD.10/19 concerning the asset management of Kingstown Industrial Estate and Parkhouse Business Park.

The Deputy Leader provided an overview of the background position; together with the update on progress (including the key achievements) with the implementation of the business plan for Kingstown Industrial Estate and Parkhouse Business Park.

He also expressed thanks to the Property Services Manager and his team for their work.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder concluded his presentation by formally moving that the Executive consider the report and note the progress achieved to date.

The Leader formally seconded the recommendation.

**Summary of options rejected** none

**DECISION**

That the Executive had considered Report GD.10/19 and noted the progress to date.

**Reasons for Decision**

As detailed within report GD.10/19

**EX.27/19 STONY HOLME GOLF COURSE**

(Non Key Decision)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012, the Mayor had agreed that the decision in relation to this item of business was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred)

**Portfolio** Culture, Health and Leisure / Leader

**Relevant Scrutiny Panel**

Health and Wellbeing

**Subject Matter**

The Leader submitted private report CS.13/19, the purpose of which was to provide Members of the Executive with the results of an Options Appraisal undertaken following the voluntary liquidation of the Council's golf operator Mack Golf.

The Leader outlined, in some detail, the background position; together with the options appraisal and business plan proposal before the Executive today for review and

assessment. Members' attention was also drawn to the key risks and risk mitigation actions identified.

The Leader concluded his presentation by formally moving recommendations 1 and 2 as printed within the report.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder emphasised that the Executive had commissioned professionals to undertake the Options Appraisal alluded to. He was therefore supportive of the recommendations identified by the Leader and formally seconded the same.

**Summary of options rejected** that the plans to develop a new lease and grant for the delivery of golf provision should not be taken forward

## **DECISION**

That the Executive had reviewed the Options Appraisal provided and had assessed the proposal put forward, as detailed within Report CS.13/19, and resolved to:

1. Take forward plans to develop a new lease and grant for the delivery of golf provision at Stony Holme Golf facilities.
2. In light of recommendation 1 agreed to develop a short-term licence for occupation of the course and club house and agree an interim grant for the timely re-opening of the facilities subject to successful mitigation of the risks identified in the report.

## **Reasons for Decision**

As detailed within report CS.13/19

[The meeting ended at 4.30 pm]