

At a meeting of the Executive held in Zoom Virtual Meeting on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 4.00 pm

Members

Councillor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Councillor John Cook
Councillor Jim Lister
Councillor Alan Pitcher

Councillor Marion Fitzgerald
Councillor Anthony Markley

Staff Present

B Carlin, A Gilbert, N Hardy, L Jardine, K Kerrigan, C Nicholson, G Roach, A Seekings, S Sewell, G Wilson and P Wood

374. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

375. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

376. Questions

None received.

377. Members' Announcements

None received.

378. Local Government Reorganisation - Consultation Response

The subject of the decision

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Economic Strategy) submitted a report which sought to provide members with an update on the Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria and requested members to agree a process for wider engagement as set out in the report.

It was noted the deadline for a response to the Governments consultation on the four proposals submitted by the Cumbrian authorities was 19 April 2021. In line with the Councils decision making processes the Leader of the Council was to formally sign off the Councils response on 1 April 2021.

Councillor M Johnson moved the recommendations as per the report; this was seconded by Councillor M Fitzgerald. The motion was unanimously agreed.

Alternative options considered

Not to submit a Council response to the Governments consultation process.

The reason for the decision

To note the current activity and discussions on Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria.

To agree the necessary delegations required to submit a response to Government by the 19 April 2021 deadline.

The decision

Resolved

That –

- The activity and discussions that had taken place to date with regards to Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria be noted
- The process for agreeing a final submission as detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the report be noted
- The process for wider engagement as set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report be agreed.

Resolved -

“That under Section 100A (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 12A of the Act.”

379. Acquisition of Buildings and Land in Maryport

The subject of the decision

The Programme Director, Maryport submitted a report which sought member's approval of the acquisition of land and key buildings in Maryport, subject to confirmation of the Government Future High Street Programme.

Councillor M Johnson moved the recommendations as per the report; this was seconded by Councillor M Fitzgerald. The motion was unanimously agreed.

Alternative options considered

Not to proceed with the acquisitions. However, failure to move forward with the purchases would reduce the amount of funding made available from the FHS programme as well as have a detrimental effect on the overall proposed programme.

The reason for the decision

Approval of the acquisitions would act as a catalyst to enable the Council to commence the process of regenerating Maryport High Street were in accordance with plans submitted to the Government Future High Street Department in July 2020.

The decision

Resolved

That the acquisition of the land and key buildings in Maryport as outlined in the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 4.16 pm