

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM 2 – 30.04.20

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COVID-19 FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To add the recommendation 2.6 as shown below in ***bold italics***,

2.6 The following Capital schemes (referred to in appendix 1) that are proposed to be paused, be continued:

Funded by capital receipts:

- ***Downland Initiative Programme***
- ***School Streets***
- ***Exhaust convertors on older buses (subject to bus company contribution)***
- ***Eldred Ave and Preston Park SuDs***
- ***Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers***
- ***Progressing capital elements of the 2020/21 SCRIF that meet the criteria for continuation***

Funded by borrowing:

- ***Installing Solar Panels for Corporate Buildings, subject to business case***

Proposed by: Cllr Gibson

Seconded by: Cllr Shanks

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 Notes the contents of the report.
- 2.2 Notes the use of officer Urgency Powers detailed in Section 4 of the report and the records of urgency decisions at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Notes the principles to be applied to Supplier Relief set out in paragraph 3.28.
- 2.4 Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to negotiate appropriate terms with concession contractors at risk, on a case-by-case basis, including appropriate emergency financial support.
- 2.5 Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to negotiate and conclude alternative payment arrangements, deferral or reduction, on a case-by-case basis, in relation to its commercial tenants.

2.6 The following Capital schemes (referred to in appendix 1) that are proposed to be paused, be continued:

Funded by capital receipts:

- Downland Initiative Programme
- School Streets
- Exhaust convertors on older buses (subject to bus company contribution)
- Eldred Ave and Preston Park SuDs
- Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers
- Progressing capital elements of the 2020/21 SCRIF that meet the criteria for continuation

Funded by borrowing:

- Installing Solar Panels for Corporate Buildings, subject to business case

CITY RECOVERY PROGRAMME

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To amend recommendation 2.2 as shown below in ***bold italics***,

2.2 That Policy & Resources Committee agrees to establish a Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee with the ***updated*** terms of reference set out in Appendix 2 for the purpose of decision making and overseeing the delivery of the Covid-19 City Recovery Programme, ***to include the following additions under the existing statements listed under the headings below, and to also amend the title of a proposed sub-group listed in Appendix 1, as shown below:***

Delegated Function

- ***To orientate the recovery programme to enable Brighton and Hove to emerge a healthier, more equitable and sustainable place to live, work and visit***

Referred function

- ***With regard to the proposed Environment and Climate Change thematic sub group, that such work be directly connected to the programme of the Carbon Neutral Working Group and SCRIFMOG, to ensure plans to achieve carbon neutral by 2030 are cohesive, and not duplicated***

Composition

- ***The sub-committee will also allow for:
- public involvement***

Appendix 1 – Recovery Programme Sub-Groups

- Events, ***Culture*** & Economy
- ***and, that the first meeting of the Sub-Committee considers the appropriate engagement mechanisms for stakeholder involvement, with any changes to be brought back to the soonest possible meeting of Policy & Resources or Policy & Resources Urgency Sub-Committee***

Proposed by: Cllr Mac Cafferty

Seconded by: Cllr Clare

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 That Policy & Resources Committee agrees to establish the Covid-19 City Recovery Programme and approves the Programme Initiation Document in appendix 1.
- 2.2 That Policy & Resources Committee agrees to establish a Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee with the terms of reference set out in Appendix 2 for the purpose of decision making and overseeing the delivery of the Covid-19 City Recovery Programme, to include the following additions under the existing statements listed under the headings below, and to also amend the title of a proposed sub-group listed in Appendix 1, as shown below:

Delegated Function

- To orientate the recovery programme to enable Brighton and Hove to emerge a healthier, more equitable and sustainable place to live, work and visit

Referred function

- With regard to the proposed Environment and Climate Change thematic sub group, that such work be directly connected to the programme of the Carbon Neutral Working Group and SCRIFMOG, to ensure plans to achieve carbon neutral by 2030 are cohesive, and not duplicated

