

EXECUTIVE

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor J Mallinson (Leader / Chair)
Councillor Ellis (Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Christian (Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Higgs (Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Mrs Mallinson (Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Nedved (Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder)

OFFICERS:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Birks (Vice-Chair of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel)
Councillor Mrs Finlayson (Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel)

REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A roll call of persons in attendance was taken; there were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf Councillor Brown, Chair of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

CALL-IN

The Leader reported that The Mayor had, on 9 December 2020, agreed that the following items should be exempt from call-in for the reasons stated:

A.5 – Town Deal Capital Accelerated Fund

The funding allocated by the MHCLG to deliver the project must be committed by March 2021 and therefore approval from Members needed to be secured before Christmas to enable the project development work and procurement to commence in early January 2021.

A.13 – Dates and Times of Meetings 2021/22

B.1 – Tullie House Business Plan 2020/21

If a call-in was received, call-in procedures would overlap the virtual City Council meeting on 5 January 2021 when Council was scheduled to consider the matters, thereby prejudicing the Council's interests in approving the same.

Further to Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the Chair of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel has agreed that the decision to be taken in respect of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal (Agenda item B.2) is urgent and requires to be taken today in order that the matter may move through the City Council's democratic process, culminating with submission to full Council in mid-February 2021. The decision cannot wait until the next scheduled Executive meeting since that would prevent sign off in accordance with the February 2021 deadline and submission of the signed Deal to the UK and Scottish Governments.

BUDGET PROCESS 2021/22

EX.141/20 BUDGET UPDATE - REVENUE ESTIMATES 2021/22 TO 2025/26

(Key Decision – KD.25/20)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.122/20, the Deputy Leader submitted report RD.42/20 providing an update to the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources' report to the Executive of 9 November 2020 (RD.32/20).

Summarised within the report were the revised revenue base estimates for 2020/21, together with the base estimates for 2021/22 and forecasts up to 2025/26 for illustrative purposes.

The report drew Members' awareness to the fact that a number of significant factors affecting the budget were currently unresolved. In particular, the following were key to the budget process and details thereon would be considered as the budget progressed.

- Ongoing impact of COVID-19
- Local Government Finance Settlement – announcement due by December 2020
- Further expected changes in government grant e.g. New Homes Bonus, Housing Benefit Administration Grant
- Future borrowing requirements
- Commercial and investment opportunities

Set out at Section 3 was an overview of the outstanding key issues and resource assumptions, with details of the potential new spending pressures/bids that needed to be considered also provided at Section 4.

In terms of savings and additional income proposals, the report recorded that the current MTFP included a recurring savings requirement to be found by 2021/22 of £1 million rising to £1.850 million in 2023/24. That additional saving requirement would increase the savings needed for 2021/22 to £1.2 million and the total savings required being £2.050 million by 2023/24. Savings would need to be identified by a combination of reviewing the items listed at paragraph 5.6.

The Council's current levels of balances set out at Appendix A included any impact of the proposed pressures and savings outlined in the report. The Projects Reserve would be used as a first call for any projected revenue budget deficit however, maintaining the current level of reserves was dependent upon the achievement of the transformation savings. A risk-based review of reserve levels had been undertaken and showed that the minimum level of General Fund Reserves should remain at £3.1million due to uncertainties around future funding from Business Rates; however that would be reviewed during the budget process.

The Deputy Leader then moved the recommendations, which were seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

- (i) Noted the revised base estimates for 2020/21 and base estimates for 2021/22;
- (ii) Noted that the estimates in the report were draft and would be subject to the confirmation of Local Government Finance Settlement in December 2020;
- (iii) Noted the current MTFP projections, which would continue to be updated throughout the budget process as key issues became clearer and decisions were taken;
- (iv) Noted the budget pressures, bids and savings which needed to be taken into account as part of the 2021/22 budget process;
- (v) Noted the Statutory Report of the S.151 Officer outlining the risks associated with the draft budget figures and that minimum reserves may need to be reviewed in the future depending upon the outcome of the Local Government Finance review.

Reasons for Decision To ensure that a balanced budget is set.

EX.142/20 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 AND PROVISIONAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22 TO 2025/26
(Key Decision – KD.25/20)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.127/20, the Deputy Leader submitted report RD.43/20 which provided an update to the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources' report to the Executive of 9 November 2020 (RD.32/20).

