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RECORD OF DECISIONS AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET

Tuesday, 18th October, 2022 at 10.00 am

Cllr Lucy Stephenson (Chair)	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy, Strategy, Partnerships and Economy
Cllr Rosemary Powell (Vice-Chair)	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport
Cllr Samantha Harvey	Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care
Cllr Marc Oxley	Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change
Cllr Karen Payne	Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Performance, Change and Transformation
Cllr David Wilby	Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services

Decisions published on 18th October 2022

Decisions will be implemented on 27th October unless the Call-in Procedure as outlined in Procedure Rule 149 is invoked.

6 RUTLAND'S SERVICE CHILDREN'S PROMISE

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **ENDORSED** Rutland's Service Children's Promise so that it would be shared with the education sector and wider services later in autumn term 2022 and influence and enrich the practice of those who work with children of Rutland's armed forces families.

7 REVIEW OF FOSTER CARER ALLOWANCES

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **APPROVED** the increased fostering allowances for all foster carers in line with cost-of-living increases.
2. **APPROVED** the increased retention bonus for foster carers, and to include staying put carers within the retention bonus scheme.

3. **APPROVED** the introduction of an increased placement supplement for children with particularly challenging needs.
4. **APPROVED** the introduction of a professional foster carer payment for those caring for our hardest to place children.
5. **APPROVED** that foster carers could access the Employee Assistance Programme and approved a housing costs contribution of £1000 to Rutland County Council foster carers.
6. **RECOMMENDED** the Fostering Friendly Policy, which will support RCC employees who wished to become foster carers, is submitted to the Employment and Appeals Committee for approval.

8 KETTON AND TINWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

RESOLVED

That Cabinet **AGREED**:

1. The draft Ketton & Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan was published for public consultation for a minimum of 6 weeks.
2. Following public consultation, the draft plan and representations received were submitted for independent examination.
3. The Strategic Director of Places be authorised to appoint an independent examiner in consultation with the Ketton & Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan Group.
4. That following receipt of the examiner's report that the Strategic Director of Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Finance be authorised to publish the County Council's decision notice, update the Ketton & Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan and undertake a referendum.
5. Subject to the outcome of the referendum that the Strategic Director of Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Finance be authorised to make the Ketton & Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Rutland.

9 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022-2023

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **NOTED** the contents of the first performance report and the progress and challenges in delivering the strategic aims within the new Corporate Strategy 2022-2027.

10 MID-YEAR REVENUE FINANCE REPORT 2022/23

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **NOTED** the revenue forecast at the end of August (para 3.3).
2. **NOTED** the changes to the approved budget as per para 3.2 including budget adjustments for new Ring Fenced grants (Appendix A).
3. **NOTED** that the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) gap for 23/24 is still estimated at £2.8m but further updates will be undertaken prior to budget setting to reflect the issues detailed in 4.1.
4. **APPROVED** the budget timetable for 22/23 as per para 8.3.

11 MID-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **NOTED** the capital 2022/23 forecast as at the end of August (paragraph 3.4).
2. **NOTED** the changes to the 2022/23 capital programme as at the end of August (paragraph 3.2).
3. **NOTED** the 2022/23 unallocated capital funding as at the end of August (Section 4).
4. **NOTED** that a Midlands bid for £935,355 led by Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) for c350 electric vehicle charging points was successful and that LCC as the accountable body would deliver this project working with partner organisations.
5. **REQUESTED** approval to close the Ketton Centre Library and Community Hub project. (paragraph 3.3).

12 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **RECOMMENDED** to Council to approve a financial strategy for closing the financial gap;
2. **NOTED** that the Council would aim to balance the budget (without the use of reserves for recurring expenditure) by 27/28;
3. **NOTED** that the Strategy assumes maximum council tax rises;

4. **NOTED** that the Strategy accepts that the Council's current service offer was not affordable and that all services would have to move in the direction of an 'affordable service offer' over time; and
5. **NOTED** that the Medium-Term Financial Plan was subject to change as more information becomes available.

14 WASTE AND STREETSCENE SERVICES (INCLUDING WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL) - CONTRACT OPTIONS

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **APPROVED** the recommendations of Report No.170/2022.