Composition

- The sub-committee will also allow for:
 - public involvement
 - stakeholder representation, adopting the approach used by other council committees that allow for stakeholder representation e.g. Children, Young People and Skills Committee and Tourism, Equalities, Communities and Culture Committee

Appendix 1 – Recovery Programme Sub-Groups

- Events, Culture & Economy

Subject: Moulsecoomb Neighbourhood Hub & Housing Schemes – Extract from the proceedings of the Housing Committee meeting held on 29 April 2020

Date of Meeting: 30 April 2020

Report of: Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: Moulsecoomb & Bevendean

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of Policy & Resources Committee:

To receive the recommendations of the Housing Committee for consideration.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the appropriation of the following sites from existing purposes to Housing Act purposes:
 - Hillview Contact Centre, Hodshrove Lane
 - Moulsecoomb Hub North, Hodshrove Lane
 - Moulsecoomb Hub South, Hodshrove Lane
 - 67 Centre Youth Centre, Hodshrove Lane
 - Multi Use Games Areas, Hodshrove Lane
- (2) That the General Fund should receive the value of £7.32m in consideration for land appropriated as defined at recommendation (1) above from the Housing Revenue Account, subject to validation of this amount from an external valuation;
- (3) That authorisation of the retention of the net capital receipt to be used for reinvestment to support the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, as well as the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site be agreed;
- (4) That the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, subject to planning permission be agreed;
- (5) That the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form site into council offices, subject to planning permission and Secretary of State consent for change of use be agreed;
- (6) That it be agreed in principle to the development of housing on the appropriated

sites listed in recommendation (1) above, subject to planning permission and notes that the Housing Committee will be asked to approve schemes and give authority to procure capital works contracts at a later date;

- (7) That the appropriation of the Hillview Youth Centre and Multi Use Games Areas referred to at (1) above be approved and that it be noted the appropriation will take place when the Committee makes the decision to appropriate (assuming that the Committee approves the recommendation) and that the funds referred to at (2) above, will be transferred following that decision;
- (8) That the Executive Director Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities and the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture be granted delegated authority to appropriate the Moulsecoomb Hub North and Moulsecoomb Hub South sites referred to at (1) above following the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site and transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at (2) above;
- (9) That the Executive Director Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities and Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture be granted delegated authority to appropriate the 67 Youth Centre site referred to at (1) above following the completion of the new Neighbourhood Hub and transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at (2) above;
- (10) That a budget for borrowing within the HRA Capital Investment Programme to finance the cost of the appropriation of the sites listed in recommendation (1) above be approved;
- (11) That the Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture be granted delegated authority to procure the required capital works and enter into contracts in respect of the new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities and the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form College site;
- (12) That a budget for inclusion into the Council's Capital Investment Programme for the Moulsecoomb Neighbourhood Hub works as detailed in paragraph 3.4.8 of the report be approved.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**HOUSING COMMITTEE****4.00pm 29 APRIL 2020****VIRTUAL MEETING****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Williams (Chair), Knight (Substitute), Gibson, Mears, Atkinson, Wares (Substitute), Fowler, Heley, Hugh-Jones and Osborne.

PART ONE**78 MOULSECOOMB NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB & HOUDING SCHEMES**

- 78.1 The Committee considered a joint report of the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture and the Interim Executive Director for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities concerning the release of land for development in Moulsecoomb and Bevendean. The intention being to enable the delivery of approximately 232 new council homes.
- 78.2 The report was introduced by the Lead City Regeneration Programme Manager.
- 78.3 Councillor Gibson raised concerns regarding the need for more office space as it appears that there are empty offices across the city and was informed that the need for offices will need to be accessed when COVID-19 restrictions are amended. The need may increase if social distancing remains in the work place. The whole portfolio for the city will need to be reviewed.
- 78.4 Councillor Mears raised concerns relating to costs of the project. The housing elements of the scheme were supported. The spending of Housing Rent Account (HRA) was a concern and it was felt that the report lacked detail. Concerns were also raised as to what the community will actually get at the end of the project. The project was supported, but as a critical friend.
- 78.5 It was noted by the Lead City Regeneration Programme Manager that strong feedback had been received that the community services were needed.
- 78.6 Councillor Gibson commented that although things felt uncertain at the moment, this would not be long-term. Home working may increase and relieve the need for more office space perhaps. Clarity would be needed in the future as to office need. Concerns were expressed regarding the conversion of Portslade 6th Form College into council offices and the need for this.

