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CABINET AGENDA- REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Please refer to the [Cabinet - 9 March 2022](#) for 9 March 2022 along with the relevant reports, which summarise the reasons for recommendations and alternative actions considered in relation to each decision.

LIST REFERENCE: 1/57/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
QUARTERLY REVENUE MONITORING 2021/22 QUARTER 3							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	N/a	Cabinet	Monday 21 March 2022	None	5351	Matt Bowmer, Director of Finance	Friday 18 March 2022
DECISION							
<p>AGREED: subject to call in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the adverse variance of £0.129m on the General Fund and £5.2m overspend in the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) forecasted revenue outturn position for 2021/22. Note that the £3m contingency is no longer required to achieve the General Fund forecast outturn and therefore the planned drawdown from reserves of £1.927m will no longer be required and £0.944m will be added to the Council's reserves. Note the Covid-19 impact of £44.191m which is expected to be funded by Government grants. Approve the allocation of Covid-19 grant to support catch up provision for secondary schools costing £218k (allocated in Appendix G of the report); and a further allocation of £300k to extend the approach to primary as well also funded from Covid-19 Grant. Note the progress made on the journey to setting a robust and resilient budget. Request Executive Directors continue to work with Cabinet Members to robustly manage the underlying budget position and implement savings, whilst managing, mitigating and minimising the Covid-19 financial impact. That Cabinet Members note the forecast level of reserves and implications for 2021/22 and challenging financial position over the life of the MTFP. 							
BACKGROUND							
Please note that a copy of the report is available on the Council's democracy pages. Please refer to Item 5 on the Cabinet Agenda for 9 March 2022 for further information.							

LIST REFERENCE: 2/57/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022-23							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	N/a	Cabinet	Monday 21 March 2022	None	KD 5383	Keith Rowley, Head of Capital Commissioning	Friday 18 March 2022
DECISION							
<p>AGREED: subject to call in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grant the approval to spend the 2022/23 and 2023/24 Capital Budget of £21.098m and £6.520m as set out in section 37 of the report. Agree the proposed programme of works including professional and technical expenses detailed in the restricted Appendix A of the report and allowance for emergency schemes proceeding up to the total two-year indicative Programme total value of £42 Million (which includes previously approved schools programme KD5210, Cabinet 3rd March 2021) and become part of the Council's future capital programme. As previously agreed by Cabinet approval (Condition and Fire Safety Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24) to continue to delegate authority to the Executive Director of People to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> approve tenders for individual projects or schemes of aggregated value up to a maximum of £500,000 including professional and technical expenses; manage the Programme's individual project budgets so the overall budget remains within approved resources. This is to take account of variations between estimates and tender return costs and the potential need to substitute schemes having a greater technical priority if the need arises; and allocate any contingency provision (up to a maximum of £350,000 including professional and technical expenses) to emergency projects and/or to schemes identified as priority but not yet programmed. <p>That Cabinet notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement and award of the works contracts including entering into the contracts for each will conform to the Council's Contract 							

Procedure Rules and standing orders.

5. Contract award for professional services and works above £500,000 will also conform to the Council's standing orders with approval sought at the appropriate authority level, following the key decision process as required.

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the report is available on the Council's democracy pages. Please refer to Item 6 on the Cabinet Agenda for 9 March 2022 for further information.

