

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 8 DECEMBER 2015

### REPORT OF THE CABINET

#### ***Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader***

#### **1. Staffing Report Quarter 2 2015/16**

*(Cabinet, 10 November 2015)*

Cabinet noted a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015. It gave details of the actual staffing numbers at 30 September 2015 in terms of Full Time Equivalents. In addition, the report provided information on the cost of posts being covered by agency staff.

#### ***Cabinet Member: Environment***

#### **2. Public Consultation Report - Supported Transport (Subsidised Buses and Dial-A-Ride)**

*(Cabinet, 10 November 2015)*

On 26th May 2015, the Cabinet approved the launch of a full public consultation on proposed changes to subsidised bus services and Dial a Ride. Cabinet considered a report that detailed the consultation process that was followed and summarised the main themes which arose throughout the consultation and sought a determination on the proposed options.

Cabinet agreed the removal of £2.3m subsidy. They noted the delivery of further savings subject to Council approval to deliver the full £3.7 m by the withdrawal of all bus subsidies. Should our overall budget position prove to be better than this worst case scenario then off peak services will be prioritised and the methodology updated to: include additional criteria which ensure that rurally isolated and deprived areas are also prioritised; agree to continue to pay for (i.e. protect in the methodology) subsidised bus routes which are used to take entitled students from home to school, where on the whole it is cheaper for us to do so, instead of paying for separate dedicated school transport; ensure a consistent methodology by treating all providers in the same way, whether they are external providers, OCC fleet or community transport providers.

They did not agree to allocate the £500K reserve but instead noted that once the council's future funding position is clearer Cabinet would establish a broader pump priming (along the lines of the Big Society Fund) fund that could include community transport along with other similar initiatives. Cabinet also agreed to explore a new approach to transport.

***Cabinet Member: Finance***

**3. Treasury Management Mid-Term Review (2015/16)**

*(Cabinet, 10 November 2015)*

Cabinet noted a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2015/16 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Cabinet RECOMMENDED Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2015/16 and it is included elsewhere on this agenda.

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Leader of the Council

November 2015