

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2019

Present:

Councillor Hammond	-	Leader of the Council, Clean Growth and Development
Councillor Rayment	-	Cabinet Member for Transport and Public Realm
Councillor Chaloner	-	Cabinet Member for Finance and Customer Experience
Councillor Fielker	-	Cabinet Member for Adult Care
Councillor Jordan	-	Cabinet Member for Children and Families
Councillor Kaur	-	Cabinet Member for Homes and Culture
Councillor Dr Paffey	-	Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Schools and Lifelong Learning
Councillor Shields	-	Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing

Apologies: Councillor Leggett

44. EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

DECISION MADE: (CAB 18/19 23503)

On consideration of the report of the Director, Children and Families, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) Following Statutory Notice in accordance with the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools Regulations) 2013 and having had regard to all representations received, it is agreed to extend the age range at St Mark's C of Primary School to provide education for children from Age 4 to 16 from September 2022.
- (ii) To progress with the proposed scheme at Chamberlayne College for the Arts to refurbish the main teaching block and landscaping of the site total Cost £8m.
- (iii) To progress a proposed scheme at St. George Catholic College to provide adequate accommodation on site for a six form entry (6FE) school. Cost £2.6m.
- (iv) To progress a proposed scheme at Cantell School to improve dining spaces and external landscaping to provide adequate accommodation on site for an eight form entry (8FE) school. Cost £1.2m.
- (v) To progress the proposed scheme to build St. Mark's All-Through School with a budget of £39.8m (including for all contingencies).

Cabinet considered the following recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15th March 2019:-

- (i) That in the development of the travel plans for the St Mark's site, officers utilise opportunities to engage with cycling groups in the city to assist with the design of the cycle routes to the new all-through school.

Response:

Recommendation noted and welcomed.

NB: Councillor Shields declared a personal pecuniary interest and left the room for this item.

45. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT AND POST-16 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS POLICY

DECISION MADE: (CAB 18/19 23404)

On consideration of the report of the Director of Children and Families, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To consider the responses to the consultation exercise on revisions to the Southampton City Council Home to School and Post-16 Transport Policy 2018/19 Academic Year.
- (ii) To approve the policy, noting amendments in response to consultation feedback and updated national guidance.
- (iii) To authorise the Director of Children Services and Director of Growth to take all necessary actions to implement the new policy.

Cabinet considered the following recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15th March 2019:-

- (i) That when opportunities arise, the Cabinet Member continues to support the use of available capital to invest in facilities and innovative projects that help to decrease the pressure on the SEN budget by reducing the need to transport children with SEN out of the city to be educated.

Response:

Recommendation noted and welcomed.

46. CONNECTED SOUTHAMPTON TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2040

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DECISION MADE: (CAB 18/19 23501)

On consideration of the report of the Interim Director for Growth, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) Notes the outcomes of the 12 week public consultation that began on 25th July 2018 and ended on 17th October 2018 on the draft Connected Southampton Transport Strategy 2040. The outcome of the consultation is outlined in paragraphs 12 to 18 and Appendix 4 in the report.

- (ii) To consider and recommend to Council the draft Connected Southampton Transport Strategy 2040 as the new Local Transport Plan for Southampton.
- (iii) To authorise the Service Director – Growth, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Public Realm, to make minor amendments to the document before publication.

47. A REVISED CLEAN AIR STRATEGY FOR SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

DECISION MADE: (CAB 18/19 23518)

On consideration of the report of the Director Transactions and Universal Services, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To consider and approve the amended Southampton City Council Clean Air Strategy (Appendix 1 to this report).
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Service Director for Transactions and Universal Services, to introduce future revisions, including making minor or consequential amendments following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Green City, so that the Strategy is able to respond to both national and local changes.

48. A GREEN CITY CHARTER FOR SOUTHAMPTON

DECISION MADE: (CAB 18/19 23514)

On consideration of the report of the Director Transactions and Universal Services and having considered representations from Members of the Opposition Party, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To adopt the Green City Charter as published in this paper.
- (ii) To delegate powers to the Director of Transactions and Universal Services to develop and introduce a Green City Plan by 2020 that will demonstrate how SCC will deliver on those commitments included in the Green City Charter.
- (iii) To support the promotion of the Green City Charter with stakeholders to encourage its wider adoption and the subsequent development of actions that will satisfy its aims, objectives and commitments.

Cabinet considered the following recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15th March 2019:-

- (i) That the Mayor is asked to reconsider allowing the deputation on Climate Change, that was rejected on the grounds of having missed the set deadline, to be heard at Council on 20 March 2019.

Response:

Rejected, not within the Executive's remit.

- (ii) That the Cabinet Member outlines how the Council has achieved the 24% reduction in NOx in specific locations in Southampton from 2015-19.

Response:
Accepted, data is available.

- (iii) That, to support the development of the action plan and the identification of the required resources, the Administration reviews the Council's core strategies and policies to identify how they align with the ambitions within the Green City Charter.

Response:
Accepted, this is already being done.

- (iv) That the Executive encourages stakeholders to engage with the development of the next iteration of the Local Plan to ensure that it supports the ambitions contained within the Green City Charter.

Response:
Accepted.

- (v) That the Executive engages with all interested parties in the development of the Green City Charter.

Response:
Accepted, this has already been done and the engagement report is available.

- (vi) That, to encourage partners to sign up to the Charter, the Executive provides an indication to stakeholders of the financial resources the Council are prepared to commit to achieve the ambitions within the Green City Charter.

Response:
Accepted, the Executive's commitment is already in the public domain within the budget papers.

- (vii) That consideration be given to undertaking a scrutiny inquiry on the Green City Charter in 2019/20.

Response:
Rejected, not within the Executive's remit.

49. CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME 2019/20

DECISION MADE: (CAB 18/19 23526)

On consideration of the report of the Interim Director for Growth, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To agree to reimburse bus operators in line with the Department for Transport Concessionary Fares Guidance and the methodology as detailed in appendix 1. This will use the Reimbursement Calculator published by the Department for Transport to determine the reimbursement rate for each operator.

- (ii) To agree the local enhancements above the statutory minimum, which is to allow concessionary travel from 0900 rather than 0930 and between 2300 and 0030 for Southampton residents.