Publication of Decision List 2/57/21-22 – Friday 11 March 2022

LIST REFERENCE: 3/57/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:								
MERIDIAN WATER: APPOINTMENT OF RAIL MAIN CONTRACTOR								
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details		Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2	N/a	Cabinet	Monday 21 March 2022	None	KD 5311	Michael King,	Meridian Water Rail Lead	Friday 18 March 2022
DECISION								
<p>AGREED: subject to call in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the appointment of the preferred contractor, Bidder A, based on GRIP stage 3 design information for the delivery of a programme of strategic rail infrastructure works at Ponders End to facilitate the uplift in train frequency at Meridian Water station as set out in the confidential appendix to the report. 2. Approve the entry by the Council into a PCSA with the preferred contractor. 3. Delegate authority to award the NEC4 contract to Bidder A to the Director of Development subject to (i) unconditional availability of funding from DHLUC under the HIF Grant Agreement, (ii) agreement of design and prices that are within the required project scope and budget (iii) all necessary licences and approvals for works being granted by Network Rail. 4. Subject to availability of sufficient funds in the approved capital budgets delegate authority to approve and enter into subsequent variations to scope under the contract to the Meridian Water Development Director. 5. Approve for the additional expenditure of £9.3m for the main works to be forward funded in 2022/23 and 2023/24 from the Capital Programme subject to unconditionality of the HIF funding. This is in addition to the previously approved HIF budget. The forward funding will be reimbursed quarterly from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF funding) up to £53.9m until the end of 2023/24. Refer to paragraph 10 of the report. 								
BACKGROUND								
Please note that a copy of the report is available on the Council's democracy pages. Please refer to Item 7 on the Cabinet Agenda for 9 March 2022 for further information.								

LIST REFERENCE: 4/57/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
VARIATION AND EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AND DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2	N/a	Executive Director of Resources	Monday 21 March 2022	None.	KD 5415	Bridgette Cowley, Head of Income and Debt Meena Ali, Transformation Project Manager	Friday 18 March 2022
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To extend the enforcement and debt collection services contracts (concessionary agreement) Lot 1 (council tax and business rate and sundries) with Newlyn PLC and Lot 2 (on street and off-street parking debts) with Marston Holdings Limited and CDER Group (formerly Phoenix Commercial Collections Ltd) until September 30th 2023 (current contract end date). 2. To vary the above mentioned Lot 2 contracts in relation to on street and off street parking debts to enable Marston Holdings and CDER Group (formerly Phoenix Commercial Collections Ltd) to carry out the provision of enforcement and debt collection services for Council tax, business rates, housing benefit overpayment and former tenant arrears debts. 3. To vary the Lot 1 contract with Newlyn PLC in relation to Council tax, business rates and housing benefit overpayments and former tenant arrears to reflect the changes proposed above and to confirm the reduction of the level of work to be allocated to this supplier. 							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<p>Carrying out another mini competition under an existing framework is an option considered, but would take time, and resources within the service are limited at this time to focus on this around other key year-end priorities and business grants. There is a pressing and immediate need to clear debt collection backlog exacerbated by the pandemic, and this is considered to be the most efficient interim approach to move forward. The existing providers are performing well and the potential for new providers to be awarded new contracts under a fresh procurement would involve a period of bedding in and a less certain standard of performance.</p> <p>To continue with just one provider for the Lot 1 Services – doing nothing is not a preferred option as there is no competition regarding</p>							

performance and no means to recycle cases that are returned to us and it will not be possible to mitigate any capacity risks of availability of enforcement agents to recover the significant increase in debt.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

This is to put measures in place as quickly as possible to support the Council to recover more debt. Cases will be split equally 3 ways by allocating the Lot 1 services (enforcement and debt collection services for Council tax, business rates, housing benefit overpayment and former tenant arrears debts) to three agents rather than only one agent. This will help clear the unprecedentedly high level of backlog arising from the pandemic as quickly and efficiently as possible and also mitigate any capacity risks, e.g., availability of sufficient enforcement agents.

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages. Part 2 reports and appendices are not available to members of the press or public.

Publication of Decision List 4/57/21-22 – Friday 11 March 2022

LIST REFERENCE: 5/57/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
PONDERS END HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	Ponders End	Deputy Leader of the Council	Monday 21 March 2022	None.	KD 5399	Richard Eason, Healthy Streets Programme Director	Friday 18 March 2022
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The designs shown at Appendix A is implemented on a permanent basis and £690k TfL funding allocated for spend on this project. 2. That the following traffic orders be made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Enfield (Cycle Lanes) (No. *) Traffic Order 202* • The Enfield (Parking Places) (Pay and Display) (No. *) Traffic Order 202* • The Enfield (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Traffic Order 202* • The Enfield (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (No. *) 202* • The Enfield (Goods Vehicles Loading Bay) (No. *) Traffic Order 202* • The Enfield (Stop and Shop Parking Places) (No. *) Traffic Order 202* • The Enfield (20 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. *) Traffic Order 202* 3. These are based on the traffic order TG1447 which were advertised on 5th January 2022 with Waiting and Loading traffic order amended to reflect comments received during the statutory consultation. Traffic orders are included at Appendix B. 							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Do nothing. If the scheme is not implemented, none of the beforementioned improvements and benefits would be delivered. In addition, the Council will be at risk of having to return of the funding provided by TfL should the scheme design development and implementation be now stopped without providing clear and strong case for doing so. This option is not recommended. 							

