



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 18th March, 2020

CABINET

10th February 2021 at 5.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Cracknell, Lindley, Procter, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

- Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
- Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources)
- Bev Compton (Director of Adult Social Services)
- Helen Isaacs (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Lisa Arthey (Interim Assistant Director Assessment and Safeguarding)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director, Law, Governance and Assets)
- Iain Lovell (Assistant Director Communications)
- Mark Nearney (Assistant Director Housing, Highways and Transport)
- Laura Cowie (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also in attendance:

- Councillor Steve Beasant (East Marsh Ward Councillor)
- Councillor Kay Rudd (East Marsh Ward Councillor)
- Jay Beatty – Public speaker for item CB.96

CB.93 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

CB.94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Beasant, Ward Councillor for East Marsh Ward, declared a personal interest in item CB.96, as a member of East Marsh Involve.

CB.95 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 13th January 2021 and the special Cabinet meeting on the 20th January 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.96 KENT STREET MULTI-USE GAMES AREA AND SKATEBOARD / BMX PARK AT 41 KENT STREET, GRIMSBY

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets following the scrutiny consideration of the call in heard by the Economy Scrutiny Panel on the 12th January, 2021 in relation to the above.

The Chair invited Mr Beatty and Councillor Beasant to make their representations.

Mr Beatty expressed his concern over the general disregard given to skate parks and believed that skate parks had been left to rot. Mr Beatty expressed his keen interest and support for building a new skate park in the East Marsh area and hoped that the Council would support it too.

Councillor Beasant felt that the position had improved and he was looking forward to building up a relationship with those companies who will were willing to invest in a new skate park for the area. East Marsh Involve were happy to move forward with the plans and he was hopeful that funding would come forward in order to produce a skate park similar to the one recently installed in Boston.

The Chair thanked both Councillor Beasant and Mr Beatty for the attendance and engagement in the process.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets concluded by stating that further meetings were scheduled with ward councillors and officers to discuss the community asset transfer with the skate board community and to look at all possibilities for a future skate park.

RESOLVED –

1. That the recommendation from the Economy Scrutiny Panel of 12th January 2021 (see section 7) be acknowledged and whilst implementing resolution 2 below, authority be delegated to officers to engage with the skateboard / BMX community, to explore reasonable options and assist, support and signpost the Group to enable access to any available grant funding for relocating the skateboard / BMX park, with a further report back to Cabinet once options had been fully appraised.

2. That the original Cabinet decision of 9th December 2020 with the completion of a full, repairing, and insuring lease of the subject Site for a term of 99 years at a peppercorn rent (£1 per annum if demanded) to Corinthians Complex Community Interest Company (CIC), be reaffirmed.
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, to:
 - 3.1 reasonably explore all opportunities as outlined in the report now submitted with a view to assisting, supporting and signposting the skateboard and BMX communities to enable them to access any available grant funding and for them to become self-sufficient; and
 - 3.2 settle all terms and ensure that all necessary actions are carried out to complete the lease disposal at Resolution 2.
4. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.97 2020/21 QUARTER 3 FINANCE MONITORING REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the key information and analysis of the Council's financial position and performance at the end of the third Quarter of the 2020/21 financial year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the reported position at Quarter 3; the uncertainties related to the impacts of COVID-19 and its potential longer term implications; and the various actions being taken to bring spending back in line with budget; be noted.
2. That the Finance Monitoring Report be referred to scrutiny for consideration.
3. That the revised Capital Programme included at Annex 1 of the report now submitted, be noted.

CB.98 BUDGET, FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING PLAN 2021/22 – 2023/24

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Budget, Finance and Commissioning Plans 2021/22 – 2023/24 for approval to Full Council.

