



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on the 16th December, 2021

CABINET

3rd November 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 (Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer)
- Laura Cowie (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

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

CB.76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

CB.77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

CB.78 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 6th October 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.79 2021/22 QUARTER 2 FINANCE MONITORING REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing key information and analysis of the Council's position and performance against its Finance and Commissioning Plan for the second quarter of the 2021/22 year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the reported position and the uncertainties related to the impacts of Covid and its potential longer-term implications, be noted.
2. That the Financial Monitoring Report be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for consideration.
3. That the revised Capital Programme included at Annex 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
4. That the use of Covid related earmarked reserves and unringfenced grant funding to offset Covid related service pressures be approved.

CB.80 REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport considering options for future delivery of all subsidised bus services and seeking approval to implement a procurement exercise and to appoint a new supplier from 1 April 2022.

Councillor S Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport informed Cabinet that the Economy Scrutiny Panel had made a recommendation to Cabinet following their consideration of the report. The recommendation was seeking a 12 month extension for the existing contract. As a concession the Portfolio Holder was able to commit to the anticipated procurement being based around several lots, inviting tenders on the basis of 1,3 or 4 years contracts. There was no amendment warranted to the recommendations as laid out and therefore the following decision was made.

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for option 1, as laid out in the report now submitted, be supported.
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 commence a procurement exercise (to deliver the bus services identified in option 1 as laid out in the report now submitted) and to make appropriate contract awards to the most economically advantageous tender.
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 carry out all ancillary activity in terms of post award implementation and mobilisation of such arrangements.

4. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) to execute all documents in connection with the above.

CB.81 TOWNS FUND PROGRAMME – ST JAMES HOUSE

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council seeking agreement to bid for funding for the future development of St James House as part of the Town Fund Programme.

RESOLVED –

1. That the submission of a summary business case to Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) (formerly Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) for the St James House project, be 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. Acceptance of £1.5m of grant funding from the DLUHC, (or such other sum as may be awarded) to support the St James House project.
 - b. Defrayal of the grant to E-Factor towards the acquisition of St James House.
 - c. Carry out any ancillary activity in support of the above recommendations.

CB.82 HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT GRANT

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Assets outlining how the Council intend to spend £1.5M of Household Support Grant Funding from the Government.

RESOLVED –

1. That the high-level delivery framework, as laid out in appendix 1 of the report submitted, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to effectively govern and administer the fund.
3. That the procurement of vouchers for free school meals via the Crown Commercial Services approved list of providers be approved and

delegates authority to the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to make appropriate award and deal with all ancillary matters.

CB. 83 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.84 BEREAVEMENT SERVICES PROJECT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport in relation to the final element of the Bereavement Services project.

RESOLVED –

1. That the option for providing funeral services, as set out in paragraph 1.4.1 of the report now submitted, be approved and delegates authority to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources to implement such scheme in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport.
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 take all ancillary action as may arise in connection with such implementation.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.28 p.m.