- 78.7 Councillor Hugh-Jones commented that community engagement was good and noted the lack of retail space in the area.
- 78.8 Councillor Knight noted the consultation with the community was good and that supporting services such as shops and a supermarket were in already existing in Portslade. It was also noted that the Secretary of State needed to agree the scheme.
- 78.9 Councillor Wares expressed concerns if the committee agreed to the recommendations and the houses were not built. Councillor Wares was informed that the by Councillor Williams that the Administration promised to build at least 800 homes. It was noted by the Property Programme & Business Manager, that office requirements throughout the city would be kept under review and that 6th Form College at Portslade had a significant amount of time built in to access need. Councillor Wares noted that he calculated that ¼ billion pounds would be borrowed eventually. This was refuted by Councillor Gibson.
- 78.10 It was noted by Lead City Regeneration Programme Manager that the external validation was being sought with regard to depreciation of land and how this would affect the scheme costs. It was also noted that each housing scheme in the item would be brought to the Housing Committee allowing all factors of the costs to be reviewed.
- 78.11 The Chair then put the recommendations to the vote which were agreed unanimously.
- 78.12 The Chair noted that Councillors Mears, Wares and Hugh-Jones stated they had reservations but supported the recommendations.
- 78.13 **RESOLVED:** That the Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to approve the following:
- (1) That the appropriation of the following sites from existing purposes to Housing Act purposes:
 - Hillview Contact Centre, Hodshrove Lane
 - Moulsecoomb Hub North, Hodshrove Lane
 - Moulsecoomb Hub South, Hodshrove Lane
 - 67 Centre Youth Centre, Hodshrove Lane
 - Multi Use Games Areas, Hodshrove Lane
 - (2) That the General Fund should receive the value of £7.32m in consideration for land appropriated as defined at recommendation (1) above from the Housing Revenue Account, subject to validation of this amount from an external valuation;
 - (3) That authorisation of the retention of the net capital receipt to be used for reinvestment to support the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, as well as the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site be agreed;
 - (4) That the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, subject to planning permission be agreed;

- (5) That the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form site into council offices, subject to planning permission and Secretary of State consent for change of use be agreed;
- (6) That it be agreed in principle to the development of housing on the appropriated sites listed in recommendation (1) above, subject to planning permission and notes that the Housing Committee will be asked to approve schemes and give authority to procure capital works contracts at a later date;
- (7) That the appropriation of the Hillview Youth Centre and Multi Use Games Areas referred to at (1) above be approved and that it be noted the appropriation will take place when the Committee makes the decision to appropriate (assuming that the Committee approves the recommendation) and that the funds referred to at (2) above, will be transferred following that decision;
- (8) That the Executive Director Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities and the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture be granted delegated authority to appropriate the Moulsecoomb Hub North and Moulsecoomb Hub South sites referred to at (1) above following the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site and transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at (2) above;
- (9) That the Executive Director Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities and Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture be granted delegated authority to appropriate the 67 Youth Centre site referred to at (1) above following the completion of the new Neighbourhood Hub and transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at (2) above;
- (10) That a budget for borrowing within the HRA Capital Investment Programme to finance the cost of the appropriation of the sites listed in recommendation (1) above be approved;
- (11) That the Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture be granted delegated authority to procure the required capital works and enter into contracts in respect of the new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities and the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form College site;
- (12) That a budget for inclusion into the Council's Capital Investment Programme for the Moulsecoomb Neighbourhood Hub works as detailed in paragraph 3.4.8 of the report be approved.

