

REPORT OF THE  
**Cabinet/Leader**  
PART II

**18. ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME – HIGHWAYS FLEET**

- 18.1 An urgent officer decision was made by the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Leader of the County Council, on 10 March 2017 to add £9.5 million to the County Council's Capital Programme for 2017/18 to enable Hampshire Transport Management (HTM) to supply fleet, plant and equipment to the new Hampshire Highways Services Contract (HHSC).
- 18.2 That urgent decision was taken in accordance with the County Council's Constitution Financial Regulation 2.31 because the decision could not be made by the County Council due to timing constraints. The new HHSC contractor was unable to confirm selection of HTM as its preferred supplier until the HHSC was finalised on 28 February and the fleet needed to be ordered before this meeting of the County Council, to ensure that it is in place in time for, or shortly after, the start of the HHSC on 1 August 2017.
- 18.3 HTM is a self-funding business unit of the County Council and it is a significant achievement to be awarded this supply arrangement by the HHSC contractor.

**19. CABINET ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT FORUM - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 19.1 On 20 March 2017 Cabinet approved a report regarding the terms of reference for both the recently established Cabinet Advisory Sub-Committee for Economic Development and Business Engagement Forum.
- 19.2 The County Council works closely with both the local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) and with Hampshire district councils to support economic prosperity in Hampshire. This partnership working was particularly important in helping to secure and deliver major development and regeneration projects on key sites, such as the Enterprise Zones. This type of activity is expected to increase across Hampshire in the future.
- 19.3 The aim of both bodies is to provide a more holistic approach to supporting the economy across the whole of the county of Hampshire, encompassing the key drivers of growth including:
- investment in infrastructure (transport and digital)
  - skills development
  - development and regeneration
  - stock of business premises

- 19.4 Cabinet welcomed the report and agreed the terms of reference for both the Cabinet Advisory Sub-Committee for Economic Development and Business Engagement Forum.

## **20. SHAPING HAMPSHIRE – 2016/17 YEAR END PERFORMANCE REPORT**

- 20.1 On 19 June 2017 Cabinet noted a report on the County Council's performance during 2016/17 against priorities within the Shaping Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2013-2017.
- 20.2 Hampshire's consistently high performance was noted by Cabinet, with particular recognition for the success in the critical areas, among others, of highways, adults' and children's services. Members also welcomed the report's references to the County Council receiving a "high assurance" for how it manages data protection by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) following an external audit – the highest level that can be achieved and the presentation of a Gold Award by the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme in acknowledgement of its commitment to the Armed Forces, both as a local authority and employer.
- 20.3 Cabinet were made aware of the revised approach which would be taken to corporate performance management reporting. This included some important shifts in emphasis such as follows:
- The revised Performance Management Framework is driven from the County Council's new Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan. The Plan's aims, priorities and ways of working flow throughout all aspects of the improvement cycle, service planning and delivery.
  - Greater emphasis is placed on resident feedback as a source of performance information. Key performance measures include resident experience metrics reflecting how the County Council is perceived to be performing, which will be developed and added to over time.
  - Increased focus is given to the findings of external assessment, providing a source of objective performance judgements

## **21. 'WORKING BETTER TOGETHER'- NEXT STEPS IN DEVELOPING HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS**

- 21.1 On 19 June 2017 Cabinet agreed a report on proposals to develop the County Council's relationships with the Parish and Town Councils (PTCs) in Hampshire.
- 21.2 Through a series of workshops held last year, which were attended by over 230 delegates, representing 121 PTCs, delegates', views were sought on 'locality working' and the potential for 'deeper devolution' (i.e. devolving services to parish level).
- 21.3 Following these workshops and further discussions with the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC), Cabinet noted that there was a clear opportunity for the County Council to build on the many examples of good practice and positive working relationships that already exist with PTCs. This would focus upon testing a new approach that would develop the Council's relationship with them and their levels of influence related to locally important priorities.

- 21.4 It was recognised that PTCs provide a strong foundation of representation to their local communities and it was agreed to develop a framework to allow those PTCs who wish to, to develop enhanced or advanced local offers. Working with HALC, a tiered approach could support PTCs to increase their capability, build their capacity, demonstrate enhanced competence and deliver a strong local offer.
- 21.5 It was agreed to create and test a tiered approach in developing a sliding scale of increased local involvement in service delivery. This would be linked to demonstrable commitment and capability and would be balanced by appropriate support from the County Council in the form of professional resources, equipment, and possible pump-priming funding.
- 21.6 Cabinet welcomed the report and endorsed the approach to developing closer working relationships with parish and town councils in Hampshire.

Further details on these items can be found at the following links:

- [Addition to the Capital Programme – Highways Fleet](#)
- Cabinet Advisory Sub-Committee For Economic Development and Business Engagement Forum – Terms of Reference  
[Cabinet 20 March 2017](#)
- Shaping Hampshire – 2016/17 Year End Performance Report *AND*
- ‘Working Better Together’- Next Steps In Developing Hampshire County Council’s Relationships With Parish And Town Councils  
[Cabinet 19 June 2017](#)

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