

Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

Decisions taken at the meetings held on Monday, 26 June 2023 and Thursday, 29 June 2023.

Meeting Time:

7.00 pm

Meeting Venue:

Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18 1XB

PRESENT:

- 1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTES
- 5. CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023
- 6. 2022/23 REVENUE CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS
- 8. LOCAL PLAN PAUSE EXTERNAL REVIEW

Committee resolved to:

- Not agree to using the vision dated December 2021 as a baseline benchmark against which the Regulation 19 Submission version of the Local Plan and not to make a recommendation to Council to adopt the vision for this purpose;
- 2. **Not agree** the draft provisional specification of works drawn up by the proposed 'critical friend' for the review;
- 3. **Agree** to issue a direct award contract to Catriona Riddell Associates (CRA) to undertake a review of the Local Plan;
- 4. **Agree** to give delegated authority to the Chief Executive and the Group Head of Corporate Governance to enter a contract with CRA;
- 5. This recommendation was not voted on due to the vote against recommendation 1;
- 6. **Agree** that the costs for the review would come from the Corporate Budget;
- 7. **Agree** to set a date of 14 September 2023 for an Extraordinary Council Meeting (ECM) in line with the motion agreed at the ECM on 06 June 2023;
- 8. **Agree** to note the risk considerations; and
- 9. This recommendation was not voted on due to the vote against recommendation 1;

9. FINANCIAL REPORTING WORKING GROUP

Committee **resolved** to approve the creation of a Member Working Group focused on Financial Reporting.

13. BUILDING CONTROL SERVICE

Committee **resolved** to agree the recommendations in the exempt report.

14. ELECTRIC VEHICLE RAPID CHARGING HUB

Committee resolved to agree the recommendations outlined in the exempt report.

15. LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND ROUND 2

Committee **resolved** to agree the recommendations outlined in the exempt report.

16. URGENT ITEM - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND (LAHF) PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS Committee resolved to agree the recommendations outlined in the exempt report.

NOTES:-

- (1) Members are reminded that the "call-in" procedure as set out in Part 4b of the Constitution, shall not apply to the following matters:
 - (a) Urgent decisions as defined in Paragraph 9. of the Call-in Scrutiny Procedure Rules;
 - (b) Decisions to award a contract following a lawful procurement process;
 - (c) Those decisions:
 - i. reserved to full Council
 - ii. on regulatory matters
 - iii. on member conduct issues.
- (2) Those matters to which Note (1) applies, if any, are identified with an asterisk [*] in the above Minutes.
- (3) Within three working days of the date on which this decision is published, not less than three members from two or more political groups by submission of the standard call-in proforma, may ask for that decision to be referred to a meeting of the Administrative Committee for review (call-in). The completed pro-forma must be received by the Proper Officer by 5pm three working days after publication of the decision.
- (4) The members exercising the right of call-in must not be members of the Committee which considered the matter.
- (5) When calling in a decision for review the members doing so must demonstrate the following exceptional circumstances:
 - a. Evidence which suggests that the decision maker, did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 11 (Decision Making); or
 - b. Evidence that the decision fails to support one or more of the Council's Corporate Plan priorities to the detriment of the majority of the Borough's residents; or
 - c. Evidence that explicit Council Policy or legal requirements were disregarded.

- (6) Once the request for 'call-in' has been deemed valid by the Monitoring Officer the matter will be suspended until the call-in procedure has been exhausted.
- (7) The Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant officer, will determine if the interests of the Council or Borough would be prejudiced by a delay in implementing a decision such that the call-in cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting of the Administrative Committee.
- (8) Where the call-in cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting, the Monitoring Officer will arrange an extraordinary meeting of the Administrative Committee to review the decision subject to call-in at the earliest possible opportunity.
- (9) In exceptional cases, where there is clear evidence that a delay to the implementation of a decision would lead to a specific and significant financial or reputational harm to the Council, a call-in request may be refused by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Administrative Committee.
- (10) In reviewing a matter referred to it under the call-in scrutiny procedure rules, the Administrative Committee shall follow the procedure for dealing with call-in scrutiny at its meetings as set out in Part 4b of the Constitution.
- (11) The deadline of three working days for "call in" in relation to the above decisions by the Committee is the close of business on 06 July 2023.