**MOULSECOOMB HUB
GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

To amend the recommendations as shown below in ***bold italics***,

2.1.4 Agrees to the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, subject to planning permission, ***and in conjunction with previous consultation efforts, that design of the new youth-space will be discussed with young people and incorporate a discrete entrance to the planned new youth centre, to add to the sense of place.***

2.1.11 Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture to procure the required capital works and enter into contracts in respect of the new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities and the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form College site, ***subject to consideration of the following:***

- That the impact of the COVID 19 crisis on the future likelihood of increased homeworking amongst council office staff be assessed through consultation, and the additional office space needed for social work staff be considered, in the light of this and in the light of any predicted spare capacity in existing buildings (including unlet areas of the commercial portfolio such as Phoenix House)

Proposed by: Cllr Clare

Seconded by: Cllr Gibson

Recommendation if carried to read:

2.1 That the Housing Committee recommends to Policy & Resource Committee that it:

2.1.1 Appropriates the following sites from existing purposes to Housing Act purposes:

- Hillview Contact Centre, Hodshrove Lane
- Moulsecoomb Hub North, Hodshrove Lane
- Moulsecoomb Hub South, Hodshrove Lane
- 67 Centre Youth Centre, Hodshrove Lane
- Multi Use Games Areas, Hodshrove Lane

2.1.2 Agrees that the General Fund should receive the value of £7.32m in consideration for land appropriated as defined at recommendation 2.1.1 from

the Housing Revenue Account, subject to validation of this amount from an external valuation.

- 2.1.3 Authorises the retention of the net capital receipt to be used for reinvestment to support the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre as well as the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site.
- 2.1.4 Agrees to the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, subject to planning permission, and in conjunction with previous consultation efforts, that design of the new youth-space will be discussed with young people and incorporate a discrete entrance to the planned new youth centre, to add to the sense of place.
- 2.1.5 Agrees to the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form site into council offices, subject to planning permission and Secretary of State consent for change of use.
- 2.1.6 Agrees in principle to the development of housing on the appropriated sites listed in recommendation 2.1.1, subject to planning permission and notes that the Housing Committee will be asked to approve schemes and give authority to procure capital works contracts at a later date.
- 2.1.7 Appropriates the Hillview Youth Centre and Multi Use Games Areas referred to at 2.1.1. above and notes that the appropriation will take place when the Committee makes the decision to appropriate (assuming that the Committee approves the recommendation) and that the funds referred to at 2.1.2 will be transferred following that decision.
- 2.1.8 Delegates authority to the Executive Director for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities and the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture to appropriate the Moulsecoomb Hub North and Moulsecoomb Hub South sites referred to 2.1.1 above following the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site and transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at 2.1.2 above.
- 2.1.9 Delegates authority to the Executive Director Housing and Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture to appropriate of the 67 Youth Centre site referred to at 2.1.1 above following the completion of the new Neighbourhood Hub and that transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at 2.1.2 above.
- 2.1.10 Approve a budget for borrowing within the HRA Capital Investment Programme to finance the cost of the appropriation of the sites listed in recommendation 2.1.1 above.
- 2.1.11 Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture to procure the required capital works and enter into contracts in respect of the new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities and the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form College site subject to

consideration of the following:

- That the impact of the COVID 19 crisis on the future likelihood of increased homeworking amongst council office staff be assessed through consultation, and the additional office space needed for social work staff be considered, in the light of this and in the light of any predicted spare capacity in existing buildings (including unlet areas of the commercial portfolio such as Phoenix House)

2.1.12 Approve a budget for inclusion into the Council's Capital Investment Programme for the Moulsecomb Neighbourhood Hub works as detailed in 3.4.8.