The report set out the proposed capital programme for 2021/22 to 2025/26 in the light of new capital proposals identified and summarised the estimated capital resources available to fund the programme.

The resources available to support the capital programme could only be estimated during the year. The final position was dependent, in particular, on how successful the Council had been in achieving Capital Receipts from the sale of assets against its target.

The cost of externally borrowing £1m to fund the capital programme would result in a charge to the revenue account in the next full year of approximately £47,000. That was made up of

£17,000 for the cost of the interest payable (1.7% of £1m equated to £17,000) and a principal repayment provision of 3% of the outstanding sum (3% of £1m equated to £30,000).

The revised capital programme for 2020/21 (Appendix A) now totalled £19,390,400. The revised anticipated resources available and their use to fund the capital programme were depicted at Appendix B.

The Deputy Leader then moved the recommendations, which were seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

- (i) Noted the revised capital programme and relevant financing for 2020/21 as set out in Appendices A and B of Report RD.43/20, for recommendation to Council;
- (ii) Had given initial consideration and views on the proposed capital spending for 2021/22 to 2025/26 given in the report in the light of the estimated available resources, for recommendation to Council;
- (iii) Noted that any capital scheme for which funding had been approved by Council may only proceed after a full report, including business case and financial appraisal, had been approved.

Reasons for Decision To ensure that a balanced budget is set

EX.143/20 DRAFT TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION STRATEGY 2021/22
(Key Decision – KD.25/20)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.129/20, the Deputy Leader submitted report RD.44/20 setting out the Council's draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2021/22 in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management. The Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2020/21 were incorporated as part of the Statement, as were the Prudential Indicators as required within the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

The report would be considered by the Audit Committee; and the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel on 18 December 2020 and 7 January 2021 respectively.

The Deputy Leader moved the recommendation set out within the report and the Leader seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive noted the draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2021/22, which incorporated the Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Strategy, together with the Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A and the Treasury Management Policy Statement as set out at Appendix D to Report RD.44/20; and sought comments from the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel in January 2021.

Reasons for Decision

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

EX.144/20 REVIEW OF CHARGES 2021/22 (Key Decision – KD.25/20)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

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

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minutes EX.123/20, EX.124/20, EX.125/20 and EX.126/20, further consideration was given to the Charges Reviews in respect of charges falling within the responsibility of the Community Services; Economic Development; Governance and Regulatory Services Directorates; and the Licensing Section.

Extracts from the Minutes of the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel on 19 November 2020 (HWSP.67/20); Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel on 26 November 2020 (EGSP.59/20); and Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel on 1 December 2020 (BTSP.73/20) in respect of the proposed charges were submitted.

Executive Members were asked to refer to the Charges Review Reports contained within the Budget Book – CS.30/20 and Addendum; ED.28/20 and GD.54/20.

Also provided was Report GD.48/20 (Amended) setting out the proposed fees and charges for areas falling within the responsibility of the Governance and Regulatory Services Directorate; and including an amendment relative to the discount to senior citizens for the charge for domestic rat and mice treatments.

The Deputy Leader, in moving the recommendations, outlined a proposed amendment to the Community Services Charges report (CS.30/20) in respect of car parking charges at Talkin Tarn. The Deputy Leader had considered the representations made by the Brampton Ward Councillors and asked the Executive to agree that there would be no increase to the price of car parking permits at Talkin Tarn for 2021/22.

The Leader seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected a number of alternative charges as detailed in the above reports

DECISION

1. That the fees and charges for 2021/22 relating to those services falling within the responsibility of the Community Services Directorate including a freeze to the price of the

car parking permits for Talkin Tarn for 2021/22, as set out in Report CS.30/20, the Addendum and relevant Appendices, be approved with effect from 1 April 2021.

2. That the fees and charges for 2021/22 relating to those services falling within the responsibility of the Economic Development Directorate, set out in Report ED.38/20 and accompanying Appendices, be approved with effect from 1 April 2021.
3. That the fees and charges for 2021/22 relating to the areas falling within the responsibility of the Governance and Regulatory Services Directorate, as detailed and set out in Report GD.48/20 (amended) and accompanying Appendices, be approved with effect from 1 April 2021.
4. That the Executive noted the Licensing Charges which had been approved by the Regulatory Panel on 14 October 2020; and approved the fees under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 with effect from 1 April 2021.

