

## **EXECUTIVE**

### **16 SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### Present:

Councillors Connett (Leader), Dewhurst (Deputy Leader), Keeling, Jeffries, MacGregor, Purser, Taylor and Wrigley

#### Members in Attendance:

Councillors Haines and Hocking

#### Apologies:

Councillor J Hook

#### Officers in Attendance:

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer  
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services  
Tom Butcher, Senior Estates & Development Surveyor  
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services  
Tony Mansour, Housing Needs & Recovery Project Lead  
Fergus Pate, Principal Delivery Officer  
Phil Shears, Managing Director  
Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on 23 September 2021 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute

#### **53. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **55. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

#### **56. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Public questions and responses attached.

The Leader responded to the supplementary questions arising therefrom. See the [live stream \(public-i.tv\)](#).

## 57. RESOURCE AND WASTE STRATEGY FOR DEVON AND TORQUAY

The Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health presented the report to which sought approval of the amendments to the Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) The proposed amendment to reduce the waste prevention target to 400kg/head/year by 2030 be approved; and
- (2) The final strategy be approved.

The vote was unanimous.

## 58. RECOVERY PLANS

Councillor Purser presented the Recovery Plan report and the recommendations arising from the joint meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. He proposed that Executive support these recommendations.

Executive thanked all those staff and members involved in the work over the past 18 months to bring this Recovery Plan forward.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) The approach to recovery from the impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic as outline in the circulated report and all Projects Plans at appendices 14 to 20, be approved subject to the following additions:
  - Appendix 14 -*Training and support for business project* – project summary to make it clear that existing businesses are also eligible to receive this support.
  - Appendix 15 -*Transport Hubs* – project summary to be clear that e-bikes need to be looked at in all towns, not just ‘main’ so rural towns can be covered; and *Project Objectives* to include ‘accessibility for all.’
  - Appendix 16 *Recycling campaign to reduce waste* – the *outcomes* section included the investigation of community repair workshops.
  - Appendix 17 -*Supplier section of TDC website* – clarification on whether the requirements on the supplier, for example in terms of insurance, basic public liability levels are the same for schemes under £10k and those over £10k due to concern that onerous requirements would discourage the businesses we’re seeking to engage with.
  - Appendix 20 - *Community– Combined data demand analysis pilot scheme* – the last paragraph of the project summary specify parish and town councils; and

- (2) The delivery of the Project Plans be included in the Executive Forward Plan be approved.

The vote was unanimous.

**59. 2020/21 DRAFT FINAL ACCOUNTS & TREASURY MANAGEMENT. 2021/22 BUDGET MONITORING – REVENUE AND CAPITAL, TREASURY MANAGEMENT LENDING LIST’.**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report to update Members on the 2020/21 draft final revenue results including the draft closing general reserves, the draft closing capital funding and resources carried forward. The report also detailed the draft financial results of the treasury management function for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the principal areas where there were likely to be departures from the 2021/22 revenue budget and summarised those variations to the end of July 2021.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) The draft revenue results for 2020/21 be approved;
- (2) The draft year end capital and updated programme as shown at appendix 1 be approved;
- (3) The revenue budget variations for 2021/22 as shown at appendix 2 be approved; and
- (4) The updated lending list as shown at appendix 3 be noted: and

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that the draft treasury management results for 2020/21 at appendix 4 are noted

The vote was unanimous.

**60. EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL, EXETER CITY COUNCIL, MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL AND TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL JOINT STRATEGY**

The Executive Member for Planning presented the report which sought formal agreement of the scope, resourcing, timetable and governance arrangements for preparing a non-statutory Joint Strategy for East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon and Teignbridge Councils.

Members noted that section 1.5 of the report referring to Executive approval for the early stages of evidence gathering was now obsolete as the report would be going to Full Council for approval on 20 September 2021.

**RECOMMENDED** that Council support the scope, resourcing, indicative timetable and governance arrangements set out in Section 1 of the report for preparing a non-statutory Joint Strategy for East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon and Teignbridge Councils.

The vote was unanimous.

**61. BRADLEY LANE REGENERATION**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources introduced the report for the regeneration and redevelopment of the Bradley Lane area which had been a long-standing priority for the Council.

**62. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**63. BRADLEY LANE REGENERATION**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report which sought approval of the bid submission following competitive tendering for a development partner.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that:-

- (1) The development proposal as detailed in section 4 be agreed; and
- (2) Delegated approval be granted to the Head of Place and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Council Solicitor to agree the final Development Agreement Terms.

The vote was unanimous.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.25 am.

Chair

**Public Questions Executive 16 September 2021**

Questions from Nicholas Sheehan

*1) Does Teignbridge District Council have definitive proof that the “sars cov 2 virus” has been purified, isolated and proven beyond doubt to exist?*

**Response from Leader**

Teignbridge Council, along with other local authorities, has worked to support the community, residents and businesses throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. The council has followed the professional medical and public health advice of those in government who are qualified and appointed to provide that guidance.

In Devon, on matters of Public Health, we have been advised and supported by the Director of Public Health at Devon County Council and you may feel it is more appropriate to submit your questions to the County Council or Central Government.

*2) If the Council doesn't have definite proof that the virus exists, how does it justify supporting Central Government lockdown restrictions, mask wearing, PCR testing, and the use of council facilities to roll out the experimental covid gene therapy vaccine?*

**Response from the Leader**

See response to question 1 above. I would add that lockdowns and other restrictions were at the direction of the Secretary of State

*3) In relation to Plants Galore Garden Centre which defied Government lockdown orders in March 2020, would Council please give the reason why it allowed the business to remain open?*

**Response from the Leader**

The Council served a prohibition notice on the business however the Government changed the legislation to permit Garden Centres to open and it was therefore not in the public interest to enforce the failure to comply with the prohibition.

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