

Eden District Council

Executive Minutes

**Date: 20 July 2021 Venue: The Ballroom, The George Hotel,
Penrith CA11 7SU Time: 6.00 pm**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor V Taylor
Vice Chairman: Councillor M Robinson
Councillors: K Greenwood L Sharp
M Rudhall M Tonkin
Officers Present: Les Clark, Deputy Chief Executive
Lisa Tremble, Assistant Director Legal and Democratic
Services
Amanda Yellowley, Assistant Director Customers and
Performance
Democratic Services Officer: Lewis Powell

E/11/07/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Derbyshire.

E/12/07/21 Minutes

RESOLVED that minutes E/01/06/21 to E/10/06/21 of the meeting of the Executive held on 15 June 2021 be confirmed and approved by the chairman as correct record of those proceedings.

E/13/07/21 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

E/14/07/21 Questions and Representations from the Public

No questions or representations from the public had been received under Rules 3 and 4 of the Executive Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

E/15/07/21 Questions from Members

No questions or representations from members had been received under Rule 5 of the Executive Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

E/16/07/21 Corporate Strategic Priorities 2021/22

Members considered the Interim Director of Resources report F21/21 which sought to seek approval for the strategic priorities for the year 2021-2022.

Proposed by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

and **RESOLVED** that the revised Strategic Priorities for the year 2021-2022 be approved and form the basis of the quarterly Performance Management reports.

Other options considered: The only other option is not to report on the progress against targets set. This is not recommended.

Reason for the decision: To advise Members of progress against outcomes.

E/17/07/21 Eden Business Support Fund - 6 Year Review

Members considered report no.PP16/21 from the Assistant Director Development which sought to review the performance of the Eden Business Support Fund over the last three years and consider whether any changes should be made to the fund. A previous review was undertaken three years ago. In addition, the report recommends continuation of the Fund for a further three years.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Rudhall

and **RESOLVED** that:

1. the Eden support fund to be continued and reviewed in three years' time.
2. the requested amendment to the fund set out in Appendix A under 'Potential amendments to the criteria' is agreed and a new formal agreement is drawn up between the Council and Enterprise Answers to reflect this change and the other amendments, set out in Appendix A over the last 6 years.

Other options considered: The option to discontinue the scheme was rejected because of the positive economic impact of the scheme for businesses and for the Council.

Reasons for the decision: The scheme is delivering on its aims, the amount of funding out on loan shows a need for the scheme and the Council also benefits from the investment.

E/18/07/21 Unit 1, Gillan Way, Penrith - Relaxation of Covenants

Members considered report G24/21 of the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services which sought to consider the relaxation or release of a restrictive covenant upon a business premises at Unit 1, Gillan Way, Penrith.

Proposed by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Sharp

and **RESOLVED** that the restrictive covenant is relaxed to permit the use of the premises as an Ophthalmic Clinic (formerly Use Class D1, now Use Class E(e)).

Other options considered: Consideration has been given to removing the restrictive covenant however, in line with the Risk Management section above, this option was rejected in favour of a specific and limited relaxation in order to protect the development and/or use of the business park.

Reasons for the decision:

a) it would appear to have little or no adverse impact on such retained land that we still own; and;

b) is a use not inconsistent with other uses in the vicinity, including one property utilising the same Use Class; and

c) a previous and similar request was approved by Executive in 2016, enabling a neighbouring property to be used as a veterinary ophthalmic clinic (Class Use Sui Generis, unchanged in the Regulations), accompanied by planning approval from the Council.

E/19/07/21 Covid Update Report

Members considered report no.F27/21 of the Interim Director of Resources that sought to provide a summary of achievements of the Officers within Eden District Council in dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic over the past year.

Councillor Taylor requested that the Executive's admiration and gratitude for the Officers' dedication and achievements be recorded in the minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Robinson

and **RESOLVED** that the progress and achievements be noted.

Other options considered: The only other option is not to report on positive work carried out by council staff.

Reasons for the decision: to advise members of positive work carried out by council staff.

E/20/07/21 Delivery of Waste and Recycling Collection Services

Members considered report no.CE7/21 from the Deputy Chief Executive concerning the recommendation of Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the options for the delivery of waste recycling and other front line services.

Councillor Robinson wished to thank Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their contribution and recommendations to the report.

Proposed by Councillor Tonkin
Seconded by Councillor Robinson

and **RESOLVED** that Executive endorse the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendation, and recommend to Full Council, that the current contracts, with Urbaser Ltd and Cumbria Waste Recycling Ltd, for the delivery of waste, recycling and other front line services, be extended for a period of 5 years from April 2022, as provided for in the terms of the existing contracts.

Other options considered: The other options considered are set out in paragraphs 3.3 to 3.5 of this report.

Reason for the decision: Extending the current contracts has been identified as the most appropriate option. This decision rests with Full Council.

E/21/07/21 Any Other Items which the Chairman decides are urgent

There were no items which the Chairman felt were urgent.

E/22/07/21 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Executive was confirmed as Tuesday 14 September 2021.

The meeting closed at 6.38 pm

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