

Cabinet

DECISIONS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2024 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

6 Devolution Update

Resolved:

Cabinet noted:

- 1. The expression of interest submitted to government**
- 2. The intention to continue discussions with neighbouring councils as appropriate**

Reason for Decision:

Devolution should provide greater freedoms and flexibilities allowing councils to work more effectively to improve services for local residents.

7 Wiltshire Local Plan Review - Submission of Draft Plan

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

- 1. Endorses the submission of the draft Wiltshire Local Plan review Pre-submission Draft Plan at Appendix 1 together with relevant associated documentation for independent examination;**
- 2. Recommends to Full Council that the Wiltshire Local Plan Review - Pre-submission Draft Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination together with relevant associated documentation;**
- 3. Directs that submission is accompanied by a request that the Inspector appointed to carry out the examination recommends any modifications necessary to make the Plan sound and legally compliant in accordance with Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and**

4. Authorises the Director of Planning to take or authorise such steps as may be necessary for the independent examination of the Plan to be completed, including:
 - a. Make appropriate arrangements for submission of the Plan and the completion and submission of all documents relating to the Plan;
 - b. Make all necessary arrangements for examination including – the appointment of a Programme Officer; the undertaking and/or commissioning of other work necessary to prepare for and participate at examination; proposing main and/or minor modifications to the Plan and/or modifications to the Policies Map; entering into Memorandums of Understanding and Statements of Common Ground; and the delegation to officers and other commissioned experts to prepare and submit evidence, representations and submissions to the examination and, where necessary, appear at any hearing sessions and represent the council; and
 - c. Implement any consequential actions relating to the examination, including undertaking any consultation that may be necessary, and publishing the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to carry out the examination.

Reason for decision:

To ensure that progress continues to be made on updating Wiltshire's Local Plan in line with the commitment set out in the council's Local Development Scheme and statutory requirements, and an efficient examination process.

8 **Enforcement Policy**

Resolved:

To recommend that Full Council:

1. Adopt the Enforcement Policy as set out at Appendix 1.
2. Delegate the maintenance of service specific enforcement policies (in line with the overall enforcement policy and changes to national guidance and legislation) to Directors in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

That Cabinet approve:

- 3. The incorporation of relevant Enforcement Indicators as set out on at the end of Appendix 1 into the Corporate Scorecard, subject to ongoing review by the Leader of the Council.**

Reason for Decision:

An assertive and coordinated approach to enforcement will help to increase compliance, prevent further infringements and deter other offenders (in line with the commitment in the Business Plan to 'prevention and early intervention' as a guiding theme).

9 Recommissioning of Children and Young People's Mental Health Services

Resolved:

To approve:

- 1. Wiltshire Council entering a 3-year extension to the jointly commissioned Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service with Bath and Northeast Somerset Council and the Integrated Care Board, provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.**
- 2. To approve the spend of £518,000 per year, for 3 years. This is a total of £1,554,000 for the 3-year period.**
- 3. To initiate a range of early help pilot programmes from existing underspend in Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Service provision to develop a strategic plan for the overarching review of children and young people's mental health services to support the recommissioning of services at the end of the extension period.**
- 4. To delegate authority to approve the extensions and all associated documents to the Director Commissioning and Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills.**

Reason for Decision:

Wiltshire Council will continue to support early intervention and prevention and increased resilience in Children and Young Peoples mental health.

This will allow Oxford Health to continue providing Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to Wiltshire's community without a reduction in service provision.

The extension period of 3 years will enable Wiltshire Council Commissioning to realise the potential of recommissioning Children's and Young Peoples Mental Health Services by allowing time to complete a full and thorough review of the mental health services currently commissioned within the broad Wiltshire system.

During this time a range of initiatives will be piloted to inform the review of children and young people mental health services and ensure that future commissioning proposals are informed by successful programmes and interventions.

Currently Wiltshire Council are inputting £518,000 per annum into the CAMHS contract, with the ICB contributing £18,341,991. Additionally, the BSW ICB fund a further £518,000 towards a range of mental health services commissioned by Wiltshire Council.

10 **Chippenham One Plan and Chippenham Avon Project Master Plan**

That Cabinet:

In relation to the One Plan, and subject to any other minor alterations to improve its clarity:

- 1. Note the contents and recommendations of the One Plan (Appendix 1);**
- 2. Recognise the One Plan as an evidence-based document to inform the Local Plan Review and future planning guidance; and**
- 3. Endorse the One Plan as a material consideration in the making of planning decisions.**

In relation to the Chippenham Avon Project Master Plan, and subject to other minor alterations to improve its clarity:

- 4. Note the contents and recommendations of the Master Plan (Appendix 3);**
- 5. Recognise the Master Plan as an evidence-based document to inform the Local Plan Review and future planning guidance; and**
- 6. Endorse the Master Plan as a material consideration in the making of planning decisions.**
- 7. Note the council's intent to contribute funding of up to £1 million via Community Infrastructure Levy to the project, subject to match funding and contractual arrangements being in place which will be confirmed in a further report to cabinet.**

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the regeneration of Chippenham town centre with the aim of boosting Chippenham's economy, enhancing the environment and celebrating the town's heritage.

11 **Telecare Service Recommissioning**

That Cabinet agrees to:

- 1. Approve the commissioning of the Telecare Service via the ESPO Framework from 1 April 2025, with a three-year contract awarded to the successful provider, with the option to extend up to a further year.**
- 2. To delegate authority to approve and award a new Telecare Service Contract, and take all necessary steps associated, to the Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Cabinet Member responsible for Adult Social Care, SEND and Inclusion.**

Reason for Decision:

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to Cabinet on the status of the Council's contracted Telecare Service which is delivered by an external service supplier and expires on 31 March 2025.

The current contract delivers a Telecare Service to people who are assessed by Adult Social care as eligible for the services.

The provision of a Telecare and wider Technology enabled Care (TEC) services fulfils the Council's obligations under section 2 (preventing, reducing or delaying needs) of the Care Act and currently covers over 2000 connections to individuals being supported in their homes. A recommissioned Telecare Service must be in place from 1 April 2025.

12 **Household Support Fund**

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

- 1. Notes the content of the report;**
- 2. Delegates the payment criteria of the grant to the Director, Finance and Procurement (S151 Officer), and the Director, Public Health in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities, Leisure, and Libraries.**

Reason for Decision:

To inform Members of the Household Support Fund extension allocation Wiltshire Council has been awarded by the Department for Work and Pensions.

13 **Safety Valve Update**

Resolved:

To note the monitoring report which was submitted to the DfE on 28th August 2024.

Reason for Decision:

This five-year agreement will shape the provision of SEND services in Wiltshire and will form a key part of the financial context for the authority. Cabinet will continue to be kept apprised of progress and public reporting is critical to ensure transparency of the programme and the council's approach to it.

14 **Wiltshire Council Annual Adoption Service 2023-2024 Year End Report**

Resolved:

To approve the report and that the contents are considered against the Corporate Parenting Strategic Priorities for children in care to have a loving home, good relationships, and be respected.

Reason for Decision:

Wiltshire Council is an Adoption Agency registered with Ofsted. The 2014 Adoption Minimum Standards (25.6) and 2013 Statutory Guidance (3.93 and 5.39) describe the information that is required to be reported to the executive side of the local authority, on a six-monthly basis, to provide assurance that the adoption agency is complying with the conditions of registration whilst being effective and achieving good outcomes for children. A report to Cabinet is prepared annually.

Adoption West is subject to separate scrutiny arrangements through its own Scrutiny Board.

These decisions were published on 8 October 2024 and will come into effect on 16 October 2024.