

# Eden District Council

## Cabinet Minutes

**Date: 27 June 2022 Venue: The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Corney Place, Penrith, CA11 7QF Time: 2.00 pm**

### Present:

Chairman: Councillor V Taylor  
Vice Chairman: Councillor M Robinson  
Councillors: J Derbyshire M Rudhall  
K Greenwood M Tonkin  
Officers Present: Ian Frost, Interim Chief Executive  
Rebecca Harrison, Senior Solicitor  
Fergus McMorrow, Assistant Director Development  
Democratic Services Officer: Lewis Powell and Alec Swatton

### **CAB/11/06/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Sharp.

### **CAB/12/06/22 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **CAB/13/06/22 Questions and Representations from the Public**

No questions from members of the public were received.

### **CAB/14/06/22 Questions from Members**

No questions from Members were received.

### **CAB/15/06/22 Inspiring Eden - Update**

*At 2:07 Councillor Rudhall joined the meeting.*

Members considered Report No: DCE34/22 of the Assistant Director Development, the purpose of this report being to present, for noting and approval:

- Updates on consultations on four Inspiring Eden work streams prospectuses (Visitor Economy, Business Support, Business Charter and Rural Economy) as the basis for producing the final versions for publication.

- An update on Inspiring Eden Expressions of Interest process and next steps.
- Proposal for inclusion in the Inspiring Eden Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Round 2 bid as the basis for finalising a bid for submission on 6 July 2022.
- An update on the Eden Investment Plan to draw down Eden's share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF - £1,990,203) as the basis for submission on 1 August 2022.
- Governance arrangements for Inspiring Eden to enable sign off for LUF and UKSPF investment plan as required by Government guidance.
- Penrith Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
- Extension of contract limit for current Inspiring Eden Project Management Consultant.

The Report also provides a progress update on the Inspiring Eden Delivery Programme and associated activity.

As well as driving local economic recovery and prosperity Inspiring Eden will ensure Eden District Council is well placed to shape the economic policy focus and associated work streams as part of both the local government reorganisation process across Cumbria and the national review of local enterprise partnerships.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Rudhall

Members discussed the following points:

- The benefits of extending the contract; and
- The Inspiring Eden Governance Arrangements.

and **RESOLVED** that:

1. The updates to the work stream prospectuses, as detailed in Section 3.2 of this report, are approved with authority delegated to the Assistant Director Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Enterprise, to finalise the documents ready for publication.
2. The proposal for inclusion in the Inspiring Eden Levelling up Bid, as detailed in Section 3.4 of this report, is approved with authority delegated to the Assistant Director Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Enterprise, to finalise and submit the Bid by the deadline on 6 July.
3. Progress on the development of the Inspiring Eden UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment plan, as detailed in Section 3.5 of this report, is noted and authority delegated to the Assistant Director Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Enterprise, to finalise and submit the investment plan by the deadline on 1 August.

4. The governance arrangements for the Inspiring Eden UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Levelling up proposals, as detailed in Section 3.6 of this report including the nominations of members to represent the Council, are approved.
5. The Penrith Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, as detailed in Appendix 3 to this report, is endorsed with authority delegated to the Assistant Director Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Enterprise, to agree Eden District Council's input into the finalisation and delivery of the Plan.
6. Agree a contract extension of up to a further £30,000 beyond the current £60k limit for the current Inspiring Eden Project Management contract.

**Reasons for the Decision/ Recommendation:**

To put in place an effective economic development policy and delivery framework that will drive the implementation of the Council's Corporate Plan and One Eden initiative in supporting local businesses within the current difficult economic climate and sustaining and developing this support through the local government review process.

**CAB/16/06/22 Poverty Statement**

Members considered Report No: DoR51/22 which seeks to set out the proposed Poverty Objectives and Actions and detail the contents of the Poverty Statement.

Proposed by Councillor Derbyshire  
 Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

and **RESOLVED** that the Objectives and Actions are adopted and the corresponding Poverty Statement (Appendix A) is approved and published on the Council's website on a dedicated *Cost of Living* support webpage.

**Reasons for Decision/Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the proposed objectives, actions and Poverty Statement included in this report are adopted, for the reasons cited in paragraph 3.3, it is in line with the 2020 adopted Corporate Priority; Poverty and the statement includes helpful information for Eden's residents.

**CAB/17/06/22 Any Other Items which the Chair decides are urgent**

No other urgent items of business were raised.

**CAB/18/06/22 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting**

The date of the next scheduled meeting of Cabinet was confirmed as 19 July 2022.

The meeting closed at 2.33 pm

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