In proposing the recommendations in the report, the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets moved a set of additional amendments which were agreed by Cabinet.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the 2021/22 Budget and summary 2021/22 – 2023/24 Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP') contained within Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the proposed 1.98% increase in Council Tax, be approved.
3. That the proposed 3% Adult Social Care precept in 2021/22, be approved.
4. That the Commissioning Briefs contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 1) of the report now submitted, be approved.
5. That the Capital Investment Strategy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 3) of the report now submitted, be approved.
6. That the 2021/22 - 2023/24 Capital Programme set out in Appendix 1 (Annex 2), of the report now submitted, be approved.
7. That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 7) of the report now submitted, be approved.
8. That the uncertainty relating to the impact of COVID-19 and other significant external factors, be noted and the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources be requested to report to Cabinet any significant variances against planning assumptions.
9. That the creation of a COVID-19 reserve to mitigate against the ongoing risks associated with the pandemic, be approved.
10. That the Outcomes Framework be reviewed alongside the Council's recovery plan and that a further report be brought to Cabinet and Council by June 2021.
11. That the council tax hardship fund be increased by £200k in 2021, to provide additional support to those households in hardship.

12. That ward funding be increased by £2.5k per ward, to provide ward councillors with additional capacity to support communities.
13. That an investment of up to £90k per annum in revenue, supported by a programme of capital investment (to include consideration of anti-social behaviour deterrents) which would be developed to undertake a programme of investment in the 53 play parks across the borough, in support of the health and well-being of our residents and to recognise the value placed in our parks and open spaces, be approved.
14. That a revenue investment of up to £80k per annum in the Green agenda, to vastly improve our approach to environmental sustainability, including access to external funding, be approved.
15. That the resolutions 11 – 14 above, be funded from a reduction in reserves.

CB.99 ADULT SOCIAL CARE CHARGING POLICY REVIEW

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care presenting the outcome of a review and consultation on the Adult Social Care Charging Policy.

RESOLVED –

1. That the implementation of a revised adult social care charging policy that incorporates measures to ensure that fee levels catch up and keep up with cost increases (indexation), be supported and that a principle of full cost recovery be further supported.
2. That the proposals relating to disability related expenditure (DRE) be adopted from April 2021.
3. That the proposal relating to the administration fee for arranging care, for those who can afford it, over a two-year period, commencing April 2021, be adopted.
4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care to implement resolutions 1 to 3 above.
5. That the proposals in respect of the minimum income guarantee (MIG) not be adopted.
6. That the proposal relating to respite (short stay in a care or nursing home) charging be subject to further consideration, with a view to implementing a revised approach to respite charging from April 2022.

**CB.100 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY
2021/22**

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the restated Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 at Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement at Appendix 2 (annex 2) of the report now submitted, be approved.

CB.101 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2021 – 2022

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council presenting the Pay Policy statement for 2021-22.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL – That the pay policy statement for the period 2021/22 be approved.

**CB.102 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL CONCESSIONARY
FARES SCHEME**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval of the final concessionary fares scheme, to be effective from 1st April 2021.

RESOLVED –

1. That the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Council Concessionary Fares Scheme (with existing non-statutory local enhancements) from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, be approved.
2. That the proposed reimbursement agreement at pre COVID-19 funding levels for operators as required by the Department for Transport, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the

Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to ensure that all actions necessary and ancillary to the above resolutions be completed.

4. That upon the Department for Transport amending the COVID-19 Bus Service Support Grant (CBSSG), authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to approve an amended Concessionary Fares agreement with operators.
5. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising.

CB.103 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities presenting a revised partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for approval.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care to implement the strategy and, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, deal with any amendments and reviews as appropriate.

CB.104 SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills setting out the proposed School Year for 2022-2023 for all voluntary controlled and community schools within the local authority.

RESOLVED – That the proposed school term dates, laid out in Appendix A of the report now submitted, for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2022–2023 academic year be approved, and authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care to implement.

CB.105 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills presenting the local authority's school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic year 2022-2023.

RESOLVED –

1. That the general admission arrangements, including published admissions numbers (PANs), for the local authority's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2022-2023 be unchanged from 2021-2022 (apart from those identified in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted).
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 Executive Director People, Health and Care continue 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 and academies with their own admission authorities have the ability to consult and determine their own admission arrangements (details of known proposed changes were 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.

CB.106 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder Environment and Transport seeking adoption of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2021-2031.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2021-2031, which appeared in detail at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.

2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to implement the plan.

CB. 107 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be requested to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

CB.108 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME

Cabinet considered from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport the closed appendix for item CB.102 above.

RESOLVED – That the closed appendix be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.58 p.m.