MOULSECOOMB NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB AND HOUSING SCHEMES

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

That the recommendation be amended to include additional words as shown in bold italics below and delete words as struck through.

- 2.1 That the Housing Committee recommends to Policy & Resource Committee that it:
- 2.1.1 Appropriates the following sites from existing purposes to Housing Act purposes:
- Hillview Contact Centre, Hodshrove Lane
 - Moulsecoomb Hub North, Hodshrove Lane
 - Moulsecoomb Hub South, Hodshrove Lane
 - 67 Centre Youth Centre, Hodshrove Lane
 - Multi Use Games Areas, Hodshrove Lane
- 2.1.2 Agrees that the General Fund should receive the value of ~~£7.32m in~~ **external valuation in consideration for land appropriated** as defined at recommendation 2.1.1 from the Housing Revenue Account, ~~subject to validation of this amount from an external valuation.~~
- 2.1.3 Authorises the retention of the net capital receipt to be used for reinvestment to support the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre as well as the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site.
- 2.1.4 Agrees to the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, subject to planning permission.
- 2.1.5 Agrees to the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form site into council offices, subject to planning permission and Secretary of State consent for change of use.
- 2.1.6 Agrees in principle to the development of housing on the appropriated sites listed in recommendation 2.1.1, subject to planning permission and notes that the Housing Committee will be asked to approve schemes and give authority to procure capital works contracts at a later date **and that these capital works also come to P&R.**
- 2.1.7 Appropriates the Hillview Youth Centre and Multi Use Games Areas referred to at 2.1.1. above and notes that the appropriation will take place when the Committee makes the decision to appropriate (assuming that the Committee

approves the recommendation) and that the funds referred to at 2.1.2 will be transferred following that decision.

- 2.1.8 Delegates authority to the Executive Director for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities and the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture to appropriate the Moulsecoomb Hub North and Moulsecoomb Hub South sites referred to 2.1.1 above following the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site and transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at 2.1.2 above.
- 2.1.9 Delegates authority to the Executive Director Housing and Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture to appropriate of the 67 Youth Centre site referred to at 2.1.1 above following the completion of the new Neighbourhood Hub and that transfer a proportion of the funds referred to at 2.1.2 above.
- 2.1.10 Approve a budget for borrowing within the HRA Capital Investment Programme to finance the cost of the appropriation of the sites listed in recommendation 2.1.1 above.
- 2.1.11 Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture **to take steps** to procure the required capital works and **move to** enter into contracts in respect of the new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities and the refurbishment of the former Portslade Sixth Form College site **subject to a subsequent P&R committee approval.**
- 2.1.12 Approve a budget for inclusion into the Council's Capital Investment Programme for the Moulsecoomb Neighbourhood Hub works as detailed in 3.4.8 **below in July 2020 when other council capital projects are reviewed in light of COVID-19.**

Proposed by: Cllr Joe Miller

Seconded by: Cllr Steve Bell

Recommendation if carried to read:

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- 2.1.1 Appropriates the following sites from existing purposes to Housing Act purposes:
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 - Moulsecoomb Hub North, Hodshrove Lane
 - Moulsecoomb Hub South, Hodshrove Lane
 - 67 Centre Youth Centre, Hodshrove Lane
 - Multi Use Games Areas, Hodshrove Lane
- 2.1.2 Agrees that the General Fund should receive the value of external valuation in consideration for land appropriated as defined at recommendation 2.1.1 from

the Housing Revenue Account.

- 2.1.3 Authorises the retention of the net capital receipt to be used for reinvestment to support the development of a new Neighbourhood Hub and Sports Facilities on land adjacent to Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre as well as the refurbishment of the Former Portslade Sixth Form site.
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- 2.1.12 Approve a budget for inclusion into the Council's Capital Investment

Programme for the Moulsecoomb Neighbourhood Hub works as detailed in 3.4.8 below in July 2020 when other council capital projects are reviewed in light of COVID-19.

