

Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 30 April 2020

Part I

Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge - West Berkshire (EX3887) (Item 6.)

Resolved that the report be noted and the actions that are being taken to address the recommendations within the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Report be approved.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 7 May 2020, then it will be implemented.

Launch of a Community Bond (EX3896) (Item 7.)

Resolved:

- that the results of the due diligence work had been considered and that the summary had been noted.
- that the launch of the Community Bond be approved, subject to final sign off of the necessary legal agreements being delegated to the Legal Services Manager in consultation with the Executive Director (Resources).
- to delegate to the Executive Director (Resources), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, the date of the formal launch of the bond, the bond length period, and bond issue rate so long as it is below the PWLB rate.

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Community Solutions Fund (EX3901) (Item 8.)

Resolved that the Community Solutions Fund (2017-2020) be closed down and that any unspent budget will go into supporting initiatives which will reframe and develop the VCSE sector in West Berkshire.

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Working with the Voluntary Sector (EX3903) (Item 9.)

Resolved that:

- the recommended actions be approved as set out in this report (listed as follows):
 - Establish a project to develop a strategic approach to working with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector that reflects a number of key points identified by Members in the Strategy Board.
 - Project to be governed by the Corporate Programme with agreed actions contained within a cross service project, with identified resources and agreed time frames.
 - Undertake a high level mapping exercise of VCSE provision to inform the development of the emerging strategy - what is being provided, to who and where, levels of income/spend, capacity and support for the Council Strategy – scope and resources to be identified/agreed as part of the overall project.
 - Commission a Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO) in a process that will require careful consideration of the context of current arrangements which are outside of Council funding. Source of revenue budget to be identified/agreed.
 - Ownership will sit within the Resources Directorate for the period of development, supported in the project by the other Directorates, VCSE sector representatives and overseen by the Leader.
- the current situation in relation to Corona virus and the impressive response of the VCSE through the work of the Community Hub be noted. This will undoubtedly reshape the relationship of the Council with the sector and therefore the proposed recommendations may need to be revisited to reflect this when the time is right. As the situation is so fluid they have been left 'as is' for the purpose of progressing this report.

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Strategic Commissioning and Procurement (EX3878) (Item 10.)

Resolved that:

- The proposed changes and the Procurement Strategy for implementation across the Council be approved.
- The implementation plan as set out in this report, to start in 2020/21 for the tenders in the service areas identified, be approved.

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Economic Development Strategy and Delivery Plan (EX3758) (Item 11.)

Resolved that the Economic Development Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy Delivery Plan be approved.

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HWRC Opening Hour Changes (EX3834) (Item 12.)

Resolved that the opening hours of the Household Waste Recycling Centres be approved as follows (effective from 1 May 2020 or the earliest practicable date after that time, subject to the ability to reopen the sites in the context of the COVID-19 situation):

HWRC Site	Proposed Winter Hours (October to March)	Proposed Summer Hours (April to September)
Padworth HWRC	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm (7 days a week)
Newtown Road	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm (7 days a week apart from Thursdays) 9am to 8pm (Thursdays only)

The Council's sites are open every day of the year including Bank Holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

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