

EXECUTIVE

MONDAY 20 JULY 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 Governance and Regulatory Services
Corporate Director of Finance and Resources
Corporate Director of Economic Development

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Ellis-Williams (Shadow Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Leisure – observer)

WELCOME

The Leader welcomed all those present to the meeting.

REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A roll call of persons in attendance was taken.

Councillor Mallinson (J) declared an interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Agenda item A.6 – Borderlands Place Programme. The interest related to the fact that he is a Ward Member for Longtown.

Councillor Ellis declared an interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Agenda item A.14 – Financial Impact of COVID-19. The interest related to the fact that Councillor Ellis was an applicant to the Discretionary Grant Fund and he stated that he would take no part in that item of business.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Paton (Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel); and Councillor Brown (Chair of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel).

PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

CALL-IN PROCEDURES

The Leader reported that the Mayor had, on 13 July 2020, agreed that item B.2 – GLL COVID Support should be exempt from call-in. An early final decision on support would assist the Council's leisure management contractor to plan for the rest of July and August 2020. A delay to the decision making would prejudice the Council's interests.

PROCEDURES PRIOR TO PRIVATE MEETINGS

Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 prescribed that, at least 28 clear days before a private meeting, the decision-making body must make available / publish a notice of its intention to hold the meeting in private.

The Deputy Chief Executive required to submit urgent private reports concerning the following to this meeting:

- B.1 – Outcome of Old Fire Station Tender: since a delay to the decision making would impact the Council's ability to re-open the venue as the current agreement ended before the next Executive meeting scheduled for 17 August 2020, the Chair of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel had agreed that the decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred.
- B.2 – GLL COVID Support: since a delay to the decision making would impact the Council's ability to re-open Leisure Provision before the next Executive meeting scheduled for 17 August 2020, the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had agreed that the decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred.

Notices setting out the reasons for urgency had also been published in compliance with the Regulation.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 10 February; 9 March; 30 April; 27 May and 22 June 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the meetings. The Chair would sign the Minutes at the first practicable opportunity.

EX.69/20 DRAFT MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22 TO 2025/26
(Key Decision – KD.15/20)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader reported (RD.09/20) on the draft Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2021/22 to 2025/26, which set out the current framework for planning and managing the Council's financial resources, developing its annual budget strategy and updating its current five year financial plan. The Plan further linked the key aims and objectives of the Council, as contained in the Carlisle Plan, to the availability of resources thereby enabling the Council to prioritise the allocation of resources to best meet its overall aims and objectives.

The MTFP was reviewed annually commencing with the assumptions made in the Budget resolution approved by Council on 4 February 2020. In addition, the Corporate Charging Policy had been reviewed and included within the MTFP. The Charging Policy provided a framework detailing potential policy options for each charging area, whilst recognising the different approaches that might be required for different services and the various influences which needed to be acknowledged in charge setting.

Referencing paragraph 1.3, the Deputy Leader emphasised the importance of economic growth to the City, adding that the MTFP had been prepared at a time of great unknowns in respect of the economy, especially in terms of the impact of leaving the European Union, the financial impact and economic recovery from COVID-19 and also in terms of the Government's wider approach to Public Sector Funding in general and particularly for Local Government Funding.

Details of the key dates; key messages; and risks were also provided at Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the report.

The Deputy Leader concluded his presentation by moving the recommendation set out.

The Leader seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive had given consideration to the draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26 as appended to Report RD.09/20; and made it available for consideration by the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel on 23 July 2020.

Reasons for Decision

To consult with the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel on the draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26

EX.70/20 DRAFT CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2021/22 TO 2025/26
(Key Decision – KD.15/20)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader reported (RD.08/20) on the Council's draft Capital Investment Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26, which was a key policy document providing guidance on the Council's Capital Programme and the use of capital resources. The Capital Investment Strategy was reviewed annually alongside the Medium Term Financial Plan, commencing with the assumptions made in the Budget Resolution approved by Council on 4 February 2020. The position had been updated to reflect any known changes since that date.