Reasons for Decision

The proposed charges and options reflected the Corporate Charging Policy as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan, whilst attempting to recognise service pressures and trends

EX.145/20 EXECUTIVE RESPONSE ON THE 2021/22 BUDGET (Key Decision – KD.25/20)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader reported that the Executive was issuing their 2021/22 Budget Proposals for consultation, copies of which were circulated.

The Deputy Leader commented that the Executive understood the impact that Covid-19 had on households and businesses and had kept the proposed increases to the Council Tax to a minimum.

Over the next four weeks, the Executive would be consulting on its budget proposals with businesses, trade union representatives and its residents. The deadline for comments was 9.00 am on 11 January 2021. The Executive would respond to consultees' feedback at its meeting on 13 January 2021.

The Deputy Leader concluded by moving the recommendation that the Executive's draft Budget proposals be agreed and circulated for consultation; the Leader seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected a number of options which had been considered as part of the Council's 2021/22 budget deliberations as identified in various reports

DECISION

That the Executive's draft Budget proposals, as circulated at the meeting and appended to these Minutes as Appendix A, be agreed and circulated for consultation.

Reasons for Decision To produce the draft Budget proposals for consultation purposes

EX.146/20 BITTS PARK INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURE
(Key Decision – KD.26/20)

Portfolio Communities, Health and Wellbeing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder submitted report CS.33/20, the purpose of which was to seek Executive approval for the release of the capital allocation for full mechanical and electrical reinstatement of the children's interactive water feature in Bitts Park, following flood damage in February 2020. The background position was as recorded at Section 1.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation, which was seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected that approval should not be granted.

DECISION

That the Executive approved the addition of £73,591.50 for the reinstatement and repair of the water feature at Bitts Park, pending the finalisation and acceptance of the insurance settlement.

Reasons for Decision

The interactive water feature was an integral and universally popular component of Bitts Park play area, the authority therefore has a responsibility to ensure its continued presence on the site so long as that remained practicable and the facility was fully insured

The flood damage incurred in February 2020 was repairable and the Council's insurer had already settled the resulting claim in full

With the release of the capital funds, as per the recommendation of the report, the authority may progress the repair and recommissioning of the water feature in preparation for re-opening in spring 2021.

EX.147/20 REVIEW OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS
(Key Decision – KD.27/20)

Portfolio Communities, Health and Wellbeing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder reported (CS.36/20) that the City Council was committed to maintain a clean and safe environment for everyone.

This report introduced the Local Environmental Crime, Action and Enforcement Strategy that set out the Council's approach to maintaining clean streets and neighbourhoods across the district of Carlisle and highlighted the wide ranging work and powers of the Civil Enforcement Officers in raising awareness of environmental crime, including challenging unacceptable behaviour and

taking robust enforcement action, when necessary as the Council worked to keep Carlisle clean.

The Portfolio Holder thanked officers and Local Police for their input into the document and moved the recommendation, which was duly seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected that the report should not be referred for scrutiny

DECISION

That the Executive had reviewed the content of Report CS.36/20 and referred it to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel for their review and comment.

Reasons for Decision To seek the views of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

EX.148/20 **TOWNS FUND CAPITAL ACCELERATED FUND
(Key Decision – KD.30/20)

(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 a report providing Members with a background to the £1,000,000 grant that had been awarded to the City Council from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government through the Towns Fund initiative to accelerate the delivery of capital projects in the city and meet the objectives of the Town Investment Plan.

Members' attention was drawn to Section 2 which set out proposals to create a budget of up to £1,000,000 to cover works associated with Project 1 – Caldew Riverside and Project 2 – Bitts Park 'Pod Village', details of which were provided.

In moving the recommendations the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder thanked the Regeneration Manager, Economic Development Team and the Green Spaces Operations Manager, which were duly seconded by the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected that authority should not be granted.

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Authorised the development and delivery of the Caldew Riverside and Bitts Park projects as outlined in Section 2 of the Report .
2. Authorised a budget of £1,000,000 to be added to the Council's Capital Programme, fully financed by the accelerated capital grant awarded by the MHCLG, to deliver the Caldew Riverside and Bitts Park projects.

Reasons for Decision

The Caldew Riverside and Bitts Park projects outlined in the report would both make a significant contribution to the objectives of the Carlisle TIP (Section 1.2) and fulfil the investment priorities for the accelerated funding set out by the MHCLG (Section 1.5)

EX.149/20 AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION AND ADOPTION (Key Decision – KD.31/20)

Portfolio Environment and Transport

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder submitted report GD.60/20, the purpose of which was to put forward a summary of the Local Authority's Air Quality Action Plan, whilst also undertaking consultation with key stakeholders.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation, which was duly seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected not to agree the measures recommended in the Air Quality Action Plan

DECISION

That the Executive agreed to the measures recommended in the Air Quality Action Plan.