Subject: Adult & Community Learning – Extract from the proceedings of the Housing Committee meeting held on 29 April 2020

Date of Meeting: 30 April 2020

Report of: Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: Moulsecoomb & Bevendean

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of Policy & Resources Committee:

To receive the recommendations of the Housing Committee for consideration.

Recommendation:

That a contribution of £40,000 from the HRA be set aside in the 2020/21 financial year only to support the funding requirements detailed in Option 1 in the report and subject to recommendation 2.3 (i) below for the Policy & Resources Committee being approved, and that any future HRA contributions be conditional on tenants support evidenced by consultation and that should this consultation be favourable, the HRA contribution be proportionate to the established benefits derived by tenants from these services, as also described in 3.41.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE

4.00pm 29 APRIL 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Williams (Chair), Knight (Substitute), Gibson, Mears, Atkinson, Wares (Substitute), Fowler, Heley, Hugh-Jones and Osborne.

PART ONE

79 ADULT & COMMUNITY LEARNING

- 79.1 The Committee considered a report of the Interim Executive Director for Families, Children & Learning, concerning the proposals for the future delivery model of the council's Adult & Community Learning offer funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).
- 79.2 The report was introduced by the Assistant Director, Education & Skills.
- 79.3 Councillor Knight was informed by Assistant Director, Education & Skills that the National Government funding would be lost if the recommendations were not approved, along with the 'Good' Ofsted rating. The Councillor was informed that the staff within the authority have the skills and expertise to run the project inhouse with a good track record if high standards. It was noted that the staff from the Friends Centre will be utilised. The sum stated in the recommendations would be manageable within in The HRA it was noted.
- 79.4 Councillor Hugh-Jones was informed by Assistant Director, Education & Skills that the authority became aware of the lease on the Friends Centre becoming available at the beginning of 2020. It was noted that ESFA have recently consulted on the introduction of a cap on the percentage of the funding to procure services from third parties. If the recommendations are implemented the council would need to provide the service in house or return the grant. The possible costs of redundancy were not known at this time. It was noted that this matter would be looked into later. It was confirmed that the Friends Centre were entitled to agree a one year lease to the authority.
- 79.5 Councillor Atkinson noted that the Hangleton and Whitehawk consultations were good and was informed that the percentage of tenants consulted was not known, however this would be recorded in future.
- 79.6 Councillor Gibson noted that the money would be requested from the General Fund by the Policy & Resources Committee if the Housing Committee did not agree the recommendation to use the HRA.

- 79.7 Councillor Mears expressed concerns that the Children, Young People & Skills Committee had not discussed the item. It was also a concern that if the HRA was used, tenants would be paying twice, having already paid Council Tax.
- 79.8 Councillor Knight felt that the HRA funds should be put to good use and this would support the most disadvantaged in the community. Councillor Knight supported the scheme and the Green Group amendment.
- 79.9 Councillor Wares expressed concerns at dipping into the HRA but did not want to lose the service. The General Fund would be a better way of finding the money it was felt as the HRA was over used. Councillor Wares noted that tenants wanted repairs done to their homes and the HRA should be used for this. It was felt that the Housing Committee should refuse the recommendation and let the Policy & Resources Committee choose the option of using the General Fund. Councillor Wares did not support the recommendation to the Housing Committee.
- 79.10 Councillor Mears felt the HRA should not be used in this case and that tenant's views supported this. Councillor Mears did not support the recommendation to the Housing Committee.
- 79.11 The Green Group amendment was proposed Councillor Gibson who stated that the services were highly valued. Councillor Gibson was concerned that the initial funding would be based on inadequate information, however it was noted that the General Fund was very tightly squeezed at this time. The amendment would make it clear that the HRA could only be used for one year. The amendment was a compromise based on limited tenant consultation.
- 79.12 The Green Group amendment was seconded by Councillor Hugh-Jones who commented that they were disappointed by the level of consultation. It was noted that East Brighton were supportive and that it was vital to show the benefits to tenants.
- 79.13 Councillor Wares reiterated the concerns that there had been inadequate consultation and the HRA should not be raided now or in the future as this would push costs onto tenants. Policy & Resources should grant funds from the General Fund.
- 79.14 The Chair then put the Green Group amendment to the vote, which was carried by 8 votes to 2.
- 79.15 The Chair then put the recommendation as amended to the vote, which was carried by 8 votes to 2.
- 79.16 **RESOLVED:** That a contribution of £40,000 from the HRA be set aside in the 2020/21 financial year only to support the funding requirements detailed in Option 1 in the report and subject to recommendation 2.3 (i) below for the Policy & Resources Committee being approved, and that any future HRA contributions be conditional on tenants support evidenced by consultation and that should this consultation be favourable, the HRA contribution be proportionate to the established benefits derived by tenants from these services, as also described in 3.41.

ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To add recommendation 2.3 (iii) and 2.7 as below:

2.3 (iii) and if necessary, to explore other options to mitigate any loss of NLDC funding to the Hangleton and Knoll and Whitehawk Inn project resulting from the in-house proposal moving beyond year one, should no further funding be obtained from the HRA in future years

2.7 That Audit and Standards Committee receive a report, to ensure good financial governance for the city council

Proposed by: Cllr Shanks

Seconded by: Cllr Clare

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 That a contribution of £40,000 from the HRA be set aside in the 2020/21 financial year only to support the funding requirements detailed in Option 1 in the report and subject to recommendation 2.3 (i) below for the Policy & Resources Committee being approved, and that any future HRA contributions be conditional on tenants support evidenced by consultation and that should this consultation be favourable, the HRA contribution be proportionate to the established benefits derived by tenants from these services, as also described in 3.41.
- 2.2 That the Adult and Community Learning be brought in-house following the expiry of the current arrangements on 31st July 2020;
- 2.3 That additional funding to be allocated to the Families, Children and Learning Directorate to cover the associated costs of bringing delivery in-house based on the two options below be approved:
- (i) Option 1 – funding anticipated being in the region of £61,030 in year 1, based on funding of £20,000 each for Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities (Hangleton and Knoll and Whitehawk Inn) is provided by the Housing Revenue Account.
- (ii) Option 2 – funding anticipated being in the region of £101,050 if funding is not provided through the Housing Revenue Account of £20,000 each for Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities (Hangleton and Knoll

and Whitehawk Inn)

(iii) and if necessary, to explore other options to mitigate any loss of NLDC funding to the Hangleton and Knoll and Whitehawk Inn project resulting from the in-house proposal moving beyond year one, should no further funding be obtained from the HRA in future years .

Note: the costs for year two onwards for both options is dependent on securing suitable accommodation within the council.

- 2.4 That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture to:
- (i) Secure a 1year lease or license as appropriate on Isetta Square from the Friends Centre.
 - (ii) Take any other steps necessary to implement the recommendations in this report.
- 2.5 That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director for Families, Children & Learning to:
- (i) Take forward TUPE arrangements to facilitate the in-house provision of community learning currently delivered by the Friends Centre.
 - (ii) Take forward the option to bring in-house two externally funded projects, Step by Step and Get Socially Active projects and manage TUPE arrangements and subsequent liaison with funders.
 - (iii) Take any other steps necessary to implement the recommendations in this report including a comprehensive review of the service after one and three years of operation to assess value for money, opportunities for efficiencies, investment and growth opportunities, performance, satisfaction, and impact on equalities data.
- 2.6 That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing to take forward the recommendation to fund Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities from the Housing Revenue Account of £40,000, if option 2.3 (i) is approved.
- 2.7 That the Audit & Standards Committee receive a report, to ensure good financial governance for the city council.

