



# Rutland County Council

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## **RECORD OF DECISION AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**Tuesday, 11th July, 2023 at 10.00 am**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor G Waller  
Councillor P Browne  
Councillor C Wise

Councillor A Johnson  
Councillor D Ellison

### **ABSENT:**

Councillor R Payne

### **OFFICERS**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mark Andrews  
Kirsty Nutton  
Kim Sorsky

Penny Sharp  
Dawn Godfrey

Angela Wakefield

David Ebbage

Chief Executive

Strategic Director for Resources

Strategic Director for Adult  
Services and Health

Strategic Director for Places

Strategic Director for Childrens  
Services

Strategic Director for Law &  
Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Democratic Services Officer

**Decisions published on 12 July 2023**

**Decisions will be implemented on 20 July 2023 unless the Call-in Procedure as outlined in Procedure Rule 149 is invoked.**

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor R Payne.

## **2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR HEAD OF THE PAID SERVICE**

There were no announcements from the Chair or the Head of Paid Service.

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4 MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2023.

## RESOLVED

a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2023 be **APPROVED**.

## 5 ITEMS RAISED BY SCRUTINY

No items had been received by Scrutiny, but following the previous meeting the Leader confirmed that Councillor P Browne now has responsibility for Minerals within his Portfolio and the work within that area was being progressed.

## 6 STATUE OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Report No.100/2023 was introduced by Councillor G Waller, Leader of the Council. The report enabled Cabinet to consider the request from the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland to allow the use of Council land in the grounds of Oakham Library for the siting of a memorial statue to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

A motion to approve the recommendations of Report No.100/2023 was moved by Councillor A Johnson and seconded. The Chairman confirmed she intended to take separate votes on the recommendations and voting was as follows:

With 4 votes in favour and 1 abstention, the first recommendation was carried.

With 5 votes in favour, the second recommendation was unanimously carried.

## RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the request from the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland to allow the use of Council land in the grounds of Oakham Library for the siting of a memorial statue to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- b) **DETERMINED** the land at the rear of the library (option 2) may be used for this purpose subject to satisfactory legal and financial agreements.

## 7 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT LONG ROW ACCESS ROAD OAKHAM

Report No.102/2023 was introduced by Councillor P Browne, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Property. The report was to obtain authority from Cabinet to sell the freehold interest of land at Long Row Access Road Oakham to Tim Norton Ford Garage.

The recommendations of Report No. 102/2023 were moved by Councillor P Browne and seconded, upon being put to the vote, with five votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

## RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the disposal of the freehold interest in land at Long Row Access Road Oakham.

- b) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director Places, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Property to agree the final terms, including the precise area of land, generally in line with the Heads of Terms.

## 8 HIGHWAYS CAPITAL - ADDITIONAL POTHOLE FUNDING

Report No.103/2023 was introduced by Councillor C Wise, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and the Environment.

The report was to approve the spend of the Highway Capital - Additional Pothole Funding, allocation by the Department for Transport (DfT) for 2023/24 and to recommend Cabinet authorised the Director of Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Environment to agree any substitution of projects if the identified schemes could not proceed or if prohibitive circumstances arisen on a site, cost increased or a more serious defective site occurred over the year 2023/24, which was deemed to warrant more urgent intervention for health and safety reasons, then a site would be substituted to allow for this within the allocated budget.

The recommendations of Report No. 103/2023 were moved by Councillor C Wise and seconded, upon being put to the vote, with five votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

### RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the spend of the allocation from the Department for Transport (DfT) for the Highway Capital Additional Pothole Funding as per Appendix A.
- b) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director of Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Highways to agree any substitution of projects if the identified schemes could not proceed or if prohibitive circumstances arisen on a site, costs increased, or a more serious defective site occurred over the year 2023/24, which was deemed to warrant more urgent intervention for health and safety reasons, then a site would be substituted to allow for this within the allocated budget. The substituted site would then feature high on the list for next allocation.

## 9 ADULT LEARNING OFFER - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

As Councillor R Payne had given apologies, Report No.105/2023 was introduced by Councillor D Ellison, Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health.

The report set out the options available for adult learning in Rutland for the coming academic year, September 2023 to August 2024, and identified the recommended short-term service delivery model.

The adult learning delivery model would then be further reviewed and evaluated during the academic year 2023/4 to enable the development of a sustainable offer which would better meet the needs of the residents of Rutland in the long term.

The recommendations of Report No. 105/2023 were moved by Councillor D Ellison and seconded, upon being put to the vote, with five votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

## **RESOLVED**

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the recommendation to provide an in-house adult learning offer for the academic year 2023/4 whilst a review of the service delivery model was undertaken to identify and deliver a service which best meets the needs of Rutland residents and employers in the long term.

## **10 2022/23 REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN**

Report No.104/2023 was introduced by Councillor A Johnson, Portfolio Holder for Resources. The report provided Cabinet with the outturn position for both the revenue budget and capital programme for 2022/23, subject to any changes that may be needed as part of the finalisation of the Statement of Accounts and subsequent audit.

The recommendations of Report No. 104/2023 were moved by Councillor A Johnson and seconded, upon being put to the vote, with five votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

## **RESOLVED**

That Cabinet:

- a) **NOTED** the outturn position, subject the external audit of the statutory statement of accounts, for:
  - Revenue Budget - Section 3
  - Capital Programme - Section 4
  - Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Section 5
- b) **CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED** the pilot for the reception at Catmose, as contained in Section 4, agreeing an additional budget £45k to be funded from reserves over 2023/24 and 2024/25.
- c) **APPROVED** the revised presentation and categorisation of General Fund balance and Earmarked Reserves as contained in Section 6 and Appendix D
- d) **APPROVED** the commitments for the Departmental Reserves as outlined Appendix D
- e) **APPROVED** the balance shown in the Innovation Fund to be used to invest in transformational activities required to deliver the savings as outlined in the Medium-Term Financial Plan. Drawn downs of this reserve would be subject to the usual governance processes.
- f) **RECOMMENDED** the use of additional grant funds for the Capital Programme as detailed in section 5.6

## **11 ANNUAL REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 22/23**

Report No.99/2023 was introduced by Councillor A Johnson, Portfolio Holder for Resources. The report sets out how the Council had performed against the Treasury Management Strategy which also linked to the Council's Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Plans.

The recommendations of Report No. 99/2023 were moved by Councillor A Johnson and seconded, upon being put to the vote, with five votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

### **RESOLVED**

That Cabinet:

- a) **NOTED** the actual performance for the 2022/23 prudential indicators within the report.
- b) **NOTED** that the treasury management stewardship for 2022/23 was in compliance with the treasury management strategy.

## **12 ANY ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

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**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.41am.**

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