The recommended key measures had been identified in conjunction with the key partners, so that the City Council was able to deliver improvements to Nitrogen Dioxide concentrations in the Air Quality Management Areas. Government guidance required local authorities to have regard to the cost effectiveness and feasibility of measures in their Air Quality Action Plans.

Reasons for Decision

The revised action plan would be formally consulted upon as a draft, with the final version to be adopted by the Executive after a period of consultation

The update in Appendix C of the main report featured online, would replace the previous 'air Quality and Land Use Planning' guidance document, which was produced in 2006 and was not out of date

EX.150/20 ST CUTHBERT'S GARDEN VILLAGE MASTERPLAN FRAMEWORK (Key Decision – KD.33/20)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted report ED.50/20 apprising the Executive of the finalised Masterplan Framework for St Cuthbert's Garden Village.

The St Cuthbert's Garden Village Masterplan Framework; the St Cuthbert's Garden Village Masterplan Framework – Infrastructure Schedule, and the St Cuthbert's Garden Village Masterplan Framework – Design Guidance were appended to the report.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder thanked the St. Cuthbert's Garden Village Team, the Member Advisory Group, St Cuthbert's Without and Cummersdale Parish Councils and the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel.

The Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel scrutinised the matter on 26 November 2020 resolving:

“That the Panel had considered the final St Cuthbert's Garden Village Masterplan Framework and agreed its content as evidence to inform the St Cuthbert's Village Local Plan.”

A copy of Minute Excerpt EGSP.60/20 setting out the Panel's observations was also submitted.

The Chair of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel had been invited to address the Executive but was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder concluded by moving the recommendation, which was duly seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected that the Masterplan Framework should not be agreed as Evidence to inform the emerging St Cuthbert's Garden Village Local Plan

DECISION

That the Executive agreed the finalised St Cuthbert's Garden Village Masterplan Framework (contained in Appendices 1 – 3 of Report ED.50/20) as evidence to inform the emerging St Cuthbert's Garden Village Local Plan.

Reasons for Decision

Progress remained on track to deliver the key components that would support the delivery of St Cuthbert's Garden Village. The suite of Masterplanning Framework documents comprised a significant part of the evidence base which had been used to inform the emerging Local Plan for the Garden Village which warranted scrutiny and endorsement by the Executive. It was an obligation of the HIF funding agreement that the Masterplan Framework was finalised, and it was therefore important that the programme of work leading to the adoption of the emerging Local Plan remained on track

EX.151/20 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 13 November 2020 was submitted for information.

Subsequent to publication of the Notice, it was determined that Key Decision (KD.29/20) – Carlisle Station Gateway – Phase 1 would be incorporated within a private report concerning the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal – Progress to Deal Update.

The Leader moved and the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder seconded the paper.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That, subject to the above, the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 13 November 2020 be received.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.152/20 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER AND 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.

The Leader moved and the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder seconded the paper.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

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

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.153/20 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.

The Leader moved and the Deputy Leader seconded the paper.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

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

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.154/20 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 9 November 2020 were submitted for information.

The Leader moved and the Deputy Leader seconded the paper.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 9 November 2020, attached as Appendix C, be received.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.155/20 QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020/21
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

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

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader submitted report PC.30/20 containing the Quarter 2 performance against the current Service Standards, together with a summary of the Carlisle Plan 2016-19 actions as defined in the 'plan on a page'. Performance against the 2020/21 Key Performance Indicators was also included.

The Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth and Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panels had scrutinised performance at their meetings held on 19 and 26 November; and 1 December 2020 respectively.

Excerpts from the Minutes of those meetings (HWSP.68/20; EGSP.62/20 and BTSP.76/20) were also submitted.

The Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing and Economic Growth Scrutiny Panels had been invited to speak but were not in attendance.

The Vice-Chair of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel acknowledged the higher level of exceptions in the performance which were a result of the impact of Covid-19. She drew

attention to the decrease in staff absenteeism which reflected the commitment of staff during such difficult circumstances.

