

Portfolio Holder Decisions

Date: Thursday, 26 March 2020
Time: 1.45 pm
Venue: Online

Membership

Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Items on the agenda: -

10. Leader's Signature for all decisions

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Warwickshire County Council – Record of Decisions made by the Leader of the Council


26 March 2020




The following table is the official record of the decisions made by the Leader of the Council on Thursday 26 March 2020.



Beyond the table are comments made by Group Leaders on the content of the nine reports and their recommendations. Account was taken of these comments by the Leader in considering the recommendations.

	Report Title	Recommendations	Approved
1	Relationships and Sex Education Services in Warwickshire	<p>1) That the Leader notes the outcome of the independent review of the All About Me Relationships and Sex Education programme for primary schools in Warwickshire and approves the replacement of it with an information and signposting offer to schools. The offer will be in line with the Department of Education's national materials and resources to support schools to meet their statutory requirements under the new Relationships & Sex Education regulations.</p> <p>2) That the Leader awaits the outcome of the ongoing external independent expert review of the Respect Yourself website and receives a further paper with recommendations.</p> <p>3) In line with recommendation 1, it is further recommended that the Leader approves the replacement of Relationships and Sex</p>	

		Education programme delivery in secondary schools with an information and signposting offer to schools.	
2	Service Estimates 2020/21	<p>That the Leader:</p> <p>1) Approve the detailed revenue budget, savings plan and capital programme for each of the Authority's services set out in Appendices A to M; and</p> <p>2) Note the adjustments to service budgets as a result of the realignment of budgets within and between directorates since the budget was set on 18 February 2020, as outlined in Section 3 and Appendix N.</p>	
3	Council Investment Funds – Criteria for the Allocation of Resources	<p>The Leader is asked to:</p> <p>1) Agree the arrangements for the operation of the four new Investment Funds agreed as part of the 2020/21 Budget, as detailed in Section 2;</p> <p>2) Agree to allow the transfer of Investment Fund allocations between financial years to align with the approval/delivery of projects over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy;</p> <p>3) Note that the arrangements for the operation of the Children's Transformation</p>	

		<p>Fund will form part of the report to the Leader in April 2020 on the proposed use of the Fund;</p> <p>4) Agree the arrangements for the operation of the Council Change Fund, as detailed in Section 3; and</p> <p>5) Agree the updated arrangements for the operation of the Capital Investment Fund as detailed in Section 4.</p>	
4	Early Intervention, Prevention and Community Capacity Fund 2019/20 – Tranche 4 Allocations	<p>That the Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve four projects to be funded from the Early Intervention, Prevention and Community Capacity Fund at a cost of £835,550 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Citizenship Course - £100,000; ○ Great School Libraries in Warwickshire - £77,050; ○ Understanding our Customers - £96,000 over two years, with review conditions attached to the second year of funding; and ○ Building a creative health social prescribing system £562,500. 	

		2) Agree to transfer the funding approved from 2019/20 to 2020/21 to allow the projects to commence at the start of the year.	
5	New Highway Safety Inspection Manual	That the Leader approves the implementation of a new Highway Safety Inspection Manual from 1st April 2020.	
6	Property Management Strategy	That the Leader agrees the Council's Property Strategy 2020-2025 attached as an appendix to the published report.	
7	Capital Investment Fund 2019/20 Quarter 4 Report	<p>That the Leader:</p> <p>1) Approves £686,000 from the Capital Investment Fund for Property Flood Resilience Schemes and add to the Capital Programme.</p> <p>2) Approves £184,250 from Education Capital Resource for Maintained Nursery Schools Capital Funding and add to the Capital Programme.</p> <p>3) Authorises the Strategic Director Communities to procure and enter any agreements to give effect to the proposals in 1 and 2 on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director for Resources.</p>	

8	Exempt Item - Capital Investment Fund 2019/20 –Vehicle Restrictions – Stratford-upon-Avon	That the Leader agrees the recommendations as set out in the exempt report.	
9	Exempt Item – Land at Gallows Hill	That the Leader agrees the recommendations as set out in the exempt report.	

