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## **Item 8 - Re-profiling Capital Programme 2021/22**

The attached report was considered by the Finance & Investment Advisory Committee on 16 June 2021 and Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee on 24 June 2021. The relevant Minute extract from Finance & Investment Advisory Committee is below and the relevant Minute extract from Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee was not available prior to the printing of this agenda and will follow when available.

### **Finance & Investment Advisory Committee (16 June 2021, Minute 10)**

The Strategic Head of Property & Commercial Services presented the report which sought prioritisation of the Bevan Place Project within the Capital Programme.

In November 2020, Council had agreed a three-year Capital Programme part of which was to facilitate the development of new regeneration schemes for the Council. At the time of preparing the recommendations, high level assumptions were made as to potential projects, indicative costs, and pace of delivery. This resulted in a list of potential projects and envisaged funding allocations, and a projects approval protocol was put in place.

In establishing a three-year Capital Programme it also required the approval of a funding pot that would facilitate the rapid deployment of funds towards projects. However, with different schemes moving at different pace, there was a greater need to draw funds towards schemes that were maturing faster. The realignment of the Capital Programme would provide officers with greater flexibility in delivering the Bevan Place Project at pace.

He answered questions from Members and explained how the sum had been calculated.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That

- a) the requirement to create greater flexibility in drawing down funds from the approved Capital Programme, be noted; and
- b) the following recommendation to Cabinet be endorsed -

That £400,000 be vired within the approved Capital Programme to facilitate the delivery of the Bevan Place project as follows:

- £330,000 from Edenbridge (This project to be postponed to 2022/23 and be re-profiled as part of the 2022/23 Budget setting process)
- £20,000 from the Sevenoaks Town Centre Regeneration Project
- £50,000 from the “Other Feasibility” allocation.

## **Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee - 24 June 2021, Minute 10**

The Strategic Head of Property & Commercial Services presented the report which sought prioritisation of the Bevan Place Project within the Capital Programme.

In November 2020, Council had agreed a three-year Capital Programme part of which was to facilitate the development of new regeneration schemes for the Council. At the time of preparing the recommendations, high level assumptions were made as to potential projects, indicative costs, and pace of delivery. This resulted in a list of potential projects and envisaged funding allocations, and a projects approval protocol was put in place.

In establishing a three-year Capital Programme it also required the approval of a funding pot that would facilitate the rapid deployment of funds towards projects. However, with different schemes moving at different pace, there was a greater need to draw funds towards schemes that were maturing faster. The realignment of the Capital Programme would provide officers with greater flexibility in delivering the Bevan Place Project at pace.

He answered questions from Members and advised that the Edenbridge project would be continuing but undertaken in the next financial year.

### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That

- a) the requirement to create greater flexibility in drawing down funds from the approved Capital Programme, be noted; and
- b) the following recommendation to Cabinet be endorsed -

That £400,000 be vired within the approved Capital Programme to facilitate the delivery of the Bevan Place project as follows:

- £330,000 from Edenbridge (This project to be postponed to 2022/23 and be re-profiled as part of the 2022/23 Budget setting process)

- £20,000 from the Sevenoaks Town Centre Regeneration Project
- £50,000 from the “Other Feasibility” allocation.



## **Item 9 - Air Quality - Update on the Development of a new Air Quality Action Plan**

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 29 June 2021. The relevant Minute extract is below.

### **Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (29 June 2021, Minute 9)**

The Acting Environmental Health Manager presented the report which updated Members on air quality within the District. The Department of Environment Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) had required the Council to publish its air quality monitoring data. The District was showing trends of improvement therefore it was proposed that 5 of the 9 existing Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) be requested to be revoked. It was proposed that a Working Group be set up to consider measures to be introduced in the Air Quality Action Plan and that the 'Air Alert' scheme be brought to a close.