In conclusion, the Deputy Leader moved the recommendation which was seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

That the Executive had considered the performance of the City Council as presented in Report PC.30/20 with a view to seeking continuous improvement in how the Council delivered its priorities.

Reasons for Decision

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

EX.156/20 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2021/22
(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 Cross Cutting

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

Subject Matter

The Leader submitted report GD.61/20 concerning proposed dates and times of meetings of the City Council, the Executive, Scrutiny Panels, the Audit Committee and the Regulatory Committees for the 2021/22 municipal year.

The proposals with regard to meetings and the coronavirus pandemic were set out at Sections 2 and 3 of the report.

The Leader then moved the recommendations and the Deputy Leader seconded them.

Summary of options rejected none

DECISION

1. That the City Council be requested to agree the schedule of dates and times of meetings in the 2021/22 Municipal Year as set out in the calendar attached as an Appendix to Report GD.61/20.
2. That the dates and times for meetings of the Executive, which had been chosen by the Leader, be noted.

Reasons for Decision

In order to recommend to the City Council a schedule of dates and times for meetings covering the 2021/22 Municipal Year as required by Procedure Rule 1.1(x).

EX.157/20 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.158/20 **TULLIE HOUSE BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22

(Key Decision – KD.24/20)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(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 Culture, Heritage and Leisure

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.121/20, the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder submitted private report CS.37/20 providing an overview and analysis of the September 2020 update of the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2020-2025 Business Plan (Appendix 1).

Members were reminded that the purpose of this report was to allow consideration of the Business Plan in order that the Council may in due course agree core funding for the Trust. That was in line with Section 5 of the Partnership Agreement between the Council and Tullie House Trust (THT), which stated that the Business Plan submitted by the Trust to the City Council should be used as the basis agreeing future years funding.

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder highlighted the £494,800 award which Tullie house had received as part of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund and the impact to core funding. He provided an update on matters since the production of the report

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had scrutinised the matter on 19 November 2020, resolving that:

- 1) That the Panel had considered the funding proposals made by Tullie House Board, in the context of the information that they provided regarding challenges and opportunities set out in their Business Plan contained in report CS.35/20.
- 2) The Panel recommend to the Executive that they revisit the Business Case for investment in Project Tullie.
- 3) That Mr Smith, Mr Mackay and Ms Smalley be thanked for their presentations and for their detailed answers to the Panel's questions.

Minute Excerpt HWSP.71/20, setting out the Panel's observations on the matter, was also submitted.

The Culture, Leisure and Heritage Portfolio Holder concluded by moving the recommendation that future core grant allocations for 2021/22 to 2023/24 remain as built into the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected other options on the level of core grant to be provided

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Had reviewed the Tullie House Business Plan before making any recommendations to full Council for consideration.
2. Had considered the proposals made by the Tullie House Board for core funding from 2021/22 to 2023/24 as at page 42, point 6.3 of the Business Plan; and that future core grant allocations for 2021/22 to 2023/24 remain as built into the Council's current Medium Term Financial Plan.

Reasons for Decision

The recommendations allowed the report, the associated Business Plan and core funding to be approved in line with the Partnership Agreement

EX.159/20 **BORDERLANDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEAL

(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 Chair of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel had agreed that the decision in relation to this item of business was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred)

Portfolio Leader's

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Leader submitted private report ED.48/20 providing an overview of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal and key components of the Full Deal proposal that was scheduled to be submitted to both the UK Government and the Scottish Government in February 2021.

The Leader moved the recommendations which were duly seconded by the Deputy Leader.

Summary of options rejected other options set out within the report.

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Noted the strategy, strategic objectives and projects upon which the Deal had been developed.

2. Noted the governance and delivery arrangements for the Deal, including the establishment of the Borderlands Programme Management Office.
3. Noted the financial revenue resources required to support the operation of the Borderlands Programme Management Office, which was an annual sum of £80,000 for the 10-year period of the Deal.
4. Noted that that delivery of key Borderlands projects in Carlisle was dependent on land and property owned by the City Council being made available; and give consideration of what terms that land may be made available.
5. Approved that a report be taken to the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel to provide feedback on the proposals and potential land transfers required to support the delivery of key projects.

Reasons for Decision

Progress towards a Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal had continued at pace with submission of the Deal to Scottish and UK Governments planned for February 2021.

Members of the Executive were therefore asked to note progress to date and the governance arrangements that need to be put in place to agree the Deal.

[The meeting ended at 4.36pm]