

Executive

Date: Monday, 20 March 2023

Time: 16:00

Venue: Flensburg Room

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

Officers: Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Corporate Director of Finance and Resources
Regeneration Manager
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

EX.24/23 CALL IN

The Leader reported that the Mayor had, on 9 March 2023 agreed that the following items be exempt from call in (all items on the agenda):

- A.1 – Smoke Control Area Emission Report
- A.2 – Notice of Executive Key Decisions
- A.3 – Schedule of Decisions Taken by Officers
- A.4 – Joint Management Team
- A.5 – Carlisle Rural Strategy
- A.6 – Carlisle Enterprise Fund
- B.1 – Disposal of Various Property Assets

The request for the exemption is made as the City Council will no longer exist from 31 March 2023 and this date is within the call in period.

EX.25/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Gareth Ellis - Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder, the Deputy Chief Executive, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services and the Corporate Director of Economic Development.

EX.26/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

EX.27/23 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED - It was agreed that the items in Part A be dealt with in public and the items in Part B be dealt with when the Public and Press are excluded.

EX.28/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED - It was noted that Council had, at its meeting on 28 February 2023, received and adopted the minutes of the meetings held on 4 January 2023 and 20 February 2023.

EX.29/23 SMOKE CONTROL AREA EMISSION REPORT

(Key Decision KD.02/23)

Portfolio: Environment and Transport

Relevant Scrutiny Panel: People Panel

Subject Matter:

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder submitted a proposed Smoke Control Area Emission Enforcement Policy following updates to the Clean Air Act 1993, under the Environment Act 2021 (GD.10/23). The adoption of the Policy fed into the air quality priorities under the Air Quality Action Plan 2021 in fulfilment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management Framework.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected: Not to approve the Smoke Control Area Emission Enforcement Policy.

DECISION

That the Executive approved the Smoke Control Area Emission Enforcement Policy including the new proposed Civil Penalty Charging Structure as attached to report GD.10/23.

Reason for Decision:

To comply with both the UK standards and the World Health Organisation guidelines and ensure good air quality for the residents of Carlisle.

EX.30/23 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

People Panel; Place Panel; Resources Panel

Subject Matter:

The Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 17 February 2023 was submitted for information.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 17 February 2023 be received.

Reason for decision Not applicable

EX.31/23 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

People Panel; Place Panel; Resources Panel

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.

Reason for decision Not applicable

EX.32/23 JOINT MANAGEMENT TEAM

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross Cutting

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

People Panel; Place Panel; Resources Panel

Subject Matter:

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team on the 20 February 2023 were submitted for information.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the minutes of the Joint Management Team, as attached as Appendix B, held on 20 February 2023 be received.

Reason for decision Not applicable

EX.33/23 CARLISLE RURAL STRATEGY

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Place Panel

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted an overview of the emerging Rural Strategy for the Carlisle area. The Strategy had been developed following the workshop with Members that was held on 3 November 2022, where a number of recommendations were made. The Strategy sets out six aims designed to deliver economic, demographic and environmental sustainability for the Carlisle's rural communities and businesses.

The Place Panel had considered the matter at their meeting on 2 March 2023 (Minute Excerpt PLP.17/23 referred)

In moving the recommendations the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder thanked the Place Panel for their input in preparing the Strategy. The Leader seconded the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected: None

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Noted the contents of the Strategy in terms of the challenges, opportunities, strategic aims and objectives (ED.06/23)
2. Noted the comments from the Place Panel, which considered the draft Strategy on 2 March 2023.
3. Provided feedback on the Strategy to inform its finalisation for onward recommendation to Cumberland Council.

Reason for the Decision

The Strategy sets out a framework, based on analysis of the key issues, challenges and opportunities, to drive inclusive and sustainable rural growth within the Carlisle area. Its production had been evidence-led in order to ensure that it responded to local needs and opportunities, with the use of up-to-date data so that it was pertinent to the current economic climate and challenges.

EX.34/23 CARLISLE ENTERPRISE FUND

(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Place Panel

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder provided an overview of the Carlisle Enterprise Fund that had approved in principle by the Executive as part of the Year 1 programme for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (ED.10/23). The Enterprise Fund formed part of the interventions identified by the Council to deliver against the supporting local business investment priority. The report set out the policy framework and the application and eligibility criteria for the Enterprise Fund and sought delegation for the authorisation of payment of the grants to the Corporate Director of Economic Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder of Economy, Enterprise and Housing.

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

Summary of options rejected Not to approve the application

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Approved the application and eligibility criteria for the Carlisle Enterprise Fund (Appendices A and B of report ED.10/23);
2. Delegated authority for the authorisation of payment of the grants to the Director / Assistant Director with responsibility for the delivery of the UKSPF programme, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder, and the S151 Officer;
3. Delegated authority for the Director / Assistant Director with responsibility for the delivery of the UKSPF programme, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder, and the S151 Officer to agree any future amendments to the policy.

EX.35/23 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 item of business of the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph Number 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the 1972 Local Government Act.

EX.36/23 DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS PROPERTY ASSETS

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(Key Decision KD.03/23)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Place Panel

Subject Matter

The Leader submitted a report regarding the disposal of various property assets.

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

Summary of options rejected: Not to dispose of the assets

DECISION

That the Executive agreed for the disposal of various property assets (as detailed in GD.04/23) with the final agreement on heads of terms and sales price delegated to the Head of Property Services (or the relevant Assistant Director of Cumberland Council)

Reason for decision

To achieve a disposal of best consideration of each asset in line with the Council's Asset Management Plan.

EX.37/23 LEADER'S COMMENTS

The Leader noted that this was the last meeting of the City Council's Executive. He thanked everyone who attended the meetings and the Senior Management Team for their support. He thanked the Democratic Services Team for the excellent way in which they had supported meetings of the Executive over many years.

The Executive Members also gave their thanks.

The Meeting ended at: 16:10