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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Present: Councillor Cathy Scott (Chair)
Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Jackie Ramsay
Councillor Moses Crook

Observers: Councillor Charles Greaves

Apologies: Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz
Councillor Aafaq Butt

172 Membership of Cabinet

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Butt, Councillor Pervaiz and Councillor Reynolds.

173 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved.

174 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

175 Admission of the Public

Cabinet noted exempt information was provided under item 11.

176 Deputations/Petitions

There were no deputations.

A petition was received from Councillor Charles Greaves in respect of proposed parking charges in Honley and Meltham.

177 Questions by Elected Members (Oral Questions)

Cabinet received oral questions under Executive Procedure Rule 2.3

Question from Councillor C Greaves

“Do we have a date when the public consultation will commence on the introduction of parking charges into all car parks?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration (Councillor G Turner).

178 Waste Disposal Contract Procurement

Cabinet considered a report regarding the Waste Disposal Contract Procurement and sought approval for the revised procurement strategy timeline and the progression of further efficiency opportunities.

The report outlined information on policy changes and project dependencies and outlined a significant number of matters that had arisen since the publication of the waste disposal procurement outline business case in 2022. The result of those had resulted in a need to extend the existing interim contact arrangements by a further three years.

Cabinet was provided with an update on the progress made on the preparations for expiry of the current waste PFI contract and development of the procurement strategy for the future operation and maintenance of the Council's waste infrastructure.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That in relation to the interim arrangements, they be extended for a further three years with the contract expiry to be reprofiled to March 2028 under the Heads of Terms agreement with Suez and that a deed of variation be developed.
- 2) That approval be given to the revised procurement strategy based on a fully integrated contract to include household waste recycling centres.
- 3) That in Autumn 2026 further consideration be given to a full business case to approve the appointment of the preferred contractor prior to the commencement of a new contract.
- 4) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director Growth and Regeneration, Service Director Legal Governance and Commissioning and Service Director for Finance to:
 - (i) Sign off and implement the required contract deed of variation and draw down the approved Capital and Revenue expenditure for extending the interim arrangements.
 - (ii) Commence a procurement process from December 2024 and to draw down the approved Capital and Revenue expenditure.
 - (iii) Take a decision following a further review to identify if efficiency opportunities could be made by mothballing the Kirklees Materials Recovery Facility and using a third-party facility and/or changes to household waste recycling centre services.
 - (iv) Sign off and implement the required Deed of Variation to cover the Network Raise Infrastructure Limited replacement of the Weaving Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre.

179 Kirklees Heritage Strategy

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Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for the Kirklees Heritage Strategy and Strategic Heritage Action Plan.

The report advised of the outcomes of the Heritage Strategy which were set out in section seven and included (i) confidence (ii) sustainability (iii) duty of care (iv) ambition and opportunity (v) engagement and (vi) participation. It was expected that the strategy would continue to raise interest locally and regionally as it connected to the Cultural Heart and role of culture in the regeneration of the town centres.

Cabinet noted that the strategy reflected the Council's ambitions for regeneration through heritage which were already underway, e.g. The George Hotel and Dewsbury Arcade.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the outcome of the Kirklees Heritage Strategy – Summary of Consultation and Feedback be noted.
- 2) That approval be given to the Heritage Strategy and Strategic Heritage Action Plan.
- 3) That approval be given to seek funds from external sources to begin implementation of the Strategic Heritage Action Plan.

180 Transport Services Capital Investment Vehicle Replacement Programme (VRP); An initial £2.5m Proposed Expenditure

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which sought authority to spend £2.5m from the agreed Capital Investment Vehicle Replacement Programme (VRP), to support critical fleet replacement and transformation models which was an invest to save approach to fleet efficiencies.

Cabinet was advised that Transport Services was a Corporate enabling service that managed the Capital Investment VRP and that this was an investment in the Council's fleet of the future, a fleet that was efficient, fit for purpose and that provided value for money. The Council's fleet were significant assets, vehicular tools to enable service delivery and service transformation challenges and would reshape and model the VRP moving forwards.

The report outlined that Transport Services would continue to manage the VRP and deliver the vehicles necessary to meet service needs working in conjunction with Procurement.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That approval be given to commence procurement activity for the Vehicle Replacement Programme in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 / Council Contract Procedure Rules.
- 2) That authority be delegated to Service Director Highways and Streetscene to award contracts for 35 vehicles within the £2.5m allocation.

181 2024/25 Proposed allocation of funding from Children's Directorate Achieve & Aspire Capital Maintenance baseline section of the Capital Plan

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Cabinet considered a report which outlined the proposed allocation of 2024/25 capital funding from the Directorate for Children's Achieve & Aspire baseline section of the Capital Plan.

The report advised that the projects, funded from the 2024/25 Achieve & Aspire Capital Maintenance section of the Capital Plan would address urgent condition related needs in maintained schools. Cabinet was informed that it was vital that the projects addressed urgent health and safety related condition works across the maintained schools' portfolio and would help to ensure that they remained safe, dry, warm, and secure. The detailed list of proposed works in schools for 2024/2025, was attached at appendix B of the considered report.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That approval be given to the business case as at Appendix A of the considered report which outlined the rationale for the schools' condition works programme, the availability of funding, the selection process and the main categories of work, enabling the projects concerned to be designed, procured and implemented.
- 2) That approval be given to the detailed list of proposed works in schools for 2024/2025, as at Appendix B of the considered report.
- 3) That authority be delegated to Service Director for Development, Growth and Regeneration to manage and implement the identified works within the agreed total budget programme budget.

182 Post 16 Transport Statement 2024 / 25

Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for the Post-16 Transport Statement.

Cabinet was advised that adopting the transport statement allowed the Council to address, in part the increase in costs, whilst providing those with the greatest need the most assistance. The transport statement would also provide provision for other students of sixth form age.

Cabinet was informed that the changes would result in eligible post 16 pupils receiving a flat rate payment (based on distance) as travel support. Pupils with the highest needs would in some cases continue to be transported as they had been previously, i.e. through the Council arranging transport through its list of approved private operators of taxis and minibuses.

The report advised that the next steps would be to publish the Transport Statement and communicate the changes to services users, schools and relevant sixth form education providers.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Post-16 Transport Statement be adopted and should take effect from 31 May 2024 and be applied to existing and new students at the start of the 2024 academic year.
- 2) That approval be given to set the personal travel payment to:-

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- (i) Band 1 - Living less than or equal to three miles from home to setting (one way) - £300.
 - (ii) Band 2 - Living greater than three miles but less than or equal to ten miles from home to setting (one way) - £1000.
 - (iii) Band 3 – Living greater than ten miles but less than or equal to twenty miles from home to setting (one way) - £2000.
 - (iv) Band 4 – Living greater than twenty miles from home to setting (one way) - £3000.
- 3) That should a student receive Council organised transport, the parental contribution be set to £500 per academic year.