Observations by Group Leaders submitted prior to decisions being made.

Green Group Observations submitted 23 March 2020.

Item	Title	Observations (Please specify names of Councillors)
1	Relationships and Sex Education Support Services in Warwickshire	<p>Councillor Chilvers:</p> <p>Fine to redo programme from September, but the current proposals force schools to stop delivering All About Me straight away even though the review is generally positive about the programme and doesn't raise any red flags about possible harm. Existing schools using AAM not needing county support (possibly in the 100s) should be allowed to deliver programme up to the end of the summer term if they wish.</p>
2	Service Estimates 2020/21	No comment

3	Council Investment Funds – Criteria for the Allocation of Resources	<p>Councillor Chilvers:</p> <p>Given the large amount of money involved in these funds and the impact on delivery of key council objectives member oversight is important. Could the following changes be made to the process?</p> <p>i) Members be sent a list of bids that make it to stage 2. (only hearing about them when they make it to cabinet is too late).</p> <p>ii) A member who is an observer sits in on presentation of bids at stage 2. For instance, each O&S could be allocated one of the funds and one of their number be present and feedback (in private session if nec) to the committee. Could similar changes be made to the CIF fund also discussed in this report?</p> <p>50% of the criteria is on ‘deliverability’ and one bullet point is on ‘return on investment’. Please could you clarify whether this is specifically about cashable savings (i.e. money that the organisation will directly save) or wider savings to the Warwickshire community (i.e. an anti-flooding scheme may be very effective for the cost, but won’t necessarily save the organisation money)?</p> <p>Lots of projects need a mixture of revenue (esp. officer time) and capital, but yet this doesn’t seem to be reflected in these processes. How can this be addressed to prevent bids having to be put through two processes causing unnecessary delay?</p>
4	Early Intervention, Prevention and Community Capacity Fund2019/20 - Tranche 4 Allocations	<p>Councillor Chilvers:</p> <p>Social prescribing bid looks really positive. Thank you for sharing unsuccessful bids, that is helpful.</p>

5	New Highway Safety Inspection Manual	Councillor Kondakor: Mentions pavement and road repairs but not cycle tracks – how will these be dealt with?
6	Property Management Strategy	No comment
7	Capital Investment Fund 2019/20 Quarter 4 Report	Councillor Chilvers: Were there any unsuccessful schemes in this quarter please?
8	Exempt – Capital Investment Fund 2019/20 – Vehicle Restrictions	No comment
9	Exempt - Land at Gallows Hill	No comment

Liberal Democrat Group Observations submitted 24 March 2020

(All comments made by Councillor Roodhouse)

Item	Title	Observations (Please specify names of Councillors)
1	Relationships and Sex Education Support Services in Warwickshire	Programme should be reworked for September. All About Me is being stopped straight away which seems to go counter against the review findings. I agree with Jonathan that Schools using AAM not needing county support should be allowed to deliver programme up to the end of the summer term if they wish. The Comms message around this was what went wrong.
2	Service Estimates 2020/21	No real comments except the outcome from this pandemic will play into budgets and departments may need flexibility to operate.
3	Council Investment Funds – Criteria for the Allocation of Resources	I would like to see greater clarity around allocation and process. Perhaps it should be considered going forward that greater investment into the third sector to support their work during this time and that all future funding should be frozen to allow a redirection to support communities.
4	Early Intervention, Prevention and Community Capacity Fund2019/20 - Tranche 4 Allocations	No problem but has taken some time to get here links to number 3.
5	New Highway Safety Inspection Manual	Yes, looks OK would also confirm Councillor Chilvers' point re cycle ways.
6	Property Management Strategy	Opportunities with small holdings and to purchase land to develop a stronger base for growing food locally with local supply chains. Property should be utilised to better affect and benefit groups. This high-level document starts to develop a different approach the question will the next set of plans deliver the strategy.

7	Capital Investment Fund 2019/20 Quarter 4 Report	No comment
8	Exempt – Capital Investment Fund 2019/20 – Vehicle Restrictions	No comment
9	Exempt - Land at Gallows Hill	No Comment

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