

UPDATE FROM THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

Members, I am happy to provide an update, for information purposes, on business dealt with by the Executive since the last Full Council meeting on 20 July 2021.

At its meeting on 22 July the Executive:

- Noted the updates regarding the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) and the formalisation of a Joint Committee and agreed that the Council should become a member of the Joint Committee. The governance arrangements of the Joint Committee were also approved. The Leader of the Council was appointed as the representative, with the Deputy Leader being appointed as the Substitute Member.
- Noted the comments and summary of the public consultation relating to the Parks for Nature initiative and agreed that the initiative should be rolled out, with changes to the grounds maintenance regime, as reflected in the proposal. It was also approved that grounds maintenance would be delivered in-house commencing in December 2021.
- Noted the contents of the Residual Waste Arrangements report and agreed that a budget of £5,000 be allocated as part of the Council's share in jointly appointing external legal services to finalise contract documents, in partnership with Basildon and Castle Point Borough Councils. The proposed procurement route of Open Procedure with a tender evaluation based on 90% price, 10% scoring criteria was noted.
- Noted the quarterly position on Section 106 contributions held at July 2021.
- Noted the updates on the Council's three projects: the Connect Programme, the Asset Delivery Programme and the Beagle Event.
- Agreed write off sums in respect of Business Rates and Council Tax.

At its meeting on 9 September the Executive:

- Noted the updates on the Council's three projects: the Connect Programme, the Asset Delivery Programme and the Beagle Event.
- Noted the Quarter 1 2021/22 revenue budget and capital position set out in the Financial Management Report.
- Noted the pipeline of Connect Programme Invest to Save projects being brought forward, following the business analysis work undertaken by the Key Change Champions Group and approved the GovService Customer Experience Platform business case and drawdown from the Connect Transformation Reserve.

At its meeting on 7 October the Executive:

- Approved two Connect Programme – Invest to Save Business Cases: the Sharepoint & OneDrive Migration and the Committee Management Information System (CMIS) Upgrade, together with the appropriate drawdowns from the Connect Transformation Reserve.
- Agreed the award of the Residual Waste Transfer Contract from 1 November 2021.

Portfolio Holder decisions have been taken that have:

- Leased a section of the Council owned asset known as Ashingdon Pavilion to Ashingdon Pre-School for use as a nursery for a period of 7 years at an annual rent of £5,900.
- Entered into a licence with Café 206 Ltd for a section of the Council owned land at Oxford Parade, adjacent to 206-208 Ashingdon Road, Rochford for a period of 1 year (renewable annually).
- Agreed to produce an annual transparency statement in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.