

## **CABINET**

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 46**

The following action taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 46 is reported. In consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member(s):-

#### **1. The Director for Regeneration and Growth authorised:**

##### **1.1 European Social Fund (ESF) South Essex Construction Training Academy (SECTA) for 18-25s**

The Council to enter into agreements with the Managing Authority for delivery of SECTA 18-25s that will help realise 2050 ambitions and the signing of the relevant agreements in line with the scheme of delegation.

The total project cost is £432k (£216k from ESF, match funded by existing resource). Delivery will begin on 1st January 2022 and will end on 30th Sept 2023, although reports on outcomes and financial claims will be made until February 2024. The targets for the project are:

- 283 young people will be supported e.g. receiving information, advice and guidance, training and work experience

Of these:

- will enter employment
- 61 will remain in employment at 6 months

#### **2. The Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) authorised:**

##### **2.1 Bus Service Improvement Plan and publication of the Draft Enhanced Partnership**

The approval of the Bus Service Improvement Plan document, to meet the Department for Transport requirement for an adopted plan by 31 October 2021, together with the approval of the draft Enhanced Partnership (EP) for public consultation to progress the work required on the EP for a final version to be adopted by 31 March 2022.

The Executive Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Asset Management and Inward Investment, is also authorised to:

- make amendments to the draft Enhanced Partnership prior to consultation; and
- to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the relevant statutory processes and procedures to undertake the consultation.

## 2.2 Public consultation on the Council's proposed Civil Penalties Policy for Housing Offences

The fast-tracking of the public consultation on the proposed policy and matrix in respect of the introduction of civil penalties, through the Housing and Planning Act 2016, without the need to engage Cabinet at this stage. This will enable the public consultation to be completed, and analysis of responses to be considered, allowing the draft policy to be submitted to Cabinet for their consideration before its last meeting this Municipal Year on 22 February 2022.

Civil penalties are a discretionary enforcement measure to enable housing authorities to impose a financial penalty, as an alternative to prosecution, for specified offences under the Housing Act 2004.