The Strategy also incorporated the requirements under the Prudential Code 2017 to link capital investment with treasury management activity and service objectives.

In terms of the key messages, the report recorded that the Capital Investment Strategy showed the starting position for the budget considerations for the next five years and gave an indication of the likely factors that would have an impact in the budget setting process. The Capital Programme and the financing thereof would play an important role in shaping future budget considerations.

Although there was a forecast borrowing requirement to fund the capital programme, the factors identified at paragraph 2.2 would also need consideration.

The Deputy Leader commented upon the ambitious nature of the capital programme. Importantly, the Council held a significant asset portfolio that supported its operational activities and non-operational activities from which it received significant rental income. He added that the rental income received was used to support Council services and provided a significant proportion of the income it received. The income from rentals on the non-operational asset portfolio was approximately 60% of what the Council received in funding from Council Tax.

The Deputy Leader concluded by moving the recommendation, which was duly seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive had considered the draft Capital Investment Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26 as appended to Report RD.08/20; and made it available for consideration by the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel on 23 July 2020.

Reasons for Decision

To consult with the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel on the draft Capital Investment Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26

EX.71/20 THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021-2026
(Key Decision – KD.13/20)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader submitted report GD.32/20 presenting the draft Asset Management Plan 2021– 2026, which outlined the overall performance of the asset base, what it was costing and producing and how it was being used and reviewed.

The Asset Management Plan was reviewed annually and updated, along with the Medium Term Financial Plan and the Capital Investment Strategy; providing a succinct document which reflected the factors identified at paragraph 2.1.

The Deputy Leader indicated that, like the preceding two reports, the Plan would go forward to Scrutiny for consideration, back to the Executive and then to full Council.

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

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Noted the position as set out in Report GD.32/20.
2. Approved the update to the draft Asset Management Plan in order for it to proceed for consideration by the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel, before coming back to the Executive and then full Council in September 2020.

Reasons for Decision

To update the Council's Asset Management Plan and the position of the property portfolio in the light of the Asset Review Business Plan and Disposal Programme and other corporate initiatives

EX.72/20 SOLWAY COAST AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020 -2025
(Key Decision – KD.16/20)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.60/20, the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted report ED.21/20 concerning the Solway Coast AONB Management Plan.

The Portfolio Holder reminded Members that the City Council had a statutory duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to prepare and review a management plan for each of its two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

In terms of the proposals, the Portfolio Holder explained that the current Solway Coast AONB Management Plan ended in 2020 and had therefore been reviewed and redrafted to cover the period 2020 – 2025. The Council ultimately needed to adopt the Management Plan to meet its statutory duty.

The Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel had chosen to receive the report ‘for information only’.

The Portfolio Holder further commented upon the excellent nature of the Management Plan which focussed on landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and the cultural heritage of the Solway Coast. It was also designed to enable local communities to take action to conserve and enhance the landscape.

Critically, it outlined the health benefits, covering topics such as carbon storage, so crucial to the issue of climate change and the manner by which our natural environment provided habitats for pollinators essential for food and the farming industry. It had been extensively consulted upon with local communities and stakeholders.

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

Summary of options rejected that the Management Plan should not be adopted

DECISION

That the Solway Coast AONB Management Plan 2020 – 2025 be adopted.

Reasons for Decision

The Solway Coast 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 focussed on landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural heritage and would also assist with securing external funding for project implementation

**EX.73/20 NEW CUMBRIA CHOICE ALLOCATIONS POLICY AND EQUALITY
IMPACT ASSESSMENT**
(Key Decision – KD.18/20)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.68/20, the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder reported (GD.28/20) that Cumbria Choice is the adopted social housing allocation policy of all six district councils in Cumbria, as well as the seven largest housing associations operating in the county.

He reminded Members that Cumbria Choice had been in operation since 2011, and the policy was periodically reviewed by the partnership to ensure it remained fit for purpose and was fully compliant with the latest legislation and good practice.