Review of the Council's Constitution

CORRECTION

- 1. That the recommendation in paragraph 2.2 regarding the transfer of the Information Rights function (FOI and SARs) from Finance & Resources to Strategy, Governance & Law be deleted.***

Reason: It has not been possible to recruit to key posts in the new team and the service it was going to be part of (Performance Improvement and Programmes) is focusing on providing project support to the Covid-a9 programme, in particular sourcing and distribution of PPE.

- 2. In the recommendations, any reference to any paragraph after paragraph 4.3 should be read as referring to the next paragraph. For example, reference to paragraph 4.5 should be read as referring to paragraph 4.6. The mistake results from the addition of paragraph 4.4 to the report but without amending the numbering in the recommendations.***

- 3. That paragraph 2.1 of the recommendation be amended to read:**

“That the proposal to make changes to the Scheme of Delegations to Officers in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution relating to the Council's planning functions as indicated in paragraphs 4.1 - 4.3 and Appendix 1, and **the proposals regarding Traffic Orders as indicated in paragraphs 4.4–4.5 **4.5 and 4.6**, be agreed.**

**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN
GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

To amend recommendation 2.1 and add recommendations 2.4 and 2.5 as shown below in ***bold italics***,

- 2.1 That the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan capital programme budget allocation of £8.658 million, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report be agreed; ***as an interim measure, further to 2.4 below;***
- 2.4 ***That committee agree to instruct officers to urgently explore:***
- how the work of the LTP and associated council transport plans can be rendered more flexible, in order to respond to the impact of the covid19 pandemic and future needs, (such as the council's previously stated commitment to explore a car-free city centre) e.g through
- ***options to bring forward plans to improve footpaths, widen pavements;***
 - ***options to improve the city's cycle network, through provision of temporary cycle tracks where feasible and practicable; and particularly where they may not require a formal TRO, as evidenced by the 'keyworker corridor' set up in other councils e.g Leicester;***
 - ***further consideration of options for road closures, to support social distancing measures and provision of safe daily exercise with any costings and impact on the current LTP to be detailed. Committee members note this may require an urgency meeting of P&R or ETS and agree to this in principle should it be necessary;***
- 2.5 ***That a review of the Terms of Reference of the SCRIF MOG group be undertaken in time to inform the prioritisation of the delayed £3.9m SCRIF budget***

Proposed by: Cllr Mac Cafferty

Seconded by: Cllr Gibson

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 That the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan capital programme budget allocation of £8.658 million, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report be agreed; as an interim measure, further to 2.4 below;
- 2.2 That it be noted that a final decision on the allocation of £3.900m of the capital programme to projects and programmes outlined in paragraph 3.8 of this report, will be made at a future Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting;
- 2.3 That the availability of the £3.900m element of the 2020/21 capital programme in 2.2. above, is likely to be deferred until the 2021/22 financial year be noted as it was expected to be achieved through borrowing against forecast surplus parking income and will therefore need to be reviewed in light of the financial implications arising from the Covid-19 outbreak.
- 2.4 That committee agree to instruct officers to urgently explore:
 - how the work of the LTP and associated council transport plans can be rendered more flexible, in order to respond to the impact of the covid19 pandemic and future needs, (such as the council's previously stated commitment to explore a car-free city centre) e.g. through:
 - options to bring forward plans to improve footpaths, widen pavements;
 - options to improve the city's cycle network, through provision of temporary cycle tracks where feasible and practicable; and particularly where they may not require a formal TRO, as evidenced by the 'keyworker corridor' set up in other councils e.g. Leicester;
 - further consideration of options for road closures, to support social distancing measures and provision of safe daily exercise with any costings and impact on the current LTP to be detailed. Committee members note this may require an urgency meeting of P&R or ETS and agree to this in principle should it be necessary;
- 2.5 That a review of the Terms of Reference of the SCRIF MOG group be undertaken in time to inform the prioritisation of the delayed £3.9m SCRIF budget.