

At a meeting of the Executive held in Cockermonth Town Hall on Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 10.00 am

## **Members**

Councillor Alan Smith (Chair)  
Councillor Barbara Cannon  
Councillor Konrad Hansen  
Councillor William Jefferson

Councillor Mark Fryer (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Joan Ellis  
Councillor Michael Heaslip

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes

## **Staff Present**

B Carlin, I Frost, A Gilbert, N Hardy, K Kerrigan, C Nicholson, G Roach, A Seekings and S Sewell

### **451. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2019 were signed as a correct record.

### **452. Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

### **453. Questions**

None received.

### **454. Members' Announcements**

None received.

### **455. Capital Investment Strategy 2019/20**

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

The Head of Financial Services submitted a report for members to approve a Capital Investment Strategy for 2019-20. A strategy which had been developed to define at the highest level how the capital programme was to be determined, that identified the issues and options that influenced capital spending and that set out how the resources and capital programme would be managed.

Councillor B Cannon moved that the Capital Investment Strategy 2019-20 be recommended to Council for approval; this was seconded by Councillor A Smith.

The recommendation was unanimously agreed.

#### **Alternative options considered**

Not to approve the Strategy.

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

To agree a document setting out the Council's ambitions and priorities over the medium to longer term and that provided a framework for the review and management of existing assets. A document which also indicated the opportunities for partnership working and had a direct relationship with the Treasury Management Strategy and the opportunities and limitations on activity through the Treasury Management prudential indicators.

### **The decision**

#### **Recommended**

That Council be requested to agree that the Capital Investment Strategy 2019-20 be approved and following best practice it be renewed on an annual basis to ensure a strong link to the Council's priorities.

### **456. Allerdale Social Impact Investment Fund 2019/20**

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

The Policy Manager (Economic Growth) submitted a report for members to agree the allocation of funds from the Allerdale Social Impact Investment Fund (SIIF) for April 2019-20.

Councillor A Smith extended thanks to Sellafield Ltd for their continued donation to Allerdale Borough Council, which helped the Council in providing start up loans to assist business across the Borough.

Councillor A Smith moved the recommendation; this was seconded by Councillor M Fryer. The recommendation was unanimously agreed.

#### **Alternative options considered**

Not to approve the allocation of funds.

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

The allocation of funds was to be reviewed annually as it was subject to the decision of Sellafield Board to provide £500,000 each to Allerdale Borough Council and Copeland Borough Council for Socio-Economic activity.

#### **The decision**

#### **Resolved**

That –

1. The allocation of £250,000 to the Allerdale Loans Fund managed by Enterprise Answers on behalf of the Council be confirmed

2. The allocation of £40,000 towards the cost of the hosting fee for the Rugby League World Cup 2021 be confirmed
3. £140,000 be allocated from the SIIF in 2019/20 and a further £140,000 in 2020/21 (subject to the confirmation of funding from Sellafield Ltd in 2021/22) to activity related to sports development and the allocation of those funds be delegated to the Corporate Director in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth
4. £70,000 be allocated to activity in support of the Business Growth Strategy and that the allocation of funds be delegated to the Corporate Director in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth.

#### **457. ERDF Business Support - ICTIS Project**

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

The Policy Manager (Economic Growth) submitted a report for members to approve award of 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 through the uptake of technology.

Councillor A Smith moved the recommendation; this was seconded by Councillor M Fryer. The recommendation was unanimously agreed.

##### **Alternative options considered**

Not 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**

By awarding the contract SMEs would be enabled to increase performance and grow through the development, implementation and management of digital commercial strategies to utilise and take advantage of Superfast broadband and related technology.

##### **The decision**

##### **Resolved**

That Tenderer 3 be awarded the contract for the provision of expert ICT advice to individual SMEs and the production of bespoke ICT based action plans.

**The meeting closed at 10.15 am**