As the updated draft policy also related to homelessness, and not solely allocations, it fell within the ambit of the Council's budget and policy framework, so would need to be considered through the full Committee process. Members' attention was also drawn to the four appendices to the report.

The Portfolio Holder advised that the Executive had, on 22 June 2020, referred the report to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.

The Panel had scrutinised the matter at their meeting on 16 July 2020 when an excellent discussion ensued (Minute HWSP.35/20) and had resolved:

"1) That the Panel have considered and commented on updated Cumbria Choice Allocations Policy and Equality Impact Assessment (GD.27/20).

2) That the Executive and the Partnership Board be asked to consider the following amendments and proposals:

- Clarification of the wording for protected characteristics on page 25 in the 'Qualification rules adopted under the Policy' section;
- Removal of the word 'transgender' in the Equality Impact Assessment;
- That paper applications for Cumbria Choice are still available for those who cannot access or use IT equipment.

3) That a demonstration of the new Cumbria Choice ICT system be given to the Panel following the procurement in 2021."

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had been invited to address the Executive but was unable to be present today.

The Portfolio Holder stated that he was happy to accept the Panel's recommendations to be forwarded to the Partnership Board.

He then moved recommendations 1 and 3, which were duly seconded by the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected to recommend the revised Cumbria Choice, Choice Based Lettings Policy to Council for approval and adoption

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Received and had considered the feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel; and
2. As per the consultation process, revert to the Cumbria Choice Partnership (“the Partnership”), specifying the matters identified above which they wished to be considered further by the Partnership;
 - a. If the Partnership agree the amendments which the Executive wish to be incorporated then the revised Policy will be recommended directly to Council for approval and adoption; or
 - b. If the Partnership do not agree the suggested changes then the Executive will meet again to consider their response.

Reasons for Decision

The Cumbria Choice partnership had been operating successfully for over nine years. The Choice-Based Lettings system was much more customer-friendly than previous allocation policies, as there was a consistent policy and a single application form operated by all District Councils and the largest Housing Associations across Cumbria. The proposed updates to the existing policy would help to ensure that there is a consistent and fair approach amongst housing associations letting homes in Carlisle to assist people in the greatest housing need. Approval of the revised Cumbria Choice allocation Policy, following Scrutiny and consideration by Officers, would ensure greater clarity and consistency for households registering for social housing in Carlisle, while simultaneously complying with legislative changes (including the *Homelessness Reduction Act* and resultant Statutory Guidance)

As this was a shared Allocations Policy, all thirteen Partners had to seek formal approval from their respective Boards, Committees, Cabinets and/or Council to enable the revised policy to be adopted. That could result in some minor alterations arising after other partners had formally agreed to adopt the new Policy. It was therefore recommended that delegated authority should be given to the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Housing, to approve any minor changes arising from that process.

EX.74/20 BORDERLANDS PLACE PROGRAMME (Key Decision – KD.19/20)

Portfolio Leader's Portfolio

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

Councillor Mallinson (J) – Leader, having declared an interest, took part in this item of business.

The Leader reported (ED.29/20) that the Borderlands Place Programme would provide a new framework for investment in towns, underpinned by a ‘whole-town’ approach, with co-ordinated Place Plans led by town partnerships.

Set out at Section 2 were the objectives of the Programme, together with the methodology by which towns to be included would be selected.

The Leader commented upon what was a very welcome allocation of Borderlands Growth Deal investment to each District Council in Cumbria. He added that, following a very careful selection process in the District of Carlisle, two towns were eligible for selection on the Place Programme – Brampton and Longtown.

The Selection Report attached at Appendix 1 had been compiled following the methodology set out in paragraph 2.3 and assessed the towns against the criteria set. The highlights of the Report being as detailed at Section 3. For the reasons identified at Section 5, the recommendation was that Longtown be approved as the town to be included in the Borderlands Place Programme.

The Leader concluded his presentation by moving the recommendations, which were duly seconded by the Deputy Leader.

