



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 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 DecisionThe 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.

CALL-IN

Decisions Made at the Executive Meeting held on 21 March 2022

Date of Publication: 23 March 2022

Call in Period ends: 30 March 2022 @ 17:00 hours

Notes:

1. Decisions may be called-in by the Chair or any three Members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
2. Requests to call -in must be delivered to Democratic Services (by phone or email) by the date and time specified.
3. In the absence of any call-in, decisions will take effect and can be implemented 5 working days after publication of these Decisions.
4. Decision marked ** may not be called-in as they were made under special urgency rules.

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The Meeting ended at: 16:14