

Cabinet

Wednesday, 13 December 2021

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 13 December 2023. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

5 Payment Strategy

Resolved: (Unanimously)

Cabinet approves the Payment Strategy to be implemented, with the minor changes in wording to sections 4.1 and 6.4.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure that the payment methods used to transact with those using Council services are up to date and “on demand” to meet the expectations of customers.

Other options considered and rejected:

The Council could continue to operate without a payment strategy but this would result in being unable to meet the needs and expectations of those customers who prefer to use “on demand” payment methods.

6 Print Strategy

Resolved: (Unanimously)

Cabinet approves the Print Strategy to be implemented.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure that the Council is leading by example in the delivery of the green agenda.

To ensure that communications from the Council are delivered in real time and using a digital first approach.

Other options considered and rejected:

The Council could continue to operate without a Print Strategy, however, if the Councils are going to encourage residents to adopt a digital first approach to reduce waste, then it is important for the Council to lead by example and follow these principles.

7 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: (Unanimously)

That the press and public be excluded for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

8 Shared Building Control Service

Resolved: (Unanimously)

Cabinet approve the proposals for implementation of the shared service, as set out in the report.

Reasons for decision:

The shared service will help to deliver resilience for the Council's building control function.

Other options considered and rejected:

An alternative structure was presented to the Shared Services Joint Committee and Executive Member Decision prior to formal consultation with staff. This structure had only one Senior Building Control Surveyor Post instead of the two roles identified within the proposed structure. This option was rejected as it would provide less capacity and resilience for the service.

9 Contract Award - Lead Design Consultant Penwortham Masterplan (RIBA Stage 3-4)

Resolved: (Unanimously)

1. Cabinet award the Lead Design Consultant for the Penwortham Masterplan (RIBA Stage 3-4) contract to WSP UK Ltd (formerly GL Heam) following the successful completion of the procurement process.
2. Cabinet approve the procurement of supporting design disciplines and all necessary surveys to support in the further development of the masterplan design.
3. Cabinet agree to delegate further consultant contract awards to the Cabinet Member (Planning, Business Support and Economic Development) and contract execution to the Director of Governance.
4. Approval to utilise the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) funding to cover design and survey fees.
5. To note once the RIBA Stage 4 design has been completed and costed a further report will be presented to Council regarding the delivery programme and funding.

Reasons for decision:

The Penwortham Masterplan has been through a thorough multiple stage consultation with significant support for the proposals within it. It is now crucial it is adopted and plans for its delivery are progressed.

Other options considered and rejected:

Doing nothing would not deliver the Council's corporate objectives.