



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 15th December 2022

CABINET

16th November 2022 at 5.00 p.m.

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

Officers in attendance:

- Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources)
- Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People and Communities)
- Helen Isaacs (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Janice Spencer (Director of Children's Services)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also present: Richard Dowson (Head of Project Management) and Damien Jaines-White (Assistant Director of Regeneration)

There was one member of the press present.

CB.59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

CB.60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

CB.61 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 19^h October 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.62 2022/23 QUARTER TWO FINANCE MONITORING REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets that presented the key information and analysis of the Council's position and performance against its Finance and Commissioning Plan for the second quarter of the 2022/23 year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the reported position and the mitigating actions being taken to bring spending down to manageable levels on a recurrent basis be noted.
2. That the risks and opportunities over the forthcoming financial planning period be acknowledged.
3. That the reprofiling and reprioritisation of the capital programme as detailed in the report now submitted be approved and the Executive Director Environment Economy and Resources (as Section 151 Officer) be instructed to so implement.
4. That the Financial Monitoring Report be referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

CB.63 2022/23 QUARTER TWO COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing presenting the Council Plan Performance Report for quarter two of 2022/23 year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the content of the report in Appendix A be noted.

2. That the report be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for further consideration and challenge.

CB.64 REGENERATION OF RIVERHEAD SQUARE PHASE 2

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder Economy, Net Zero, Skills, and Housing that presented proposals for the second phase of the regeneration of Riverhead Square and seeking approval to spend £3.3m of Towns Deal funding to implement the proposals

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposals for the regeneration of Riverhead Square and the creation of public realm be noted.
2. That the Executive Director Environment, Economy, and Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to progress the technical designs for the landscaping of Riverhead Square and the procurement of a main contractor to deliver the scheme using the existing North East Lincolnshire Council procurement frameworks, and to deal with all matters to award, implement, and mobilise.
3. That the Executive Director for Environment, Economy, and Resources be authorised to submit a planning application in support of the Riverhead Square proposals.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.
5. That the option (paragraph 1.17 - 1.18 of the report now submitted) regarding a major sculptural structure/canopy that was originally proposed be deferred given the current financial circumstances.

CB.65 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT LESS THAN BEST CONSIDERATION – LEASEHOLD DISPOSAL OF THE TENNIS COURTS AT MOUNT PLEASANT PLAYING FIELDS AND STRIP OF LAND LEADING TO NEVILLE TURNER WAY PLAYING FIELDS.

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking authority to dispose, by way of a long-term lease, the Tennis Courts at Mount Pleasant Playing Fields and a strip of land to form an accessible pedestrian access pathway to the car park serving Neville Turner Way Playing Fields, Waltham

RESOLVED –

1. That the principle of a full, repairing, and insuring lease of the subject Site for a long term (minimum 25 years) at a peppercorn rent (£1 per annum if demanded) to Waltham Parish Council, be approved.
2. 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 ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to complete and approve the detailed terms of the disposal.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.
4. That it be noted that, until disposal is ultimately achieved, the Council's commitment to maintaining the site be continued.

CB.66 REFURBISHMENT OF THE FORMER HOLME HILL SITE, GRIMSBY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking authority to provide investment into the site of the former Holme Hill School/ Education Development Centre, Heneage Road, Grimsby

RESOLVED –

1. That the principle of a tendering exercise to confirm the value of investment works, as a requirement under a key decision, via an open market procurement exercise as per the proposals set out in the report now submitted, be approved.
2. 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 ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to complete and approve the detailed terms of the procurement, and thereafter tender, award and implement the investment works.
3. That Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.67 START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children's Education and Young People seeking endorsement to sign up to the government's Start for Life programme and accept the associated funding to deliver a range of services through our Family Hubs

RESOLVED –

1. That the sign up for the programme and the commitment to deliver the minimum offer required, as per the Department for Education and the Department of Health and Social Care guidance, be endorsed.
2. That the Director for Children’s Services be authorised to accept the funding allocation as per the offer and criteria for delivery.
3. That the Director of Children’s Services be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, the responsibility for delivery and implementation of the programme.
4. That the Assistant Director for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all legal documentation arising.

CB.68 URGENT BUSINESS - HOME UPGRADE GRANT PHASE 2 – FUNDING THROUGH THE MIDLANDS ENERGY HUB

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to support the regional bid and if successful accept funding from the Midlands Net Zero Hub.

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. This matter was considered urgent due to the Council being informed by Midlands Energy Hub on 25th October 2022 that it was eligible to receive £1,050,00 worth of funding for energy efficiency and clean heating upgrades for owner occupiers and private rented sector of fuel-poor homes located off the gas network (Home Upgrade Grant) and limited to areas of deprivation.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to accept the grant funding on behalf of the Council, should the bid be successful.
2. That the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources be authorised, 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, procurement formalities, award and implementation of resultant contracts and works.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised the responsibility to complete and execute all documentation arising.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.29 p.m.