

DECISION RECORD SHEETS

FOR

DECISIONS MADE AT THE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD ON

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

104. Community Vision and Corporate Plan Review Director, Communities, Insight and Change - Keeley Clements

DECISION

That the challenges and opportunities which have arisen over the course of the year be noted and the recommendation that the Community Vision and Corporate Delivery Plan remain appropriate and relevant be endorsed.

Reason for Decision

To consider the results of the review of the Community Vision.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

105. Housing Strategy 2020 - 24

Director, Place and Growth

DECISION

That Council be recommended to approve the adoption of the proposed Housing Strategy 2020-2024.

Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to consider the Housing Strategy prior to consideration by Council.

[**Note:** In accordance with Rule 6.3.34d) of the Council's Constitution this item is not subject to call-in]

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

106. Draft Leisure Strategy

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That:

- 1) the principles and content of the draft Leisure Strategy be endorsed;
- 2) the draft Strategy be approved for consultation with residents and stakeholders;
- 3) the results of the consultation and any resulting changes to the draft Strategy to be considered at a future meeting of the Executive;
- 4) it be noted that an initial Action Plan for implementing the Strategy will be presented alongside the consultation feedback to the Executive.

Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to consider the draft Leisure Strategy prior to it going out to consultation

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

107. Arts & Culture Strategy

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That:

- 1) the Arts & Culture Strategy, as set out in the report, be approved:
- 2) the appended Action Plan for implementing the Strategy over the coming year be noted;
- 3) the establishment and role of the Arts & Culture Alliance as the key strategic partnership for implementing the Strategy be endorsed.

Reason for Decision

To agree the Arts & Culture Strategy following consultation

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

Councillor Gregor Murray declared a personal interest

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

108. Delivering the Housing 1-4-5 + 100 Challenge Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That:

- 1) authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance and Housing, to approve the transfer of land or property to the Council's housing companies for the purposes of providing new homes to address agreed local housing need and where appropriate at less than market value in line with The General Housing Consents 2013 or subsequent amendments;
- 2) authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance and Housing, to approve the funding (grant and/or loans) of any new homes provided by the Council through its Housing Revenue Account or its housing companies provided the funding required has been approved as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and within existing borrowing approvals and the new homes contribute to the Housing 1-4-5 Challenge and address agreed local housing need;
- 3) authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with WBC (Holdings) Ltd, to approve the interest rate at which any long term loan is charged to the Council's housing companies for any new housing developments.

Reason for Decision

To agree the process of approval for new Council-led housing schemes

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

Councillors UllaKarin Clark and John Kaiser declared personal interests

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

109. Employment Hub

Director, Place and Growth

DECISION

That:

- 1) the establishment of an Employment Hub, as outlined in the report, be approved in principle;
- 2) the final approval of detailed proposals be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Place and Growth, in consultation with the Executive Member for Business and Economic Development;
- 3) a supplementary estimate of £90k, to cover the implementation and first year running costs of the Employment Hub be approved and a £10k pa pressure regarding running costs in future years be noted.

Reason for Decision

To consider the setting up of an Employment Hub

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

110. Home to School Transport Policy (5-16 years) and Travel Assistance Policy (16 years + with SEND) Consultation and Home to School Transport Appeals Process Update

Director, Children's Services -
Carol Cammiss

DECISION

That:

- 1) the content of the report following the public consultation on the proposed drafts of the Home to School Transport and Travel Assistance policies be noted and that it be noted that a further report will be presented at a later Executive with recommendations for changes to the existing policies;
- 2) the amended arrangements for Home to School Transport Appeals, to ensure that WBC is compliant with national requirements (following the Ombudsman direction), be agreed.

Reason for Decision

To consider the key outcomes of the consultation and agree a revised process for Home to School Transport Appeals following an Ombudsman direction

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

111. Wokingham School Admissions Arrangements 2022/23

Director, Children's Services -
Carol Cammiss

DECISION

That the Wokingham Borough School Admissions arrangements for the 2022/23 School Year should be unchanged from those in force for the 2021/22 School Year.

Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to determine the school admission arrangements for schools within the Borough on an annual basis

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

112. Covid Winter Grant Scheme Supplementary Estimate

Director, Children's Services -
Carol Cammiss

DECISION

That:

- 1) a Supplementary Estimate of up to £100,000 be approved to allow vulnerable families and individuals who are struggling with the cost of food and utilities to continue to be supported once the Covid Winter Grant funds of £281k are exhausted;
- 2) it be noted that this will bring total spend on supporting families and individuals most in need in the Borough to £381k and will allow families and individuals to receive support up to the closing date of the scheme on 16th April 2021.

Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to consider requests for supplementary estimates

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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