Members asked questions and discussed the report. It was clarified that the proposed AQMAs the Council would request to revoke had been consistently below the national objective levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) or small particulates (PM<sub>10</sub>) and were very unlikely to exceed them. Air Quality was generally worse in areas where vehicles had to accelerate and decelerate such as town centres.

Members discussed measures to encourage residents to do more active travel and drive less in order to reduce local air pollution including collaboration with Kent County Council on schemes such as developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that

- a) officers request to DEFRA for the revocation of the M20 AQMA on the basis of the assessment undertaken by BV, be agreed;
- b) officers request to DEFRA for the revocation of the M25 AQMA (PM<sub>10</sub>) on the basis of the assessment undertaken by BV, be agreed;

- c) subject to additional monitoring demonstrating that NO2 levels do not exceed objective levels at the roundabout at London Road, Westerham and residential properties along the A224 and B221 near to the M25, officers request to DEFRA for the revocation of the M25 AQMA (NO2), be agreed;
- d) subject to additional monitoring demonstrating that NO2 levels do not exceed objective levels at receptors along the A224 London Road flyover, officers request to DEFRA for the revocation of M26 AQMA, be agreed;
- e) subject to additional monitoring demonstrating that NO2 levels do not exceed objective levels as residential properties at Phillip Avenues / Ladds Way / Cyclamen Road, Swanley, officers request to DEFRA for the revocation of the A20 AQMA, be agreed;
- f) following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Cleaner & Greener, the Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Officer of Planning & Regulatory Services' constitution of a Working Group of up to 15 Members and Officers (with a quorum of 5) to develop a shortlist of workable measures to be tested (scenario testing) to quantify their impact upon Air Quality within the AQMA, explore possible measures which could be included in the Action Plan and report to the next Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee, be authorised; and
- g) the District Council's withdrawal from the 'Air Alert' scheme as provided by Sussex Air and Imperial College and alternate and comparable 'Air Alert' information be made available on the Council's website, be agreed.



## **Item 10 - Net Zero 2030 Update - Low Emission and Electric Vehicle Strategy**

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 29 June 2021. The relevant Minute extract is below.

### **Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (29 June 2021, Minute 8)**

The Principal Planning Officer (Policy) presented a report which outlined the Low Emission and Electric Vehicle Strategy (LEEVs) as part of the Council's commitment to be Net Zero by 2030. Transport remained the largest carbon emitting sector in the UK and Sevenoaks District had the highest level of registered electric vehicle ownership in Kent. The Strategy would aim to help the Council promote low carbon travel, improve the electric vehicle charging network across the district and continue the transition to a zero-carbon emissions vehicle fleet wherever possible.

Members asked questions of clarification. It was clarified that there were currently charging points at 12 locations across the District as shown on the map within the report. Use of hydrogen technologies had also been considered as well as electric vehicles. Members were advised that the length of time it took to charge the vehicles depended on the type of charging point and vehicle as they varied, however, those with off street parking could also charge at home. Currently, the charging points in the Council's car parks were free to use.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the Low Emission and Electric Vehicle Strategy, be agreed.



## **Item 11 - Adoption of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plans**

The attached report was considered by the Development & Conservation Advisory Committee on 6 July 2021. The relevant Minute extract is below.

### **Development & Conservation Advisory Committee (6 July 2021, Minute 8)**

The Principal Planning Officer (Policy) presented the report which sought adoption of the management plan for the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which the Council is legally required to do. The role of the management plan was to set out the key components, characteristics and qualities of the AONB and to identify ways and opportunities to conserve and enhance the landscape. The Kent Downs AONB Management Plan review (2021-2026) was approved by the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) of the AONB unit on 26 January 2021.

Members discussed the report. It was clarified that the management plan supported national and local planning policy but was not a policy document in itself.

Cllr Hunter addressed the Committee as the Council's Member representative on the JAC. She highlighted that the management plan had been thoroughly researched and widely consulted on.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the adoption of the Kent Downs AONB Management Plan be recommended to Council.

