

CABINET EXECUTIVE

Minutes of a meeting held via Zoom

MONDAY, 9 MAY 2022

Present:

Councillor Terry Richardson (Leader of the Council) (Leader)
Councillor Maggie Wright (Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder) (Deputy Leader)

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| Cllr. Sharon Coe | - Health, Wellbeing, Community Engagement & Business Support Portfolio Holder |
| Cllr. Nigel Grundy | - Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder |
| Cllr. Les Phillimore | - Housing, Community & Environmental Services Portfolio Holder |
| Cllr. Ben Taylor | - Planning Delivery and Enforcement & Corporate Transformation Portfolio Holder |

Officers present:-

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| Julia Smith | - Chief Executive |
| Sarah Pennelli | - Strategic Director - S.151 Officer |
| John Richardson | - Strategic Director |
| Paul Coates | - Neighbourhood Services & Assets Group Manager |
| Ian Curtis | - Transport Services Manager |
| Sandeep Tiensa | - Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer |
| Nicole Cramp | - Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer |

Also in attendance as Observers:

Cllr. Roy Denney - Scrutiny Commissioner
Cllr. Sam Maxwell – Scrutiny Commissioner

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

No disclosures were received.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2022, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL

No requests were received.

4. REDUCING BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CARBON FLEET EMISSIONS BY SWITCHING TO HYDRO TREATED VEGETABLE OIL

Considered - Report of the Neighbourhood Services & Assets Group Manager and the Transport Services Manager.

Other options considered:

- To continue with regular diesel will not reduce carbon emissions required to help meet net zero targets.
- To procure electric Refuse Collection Vehicles has been considered. Works are currently being undertaken to better understand the infrastructure requirements. There is a considerable capital cost to procuring electric RCV's which would substantially increase financial cost to the Council's Medium Revenue Provision. Therefore at this time electric or hydrogen or hybrid powered vehicle alternatives are not being considered until more is known about the infrastructure requirements for both electric and hydrogen powered alternatives.

The Neighbourhood Services & Assets Group Manager proposed an amendment to recommendation 2.2 of the report to read as follows:

2.2 That Cabinet approves increasing the fuel spend on hydro treated vegetable oil by up to a maximum cap of £70,000 over and above that which would otherwise have been spent on regular diesel.

The report recommendations, including the amended recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Nigel Grundy and seconded by Cllr. Ben Taylor.

The Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Nigel Grundy thanked the Neighbourhood Services & Assets Group Manager and the Transport Services Manager for the research undertaken in preparing the report.

DECISIONS

1. That transitioning the vehicle fleet from diesel to hydro treated vegetable oil be approved and that delegated authority be given to the Group Manager of Neighbourhood Services and Assets in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to decide when it is appropriate to do so.
2. That Cabinet approves increasing the fuel spend on hydro treated vegetable oil by up to a maximum cap of £70,000 over and above that which would otherwise have been spent on regular diesel.

Reason:

Switching to hydro treated vegetable oil will reduce the Council's vehicle fleet emissions by approximately 90% to help meet the Council's net zero carbon commitment by 2030; and the Leicestershire wide target of net zero by 2050.

5. **SCRUTINY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET
EXECUTIVE: ARRIVA CLICK**

Considered – Report of the Scrutiny Commission, presented by the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer.

Other options considered: No other options were considered.

Cllr. Ben Taylor, Planning Delivery and Enforcement & Corporate Transformation Portfolio Holder thanked the Work Scrutiny Working Group in preparing the report for Cabinet Executive's consideration.

DECISIONS

1. That Cabinet considers the Arriva Click final report and recommendations at Appendix A of the report.
2. That a written response to the report recommendations is provided to the Scrutiny Commission within 2 months of receipt of the report using the response form at Appendix B of the report.

Reason:

It is a legal requirement for Cabinet Executive to respond to Scrutiny Commission recommendations within two months of receiving any such recommendations.

6. EXEMPT INFORMATION

Considered – A proposed resolution to exclude the public from the meeting.

DECISION

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that the item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

Exemption Category: 4

Reason for Exemption: The report contains information relating to any consultation or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or officer holders under, the authority.

Public Interest Test: The public interest test has been considered and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption is considered to outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information

7. SENIOR STRUCTURAL REVIEW - EXEMPT

Considered – Report of the Chief Executive.

The Leader, Cllr. Terry Richardson thanked all officers who had been involved in preparing the report and for supporting affected staff.

DECISIONS

1. That the proposed structural changes as outlined in the report be approved.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to make minor changes as a result of any subsequent consultations that may be required.
3. That the establishment budget be increased by £98,000 per annum to fund a fixed term Transformation Group Manager position for an 18 month period and the permanent establishment be increased by £62,000 per annum to allow for structural changes.
4. That £44,000 revenue funding to source commercial consultancy on a fixed term basis for an initial 12 month period be approved.
5. To agree to explore the options with other authorities of a Joint Director of Strategic Planning.

Reasons:

1. To ensure the organisations is fit for purpose with sufficient capacity to deliver change
2. To ensure adequate funding is in place to implement the changes to the organisational structure.
3. To ensure commerciality is embedded across the organisation and to review our current approach.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.05 P.M.