

At a meeting of the Executive held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 10.00 am

## **Members**

Councillor Alan Smith (Chair)  
Councillor Joan Ellis  
Councillor Michael Heaslip  
Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes

Councillor Mark Fryer (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Konrad Hansen  
Councillor William Jefferson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barbara Cannon

## **Staff Present**

A FitzGerald, I Frost, A Gilbert, N Hardy, C Holmes, L Jardine, K Kerrigan, C Nicholson, G Roach, A Seekings, S Sewell, G Wilson and P Wood

### **236. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2018 were signed as a correct record.

### **237. Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

### **238. Questions**

None received.

### **239. Members' Announcements**

None received.

### **240. Quarter 2 Finance Report and Revised Budget 2018/19**

#### **The subject of the decision**

The Head of Financial Services submitted a report which sought to inform Members on the Council's financial performance against budget for the period April to September 2018 and approval for the revised revenue and capital budgets for 2018-19.

Members noted the key messages at the end of quarter 2 for 2018/19, summarised on page 9 of the agenda.

Members noted reallocations to the budget as detailed on pages 32 and 33 of the report.

Councillor A Smith moved that the report be noted. This was seconded by Councillor M Heaslip. The motion was unanimously agreed.

### **Alternative options considered**

None

### **The reason for the decision**

To inform Members of the Council's financial performance against budget for the period April to September 2018 and approval of the revised revenue and capital budgets for 2018-19.

### **The decision**

**Recommended** – That Council be requested to agree that –

- The forecasted position against the original revenue and capital budgets at the end of quarter 2 be noted
- The revised budget (inclusive of spend from earmarked reserves) of £16,851k be approved
- The revised net revenue budget requirement of £15,084k be approved
- An additional release from the Council's earmarked reserves of £500k be approved
- A reduction in the contribution from the Council's General Fund of £20k be approved
- The revised three year capital budget (including proposed financing) of £21,048k comprising £8,970k in 2018-19, £10,038k in 2019-20 and £2,040k in 2020-21 be approved
- The revised position on earmarked and un-earmarked general fund balances be noted.

## **241. Budget Strategy 2019-20 and Beyond**

### **The subject of the decision**

The Head of Financial Services submitted a report setting out the Budget Strategy 2019-20. The strategy took into account current and future financial issues, it set out assumptions and initial proposals and provided a timetable for delivering a balanced budget in 2019-20.

Councillor M Fryer moved the recommendations set out in the report. This was seconded by Councillor M Heaslip. The recommendations were unanimously agreed.

### **Alternative options considered**

None

### **The reason for the decision**

The report was the first report of the Council's budget setting process for 2019-20 onwards. It set out the financial pressures that the Council was likely to face in the coming years and suggested an appropriate strategy to ensure that the authority remained financially stable over the long term.

## **The decision**

### **Resolved**

That –

- The significant financial challenges that the Council faced be noted
- The planning assumptions for building the 2019-20 budget be noted
- A public consultation be undertaken on budget proposals

## **242. Quarter 2 Performance Report 2018/19**

### **The subject of the decision**

The Policy Manager (Corporate, Performance and Information) submitted a report which sought to advise members on the Council's performance at the end of quarter 2 2018/19 as measured by projects/activities and Key Performance Indicators set out in the Corporate Business Plan 2018/19.

Of the 87 key projects/activities, 13 were complete, 64 were on target, 10 had concerns over achieving their deadlines or outputs and 0 had significant concerns.

There were 51 Key Performance Indicators. 26 of those were on target, 11 were worse than target and 7 were significantly worse than target. 5 were not targeted.

Councillor M Fryer moved that the report be noted. This was seconded by Councillor C McCarron-Holmes. The motion was unanimously agreed.

### **Alternative options considered**

None

### **The reason for the decision**

To advise Members of the Council's performance at the end of quarter 2 2018/19

## **The decision**

### **Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

## **243. ERDF Business Support - ICTIS project**

### **The subject of the decision**

The Policy Manager (Economic Growth) submitted a report which sought members to accept an offer of external funding and contract with an ICT

consultant to provide technical advice and guidance to eligible small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Cumbria to enable them to grow.

Councillor M Fryer moved the recommendations as set out in the report. This was seconded by Councillor M Heaslip. The motion was unanimously agreed.

### **Alternative options considered**

To award the contract to the highest scoring tenderer

Not to award the contract, with subsequent loss of funding and activity to grow businesses

### **The reason for the decision**

Allerdale Borough Council offered to be the lead on a County-wide project to increase ICT uptake by eligible SMEs. The project was in response to a call for European Structural and Investment Funding – ERDF – programme Priority Access 2: Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, Information and Communications Technology.

### **The decision**

#### **Resolved**

That –

- The acceptance of the £835k offer of ERDF grant funding and associated match-funding required to enable the project to proceed be approved
- Tenderer 2 be awarded the contract for the provision of expert ICT advice to individual SMEs and the production of bespoke ICT based action plans.

#### **The Chairman moved:-**

“That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12 (a) of the Act.”

## **244. Disposal of Moot Hall, Market Place, Keswick**

### **The subject of the decision**

The Estate Manager submitted a report which sought members to endorse a previous delegated Executive decision to dispose of Moot Hall, Market Place, Keswick and approve amended Heads of Terms.

Councillor M Fryer moved the recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor W Jefferson. The motion was unanimously agreed.

### **Alternative options considered**

To agree to dispose of Moot Hall, Keswick as an asset of Community Value

Not to agree to the disposal

### **The reason for the decision**

To seek approval for enhanced terms of disposal in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **The decision**

#### **Resolved**

That the Moot Hall, Keswick be disposed of at the improved terms as detailed in the report, which were slightly altered from the original sale proposal approved by a delegated Executive report dated 7 September 2015 due to the disposal figure being £5,000 above the delegated authority limit.

**The meeting closed at 10.40 am**