



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 30th July, 2020

CABINET

11th March 2020

Present:

Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)

Councillors Cracknell, Fenty, Lindley, Procter, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

- Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
- Joanne Hewson (Chief Operating Officer and Director of Children's Services)
- Simon Jones (Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer)
- Clive Tritton (Interim Director Economy and Growth)
- Sharon Wroot (Director of Resources and Governance)
- Wendy Jackson (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

Also in attendance:

There were two members of the public and one member of the press in attendance.

CB.105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in any items on the agenda for this meeting.

CB.106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from this meeting.

CB.106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

CB.107 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 12th February, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.108 ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT ACCESS FUND 2020/21 EXTENSION FUNDING

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to accept a sum of £462,000 grant funding from the Department for Transport to deliver the Pedal and Stride to Economic Growth project for the financial year 2020/2021.

RESOLVED –

1. That the acceptance of the Department for Transport grant funding for the Pedal and Stride to Economic Growth 2020/21 project be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport to:
 - a) finalise the terms of the funding arrangement with the Department for Transport and receive the funds;
 - b) commence related procurement exercises to deliver projects within the programme in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and to make appropriate contract awards.
3. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to settle, complete and execute all documentation arising from the above.

CB.109 NEW RECYCLING COLLECTION OFFER

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport outlining the options open to Cabinet relating to a domestic recycling collection model, the risks and benefits for each option and the recommended approach by the service.

Cabinet wished to place on record its thanks to Carolina Borgstrom, Assistant Director Environment, for her outstanding support on this matter.

RESOLVED – That, having regard to the consistency framework for recycling collections in England due to be published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in 2020 and the results of the recent North East Lincolnshire Council Waste Strategy consultation:

1. The change of domestic recycling collections as soon as is practicable to the following model be approved: two 240 litre bins (or such smaller bins as may be requested by a household), one for paper and card and one for mixed recycling, collected on an alternating basis every fortnight.
2. The Director of Economy and Growth be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to make all necessary arrangements to implement the above including authority to implement separate weekly waste food collections subject to external funding being secured to support this change.
3. The Director of Economy and Growth be instructed, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to:
 - a) review the current special collection offer for flats, with the aim to deliver an extension of the offer to include other properties where correct storage of additional bins would be challenging;
 - b) review the collection offer for larger households;
 - c) implement the gradual reduction in size of domestic waste bins to coincide with increases in recycling and changing needs of residents.

CB.110 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder Regeneration, Skills and Housing seeking approval to implement a number of actions in response to the declaration of a Climate Emergency by full Council, in particular to develop a roadmap for the Council and the Borough to becoming carbon neutral by 2050 or before.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Director of Economy and Growth be instructed to:
 - Commission ENGIE to undertake a carbon assessment of the Council's assets and operations and develop a roadmap to becoming a carbon neutral Council by 2050 or before;
 - Commission ENGIE to undertake a carbon assessment of the Borough and develop a roadmap to become a carbon neutral Borough by 2050 or before; and
 - Review the Council's Environment Statement and Energy and Carbon Vision as part of the above roadmap development.
2. That the Director of Economy and Growth provide a report to the Economy Scrutiny Panel within six months to report on progress with the above.
3. That the decision to procure a carbon neutral electricity supply from April 2020, as outlined in the report now submitted, be noted.

CB.111 WRITE OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES DEBTS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources seeking approval to write off uncollectable National Non Domestic Rates (Business Rates) debts.

RESOLVED – That the recommendation to write off uncollectable National Non Domestic Rates (Business Rates) debts as set out in the report now submitted, be approved and the Director of Resources and Governance be instructed to formally write off the sum of £149,587.60.

CB.112 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2020/2021 TO 2022/2023

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources setting out the potential financial benefits to the Council of the pre-payment of Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) employer pension contributions for the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23.

RESOLVED – That the Director of Resources and Governance be authorised to make a prepayment of secondary pension contributions for the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23, such payment to be based upon clear economic benefit to the Council, with assessment and quantum at the discretion of the Director of Resources and Governance.

CB.113 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021-2022

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People setting out the local authority's school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic year 2021-2022. Due to the timescales associated with the determination of these arrangements, the recommendations in the report were signed off by the Director of Children's Services as a decision taken in urgency, with the agreement of the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People and the Chair of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED –

That the following decisions, taken in urgency by the Director of Children's Services, be noted:

1. That the general admission arrangements, including published admissions numbers (PANs), for the local authority's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021-2022 be unchanged (apart from

those identified in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted) from 2020-2021.

2. That no material changes be made to the local authority's co-ordinated school admission arrangements published schemes other than the updating of dates and deadlines, and that locally agreed protocols that support admission arrangements continue to be reviewed on a regular basis.
3. That the Director of Children's Services continues to have delegated powers in consultation with the governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools to increase the published admission number of an individual year group in a school in exceptional circumstances.
4. That it be noted that those schools / academies that are their own admission authorities have the ability to consult and determine their own admission arrangements (details of known proposed changes are provided at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted).
5. That it be noted with the increasing number of academies within the local authority, the number of schools for which the local authority is responsible for in respect of determining admission arrangements is reduced.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.21 p.m.