Summary of options rejected that Brampton should not be included
in the Borderlands Place Programme

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Noted the content of Report ED.29/20 and the assessment of the shortlist of eligible towns within the Carlisle District provided in Appendix 1.
2. Approve Longtown as the town to be included in the Borderlands Place Programme.

Reasons for Decision

In summary, there is a strong case for the selection of either Brampton and Longtown, with both towns satisfying the quantitative criteria, as well as much of the qualitative and added value criteria

However, the quantitative indicators for deprivation and market failure are generally higher in Longtown, therefore suggesting greater need for investment and intervention. The qualitative and value-added indicators provide a persuasive case for its selection for the Place Programme

EX.75/20 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 19 June 2020 was submitted for information.

The Leader moved and the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder seconded that the Notice be received.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 19 June 2020 be received.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.76/20 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

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

Subject Matter

Details of a decision taken by the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder under delegated powers were submitted.

The Leader moved and the Deputy Leader seconded the paper.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

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

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.77/20 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.78/20 JOINT MANAGEMENT TEAM
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

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

Subject Matter

The Leader moved and the Deputy Leader seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 22 June 2020 be received.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 22 June 2020, attached as Appendix C, be received.

Reasons for Decision Not applicable

EX.79/20 REVIEW OF CAR PARKING INITIATIVES
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Transport

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation; Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder submitted report CS.16/20 concerning the review of car parking initiatives.

The Portfolio Holder outlined, in some detail, the initiatives available to replace the Free After Three trial when it ended on 31 August 2020 and to encourage use of the City Centre for shopping and recreation, namely:

- the introduction of a 'Check-in, check-out' payment option
- the introduction of reduced or free parking targeted at key dates / events / car parks across the year
- the extension of the 'Early-Bird' cut-off time by one hour
- encouraging wider use of non-cash payment options

The encouragement of wider use of non-cash payment options was a response to the dreadful COVID-19 pandemic.

As some of the changes above impacted upon the charging arrangements for our car parks, the Council was required to consult with key stakeholders before confirming its intentions through the publication of a formal notice. This period of consultation ran from 26 June to 13 July 2020.

The Portfolio Holder also highlighted the addendum to the report, which recorded that the Council had written to seventeen different stakeholders including Cumbria Chamber of Commerce; the Federation of Small Businesses; The Lanes Shopping Centre; Disability Association Carlisle and Eden; Stagecoach Cumberland; Carlisle Ambassadors; Trade Unions (Unison, GMB, Unite); Cumbria County Council and other car park operators.

At the close of the consultation on 13 July 2020 the Council had not received a single response in relation to the proposal to withdraw the Free After Three car parking trial and the possible introduction of alternative initiatives.

In conclusion, the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation, which was seconded by the Leader.

The Deputy Leader commented that the ability for people to pay when they left car parks was welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce during the consultation, since they felt that initiative would work towards making people feel comfortable about staying longer in the City Centre.

The Leader endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Deputy Leader.

Summary of options rejected that the initiatives should not be approved

DECISION

That the Executive approved the following initiatives as the Free After Three trial comes to an end on 31 August 2020:

- Introduction of a 'Check-in, check-out' payment option
- Introduction of reduced or free parking targeted at key dates / events / car parks across the year
- Extension of the 'early-bird' offer by one hour
- Encouraging wider use of non-cash payment options

Reasons for Decision

The parking initiatives proposed re-confirmed the ongoing support of the Council to support local businesses and retailers to help meet the challenging conditions of the high street. They also encouraged the move to cashless transactions at the same time as increasing flexibility and convenience for customers. The new flexible approach would support visitors, shoppers and local businesses through free or discounted parking offers targeted to key events or times of the year

In considering the proposals, it was important to recognise the potential impact that each of the different parking offers / initiatives may have on the Council's budget this year and going forward. The targeted offer provided more scope across the year to review the financial position in a timely way and consider / adjust the options available at the time also taking into account local circumstances

EX.80/20 SELF AND CUSTOM BUILD HOUSING GRANTS (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted report ED.25/20 setting out proposals for the introduction of a grant funding programme to assist applicants on the Council's Custom and Self-Build Housing Register with a contribution of up to £2,000 towards the set-up costs of building their own homes, using 'New Burdens' funding already held by the Council.

