

CUMBERLAND SHADOW EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the Shadow Executive held in Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG on Friday, 25 November 2022 at 10.30 am

Members

Councillor Mark Fryer (Chair)

Councillor Barbara Cannon

Councillor Bob Kelly

Councillor Denise Rollo

Councillor Lisa Brown (Vice-Chair) and
Councillor Emma Williamson (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Martin Harris

Councillor Elaine Lynch

Councillor Christopher Southward

Also in attendance

A Seekings, Interim Head of Paid Service

C Nicholson, Interim Section 151 Officer

C A Parkinson, Interim Monitoring Officer

M Waning, LGR Programme Manager

J Meek, Corporate Director of Economic Development (Carlisle City Council)

M Walshe, Head of Property Services (Carlisle City Council)

53. Call In

Date of Publication: 29 November 2022

Call in Period ends: 6 December 2022 @ 1700hours

54. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Anne Quilter.

55. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

56. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED – It was agreed that the items in Part A be dealt with in public and the items in private be dealt with in Part B when the public and press are excluded.

57. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

58. Public Participation

There were no public questions or representations submitted.

59. LGR Programme Update

Subject:

The LGR Programme Manager submitted an update on the Programme in place to support Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria. The report consisted of the latest Programme Dashboard presented to the Programme Board and a summary of the Day One Board report presented to the Day One Programme Board on 18 October 2022.

The Leader moved the recommendations in the report which were seconded by the

Alternative Options:

The contents of the report were in response to a Statutory Instrument, and whilst there was a choice about how to define the Implementation Plan, and the approach to governance and budgets, the approach described was considered the most fitting to local circumstances.

DECISION

That the Shadow Executive noted the report details and key points included in Section 3 of the report.

Reasons for Decisions

To comply with The Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022 to deliver a sustainable Unitary Council, and a sustainable Fire and Rescue Service, in an economic, efficient, effective, safe, legal and seamless fashion, delivering both benefits from Vesting Day and the foundation for further transformation in the future.

60. Rural England Prosperity Fund

Subject:

The Corporate Director of Economic Development (Carlisle City Council) reported that government had allocated £2.52m to the three authorities which would form Cumberland from the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) - Allerdale £1.3m; Carlisle £0.47m; Copeland £0.75m.

The fund would run for two years over the period 2023/24 – 2024/25 and therefore, would be managed and delivered by Cumberland Council. To draw the funding down, the District Councils must submit an addendum to the UKSPF Investment Plan that had been submitted to the Government, setting out how they intended to use the funding to support rural businesses and communities. The paper sought approval from the Shadow Executive to delegate to the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Shared Prosperity Fund Senior Responsible Officer for Cumberland, the Leader of Cumberland Council, the Interim Monitoring Officer, and the Interim Section 151 Officer the authority to provide consent from the Council to any addendums to

the UKSPF Investment Plans proposed to be submitted by the District Councils.

The Corporate Director responded to questions on the linkages between the Rural England Prosperity Fund and the UKSPF.

The Leader moved the recommendations which the Governance and Enabling Portfolio Holder seconded.

Alternative Options:

Not to make the delegations.

DECISION

That the Shadow Executive delegated to the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Leader of Cumberland Council, the Shared Prosperity Fund Senior Responsible Officer for Cumberland, the Interim Monitoring Officer, and the Interim Section 151 Officer the authority to provide the Council's consent to any addendums to the Investment Plans proposed to be submitted by the District Councils.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable Allerdale Borough Council, Carlisle City Council and Copeland Borough Council to access additional funding from the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

61. Public and Press

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph numbers (as indicated in brackets against the minutes) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

62. Section 24 Direction and General Consent

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

Subject:

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Carlisle City Council owned and managed a large commercial property portfolio which included the property asset detailed in the report, which set out how the decision would maximise the income from the asset.

The Leader moved the recommendations set out in the report, which were seconded by the Governance and Enabling Portfolio Holder.

Alternative Options

Doing nothing had been rejected as it would be a lost opportunity to maximise the Council's investment income.

DECISION

That the Shadow Executive:

- 1) Noted and agreed the proposal to simultaneously surrender and re-grant a new 125 lease on the property asset, 54 Kingstown Industrial Estate, Carlisle on the terms outlined in the report.
- 2) The Director of Governance & Regulatory Services (Carlisle City Council) be delegated authority to progress all the legal documentation required to progress this proposal.

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DECISION

That the Shadow Executive:

- 1) Noted and agreed the proposal to simultaneously surrender and re-grant a new 125 lease on the property asset Site B Rosehill Industrial Estate, Carlisle on the terms outlined in the report.
- 2) The Director of Governance & Regulatory Services (Carlisle City Council) be delegated authority to progress all the legal documentation required to progress this proposal.

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The meeting closed at 11.12 am