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RECORD OF DECISIONS AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET

Tuesday, 12th March, 2024 at 10.00 am

PRESENT:	Councillor G Waller (Chair)	Councillor A Johnson (Vice-Chair)
	Councillor P Browne	Councillor D Ellison
	Councillor T Smith	Councillor C Wise
OFFICERS PRESENT:	Mark Andrews	Chief Executive
	Angela Wakefield	Strategic Director for Law and Governance
	Dawn Godfrey	Strategic Director for Children's Services
	Kirsty Nutton	Strategic Director for Resources
	Penny Sharp	Strategic Director for Places
	Kim Sorsky	Strategic Director for Adult Services and Health
	David Ebbage	Democratic Services Officer

Decisions published on 13 March 2024.

Key Decisions will be implemented on 21 March unless the Call-in Procedure as outlined in Procedure Rule 149 is invoked. (5 working days after publication)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

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

There were no announcements from the Chairman or 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 13 February 2024.

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2024 be **APPROVED**.

5 ITEMS RAISED BY SCRUTINY

No items were raised.

6 ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDER FEES 2024-25

Report No.27/2024 was introduced by Councillor D Ellison, Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health.

The report set out the current position of the Adult Social Care market in Rutland and the implications of this in terms of the fees the Council paid for service users eligible for funding to receive services.

It set out the current fees paid for services and the proposed fee rates and uplifts for 2024/25.

It was moved by Councillor D Ellison and seconded that the recommendations of the Report No.27/2024 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with six votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **NOTED** the current position of the Adult Social Care markets and the risks associated with that;
- b) **APPROVED** the proposed fees and uplifts for Adult Social Care providers for 2024/25.

7 CONTRACT FOR MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENCES

Report No.28/2024 was introduced by Councillor A Johnson, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Governance and Resources.

Councillor Johnson explained that the Council was reliant on Microsoft licences for the operational running of the Council and that Microsoft licences were renewed yearly based on specific requirements at the renewal date and overall costs are negotiated by Crown Commercial Services.

Microsoft licences were let in periods of 3 years and a new contract was due in May 2024. Public Sector Licence costs are agreed centrally with Central Government and are made available to the Council via resellers under frameworks.

It was moved by Councillor A Johnson and seconded that the recommendations of the Report No.28/2024 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with six votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **DELEGATED** authority to the Strategic Director for Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for I.T, to negotiate and award the contract for Microsoft Software Licences.

8 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONTRACT AWARD

Report No.31/2024 was introduced by Councillor C Wise, Portfolio Holder for Transport, Environment and Communities.

The report set out the process and proposed award criteria for the procurement of home to school transport contracts, along with recommendations for approval and delegation of final award.

The Council provided a range of transport services including: home to school transport; transport for children with special educational needs; transport for children looked after; post-16 education transport; and public transport services in line with statute and Council policy.

The increased estimated costs for 2023/24 highlighted within the report was due to all closed bus contracts being put out to tender at the same time, inviting package bids to achieve best value and to enable a smooth implementation of the outcomes of the wider bus network review.

It was moved by Councillor C Wise and seconded that the recommendations of the Report No.31/2024 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with six votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the procurement model (section 2.5) and criteria for the award of home to school transport (appendix A) contracts for academic year 24/25.
- b) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director for Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways & Transport to award the contracts resulting from this procurement.

9 RUTLAND'S ECONOMIC STRATEGY 2023-2040

Report No.29/2024 was introduced by Councillor P Browne, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development.

The report set out the key aims and objectives of the Economic Strategy. It also sought approval to publish the Economic Strategy and develop and implement a delivery plan to work towards achieving the aims and objectives of the strategy.

Rutland's economic strategy – *Multum in Parvo* – set out an aspirational and credible strategy for delivering a shared vision of a successful future for Rutland's economy. It builds on the County's existing economic strengths and its unique character.

The Economic Strategy had been developed through engagement with local businesses and key stakeholders within the County.

Members wanted to thank the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee who had established an Economic Strategy Task and Finish Group that reviewed the evidence base and heavily influenced the development of this economic strategy. The Economic Strategy Task and Finish Group suggested the economic strategy should be bold and ambitious, focusing on innovation, diversifying the visitor economy, attracting investment and supporting local businesses to grow.

It was moved by Councillor P Browne and seconded that the recommendations of the Report No.29/2024 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with six votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the Rutland Economic Development Strategy.
- b) **DELEGATED** authority to the Strategic Director for Places in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development to make any minor amendments and publish the Economic Strategy and supporting evidence base.
- c) **DELEGATED** authority to the Strategic Director – Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development to develop the economic strategy including further engagement with stakeholders and businesses.
- d) **DELEGATED** authority to the Strategic Director for Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development to implement the Strategy.

10 EDITH WESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report No.30/2024 was introduced by Councillor P Browne, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development.

The draft Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to the County Council for statutory consultation and subsequent independent examination.

The report sought Cabinet's authorisation to carry out consultation on the proposed Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan, followed by submission of that plan to an independent examiner. Subject to the acceptance of the recommendations of the examiner, authorisation is also sought to hold a local referendum. Subject to the outcome of that referendum, the report requests that Cabinet delegate the making of the Neighbourhood Plan to the Strategic Director of Places.

Councillor Browne wanted to thank the residents of Edith Weston for the amount of time and work they had put into this process.

It was moved by Councillor P Browne and seconded that the recommendations of the Report No.29/2024 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with six votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the draft Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan was published for public consultation for a minimum of 6 weeks.
- b) **APPROVED** that following public consultation, the draft plan and representations received are submitted for independent examination.
- c) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director of Places to appoint an independent examiner in consultation with the Edith Weston Parish Council.
- d) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director of Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development, following receipt of the examiner's report, to publish the County Council's decision notice, update the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan and undertake a referendum.
- e) **AUTHORISED** subject to the outcome of the referendum, the Strategic Director of Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development to make the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Rutland.

11 ANY ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16th April 2024.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.55am.

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