5. Implement the scheme as per the traffic orders included in Appendix A, using Permanent Traffic Orders as detailed Appendix B – recommended option that offers additional parking during the late or early hours (21:00-05:00) in the location opposite the Mosque and which could be used by the Mosque goers if other methods of transport or parking a small distance from the Mosque (such as at the nearby car parks or side roads) is not practical.
6. Implement the scheme as per the traffic orders (without the design change) included in Appendix C, using Permanent Traffic Orders as detailed Appendix D. The scheme would offer enhanced provision for cyclists (mandatory cycle lane and ‘wands’ which enhance separation of the cyclists from the traffic at all times) at the location opposite the Mosque. It would not offer additional parking at this location. This option is not recommended.
7. Implement either of the previous options using Experimental Traffic Orders (ETO). If this approach was to be taken, the scheme would require of up to 18 months monitoring and potential changes once the changes are made on the ground. Following discussions, officers concluded that engagement carried out with the community, including loading-focused engagement with businesses as well as the statutory consultation period that also informed the final designs, is the most appropriate approach in this instance. Therefore Experimental Traffic Orders are not being recommended.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The Council has declared a climate emergency with a commitment for the Borough to become carbon neutral by 2040. Transport accounts for 39%¹ of the Borough emissions, and therefore it is essential that this sector plays a key role in reducing emissions. Enabling an increase in active travel will form part of this response.
9. The Healthy Streets programme consists of a comprehensive range of interventions that collectively will enable more sustainable transport choices. As projects are knitted together and a coherent network of quiet streets and safe walking and cycling infrastructure on primary roads is delivered, longer-term change will be enabled.
10. The Ponders End High Street project forms parts of the Healthy Streets programme and the works outlined will improve the environment, create new pedestrian crossing points and enable continuity of Cycleway 1 which will then be a continuous from Frezzywater to Edmonton Green (there is currently a gap in this location).

¹ <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/environment/climate-action/>

11. The existing street environment is in need of improvement. It has a road surface in poor condition, unclear and worn road marking and signage and apportioned the available space mostly to vehicles, with little regard to cyclists and other users.
12. Existing overreliance on using private vehicles instead of sustainable modes such as walking, cycling and public transport, makes for a case to shift the focus of the provision towards these modes to enable and encourage their use. Improved cycle and pedestrian provision coupled with an improved environment for these users as well as reduced Waiting and Loading provision, reduced Pay & Display provision, make these sustainable journeys possible and safer and enable the mode shift and the change.
13. Ponders End High Street project forms part of the Enfield Healthy Streets programme, which is delivering schemes to enable walking and cycling across Enfield. Major components of the programme include the creation of high-quality routes for cycling, connecting neighbourhoods that feel safe for walking and cycling along with school streets and a range of community events and activities. It is acknowledged that it will take a number of years to deliver the range of infrastructure projects that are necessary to enable longer-term change. Funding constraints (the majority of funding is externally sourced, typically from Transport for London) and having to work incrementally on the network to reduce construction disruption, influence the pace of delivery. It is likely that generational change will be necessary to realise the full objectives of the Healthy Streets programme, which is recognised in the 2041 horizon of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.
14. It is recognised that trade-offs are inevitable due to finite amount of street space, but it is believed that on balance, the scheme will benefit the local community as well as those visiting and cycling through the area. The scheme is believed to also contribute to the wider borough and London aims and objectives as set out in this report.

BACKGROUND

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Publication of Decision List 5/57/21-22 – Friday 11 March 2022