The Portfolio Holder explained that the Government was keen to encourage higher levels of custom and self-build development, and in turn deliver benefits to the local economy. He also highlighted the proposals before Members as identified at paragraphs 2.1 – 2.4 of the report.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder concluded his presentation by moving the recommendations, which were duly seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected that funding to provide grants should not be made available

DECISION

That the Executive:

- (1) approve making £40,000 of *Self and Custom Build New Burdens* funding available to provide grants, up to a maximum of £2,000 each, to applicants on the Council's Custom and Self-Build Housing register, as a contribution towards Planning, Building Control and architect's fees associated with developing their own self/custom build house within the District of Carlisle, in accordance with the principles set out;

- (2) provide delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Economic Development to authorise, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Council's S151 Officer, the release of additional *New Burdens* funding for further grants, if the scheme proved successful and the initial allocation was all spent

Reasons for Decision

Increasing the delivery of Custom and Self-Build housing was another mechanism to deliver more houses - providing sustainable homeownership, while simultaneously bringing benefits to the local economy (including providing additional work for local contractors and spending money on building materials). The recent increase in the number of planning applications for Custom and Self-Build serviced plots received in Carlisle would seem to make this an opportune time to introduce the grants programme initiative

EX.81/20 CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL'S ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

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

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader submitted report CE.04/20, the purpose of which was to provide Members with an update and overview of the work that the City Council had been doing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The overall response had, of course, been a partnership effort of which Cumbria could be rightly proud. As well as meeting its responsibilities as a Category 1 responder, the City Council had successfully met a number of additional requirements whilst maintaining service delivery across key areas, details of which were provided.

The Deputy Leader then asked that the content of the report be noted.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder wished to place on record appreciation of all of the hard work undertaken by the City and other Councils in Cumbria. In particular, those officers involved in the distribution of grants and who had participated in the work of the Carlisle Community Resilience Group and emergency responses. She also expressed thanks to staff, including customer services, transport and importantly waste disposal for their hard work.

The Portfolio Holder also paid tribute to the joint working which had taken place between the City and County Councils, and also within the community.

Accordingly, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder was very happy to second the report.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the content of report CE.04/20 be noted.

Reasons for Decision

To update Members on work undertaken throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

EX.82/20 FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader, having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, took no part in this item of business.

The Leader reported (RD.10/20) that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government had introduced a series of financial support and grant schemes to provide funding to those individuals, businesses and public bodies affected by the pandemic.

He highlighted, as described in the paper, the support schemes which the Council either had to administer for the individuals, communities and businesses, or those of which the Council was a direct beneficiary; together with the significant financial impact on the Council's finances.

The Leader felt that the figures detailed within the report demonstrated that the City Council had not shirked from its responsibilities to respond to the crisis and to do all that it could to keep the residents of Carlisle District as safe and as comfortable as possible.

The Leader then moved the report, which was seconded by the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the content of Report RD.10/20 be noted.

Reasons for Decision

To inform Members of the financial implications arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

EX.83/20 CARLISLE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RENEWAL POST COVID-19 (Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Relevant Scrutiny Panel

Economic Growth

Subject Matter

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted report ED.28/20 which outlined the challenges presented by the move out of the Covid-19 lockdown towards economic recovery and renewal. He outlined the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy; a framework for recovery; business support measures; areas for transformation / renewal, and an update on a number of funding bids and the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal. The report also contained a Mott MacDonald technical report, actions plans and maps.

The Portfolio Holder also thanked the Corporate Director of Economic Development and all involved for the hard work done in relation to the economic recovery post COVID-19.

