



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on the 17th March, 2022

CABINET

19th January 2022 at 5.00 p.m.

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

Officers in attendance:

- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources)
- Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer Services)
- Laura Cowie (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

There was one member of the press and no members of the public in attendance.

CB.99 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence received from Councillors Lindley and Shreeve for this meeting.

CB.100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from any Councillor for this meeting.

CB.101 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 1st December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.102 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022-2025

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets outlining how the Council plans to deliver its agreed financial strategy over the coming three-year period.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2022/23 – 2024/25, as laid out at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for consultation purposes in accordance with the Constitution, including:
 - a proposed 1.98% increase in Council Tax in 2022/23
 - a proposed 1% Adult Social Care precept in 2022/23
 - a proposed allocation of financial resources to deal with demand pressures and key priority areas.
2. That the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan be referred to Formal Scrutiny for consultation.
3. That due to the uncertainty in relation to the Local Government Funding model and current funding gaps in 2023/24 and 2024/25, a medium-term outlook section be incorporated into future quarterly monitoring reports.

CB.103 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2021/22

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder Finance, Resources and Assets containing details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the first six months of 2021/22.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL – That the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22 be noted and approved.

CB.104 DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO HUMBERSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to delegate functions to Humberston Parish Council which would enable them to maintain and improve a designated piece of land.

RESOLVED –

1. That the delegation of functions to allow Humberston Parish Council the ability to maintain and improve the Site shown for identification purposes on the plan edged red at Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, to settle all terms

and ensure all necessary and reasonable actions are carried out to complete Resolution 1 above.

3. That the Assistant Director of Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.105 NELC LETTINGS LEGISLATION PENALTY NOTICE POLICY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking adoption of a new policy which would enable Trading Standards to use financial penalties, as an alternative to prosecution, under the relevant letting agency legislation.

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred to the next meeting of Cabinet as it was subsequently noted that the appendix to the report had not been included with the agenda papers.

CB.106 GREEN HOMES GRANT FUNDING BID 3

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism seeking approval to accept £1,094,500 grant funding from Midlands Energy Hub, through the Local Authority Deliver 3 scheme to improve energy efficiency for residents who currently live in fuel poverty and experience lower household incomes.

RESOLVED –

1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council to accept the grant funding on behalf of the Council.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to deal with all matters arising from and ancillary to the above including negotiation with the funder, implementation and award of resultant contracts and works.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

CB.107 URGENT BUSINESS – REPLACEMENT FLAT ROOF AREAS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Cabinet considered an item of urgent business from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to commence with works to replace all flat roof areas at the Municipal Offices.

This item was considered under the Special Urgency requirements as set out in the Council's Constitution, and with the agreement of the Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Panel. It is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure. This matter was considered urgent in order to achieve the works in the 2022/23 financial year, contractor availability and to avoid increased construction costs.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

CB. 108 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.109 URGENT BUSINESS - REPLACEMENT FLAT ROOF AREAS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Cabinet considered the closed appendix to item CB.106 from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets.

RESOLVED -

1. That the main contract sum, contingency and fees as set out in Appendix A, of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, to make an award, settle all terms and ensure all ancillary actions are carried out to mobilise and complete the works.
3. That the Assistant Director of Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.110 TOWNS FUND PROGRAMME – ST JAMES HOUSE

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council on the future of St James House.

RESOLVED –

1. That subject to the completion of due diligence to the satisfaction of the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources (acting as Section 151 Officer), the offer to E-Factor of a loan of £956,000 over a term of 25 years, at an interest rate of the Public

Works Loan Board (PWLB) +1% (equivalent to a current rate of 3.125%) to support the development of the St James House project, be supported and approved.

2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Greater Grimsby Board to take all actions necessary, including:
 - a) Undertake all required due diligence in respect of the offer of the loan to E-Factor.
 - b) Development of a secured loan agreement between NELC and E-Factor, including putting in place security in respect of the loan arrangement.
 - c) Defrayal of the loan to E-Factor to support the project.
 - d) Carry out any ancillary activity in support of the above recommendations.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above.