He further reported that the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel had scrutinised the matter on 9 July 2020 and expressed thanks to the Panel for their detailed scrutiny and questioning. The Panel had resolved "That report ED.26/20 be noted and the Panel look forward to further reports on economic recovery, Post COVID-19 being submitted to future meetings of the Panel."

A copy of Minute Excerpt EGSP.33/20 detailing the Panel's observations, had been circulated.

The Chair of the Panel was unable to attend the Executive today and had therefore submitted apologies.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder then moved the recommendation set out in the report, which was seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

That the Executive had considered the content of Report ED.28/20 and the observations of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel; and contributed to emerging thinking regarding economic recovery and renewal of Carlisle District.

Reasons for Decision

Whilst each of the transformative work streams were separate and distinct, they each shared a similar purpose; to support regeneration across the district and drive Carlisle forward, supporting the growth agenda set out in the Local Plan. The delivery of those investments would: encourage people to stay and move to the District to live, work and visit; diversify the offer of the city centre; support business growth; and improve economic prospects for the people of Carlisle; improve the quality of our local environment; whilst further developing cultural facilities and promoting Carlisle as a place full of opportunities and potential

Progress on the developing the Council's Economic Strategy continued to be made. The COVID-19 work, detailed above, would form an integral part of its development and ensure that activity was focussed on supporting economic recovery across future years. Members

would be engaged over the coming weeks to help influence the strategy and emerging actions

EX.84/20 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.85/20 OUTCOME OF OLD FIRE STATION TENDER

(Key Decision)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(With the consent of the Chair, and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules; and Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 this item was included on the Executive Agenda as a Key decision, although not in the Notice of Executive Key Decisions)

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

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Scrutiny Panel Business and Transformation

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader submitted private report CS.17/20 outlining the outcome of the tender process to find a suitable operator for the Arts, Culture, Entertainment and Catering offer at the Old Fire Station.

Details of the tender process, tender analysis and COVID-19 and financial implications were provided.

The Deputy Leader congratulated the Officers involved for their work before moving the recommendation.

The Leader seconded the recommendation set out.

Summary of options rejected other options detailed within the report

DECISION

That the highest scoring tender supplied by Bruce and Luke's Ltd be accepted and the process of entering a lease be commenced.

Reasons for Decision

As detailed within the report

EX.86/20 **GLL COVID SUPPORT

(Key Decision)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

(With the consent of the Chair, and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules; and Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 this item was included on the Executive Agenda as a Key decision, although not in the Notice of Executive Key Decisions for decision today)

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

(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 Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Deputy Leader submitted private report CS.18/20, the purpose of which was to provide Executive Members with an update on the requests made by GLL, the Council's Leisure provider, for support relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and its impact on the leisure/entertainment industry and, in particular, the authority's Leisure Management Contract.

Details of the background position; proposals for the next two periods (July and August 2020) and options under consideration were provided within the report.

The Deputy Leader commented upon the options which had been discussed by the Executive at length.

The Deputy Leader concluded by moving option 2, which was seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected other options detailed within the report

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Had reviewed the options set out in Section 3 of Report CS.18/20 and agreed a response to GLL, namely option 2, as set out within the report.
2. Agreed that the additional funding (following an open book assessment) be vired from identified underspends contained in the 2020/21 revenue budget, noting that if the final sum was in excess of £70,000, that would require approval of full Council.

Reasons for Decision

As detailed within the report

EX.87/20 LAND AND PROPERTY TRANSACTION
(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 submitted private report GD.26/20 seeking Executive consent to complete the transfer of land into City Council ownership following the completion of the S106 for the development in question.

Details of the background position; proposals under consideration; and consultation were provided within the report.

The Deputy Leader concluded by moving the recommendations, which were seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected that authority should not be granted

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Agreed to complete the transfer of parcels of land on the Grosvenor Park housing development, Stanwix, Carlisle.
2. That delegated authority is given to the Property Services Manager to agree final terms; and
3. That the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services be authorised to complete the transfer of the land.

Reasons for Decision

As detailed within the report

[The meeting ended at 4.49 pm]