



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## **CABINET**

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at 5.00 p.m.**

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

**Officers in attendance:**

- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Sally Jack (Assistant Director Education and Inclusion)
- Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

**Others in attendance:**

Councillor Shutt – Heneage Ward Councillor

There was one member of the press present and one member of the public also present.

**CB.44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

**CB.45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**CB.46 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

## **CB.47      FRESHNEY PLACE LEISURE SCHEME**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder Economy, Net Zero, Skills, and Housing to progress the next phase of the Freshney Place leisure scheme.

The Leader of the Council updated Cabinet on the discussion the Economy Scrutiny Panel had on this report at the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **RESOLVED –**

1. That the completion of the acquisition of Freshney Place be noted.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to develop the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme as the sole developer and conclude negotiations with third party landowners.
3. That the Executive Director Environment, Economy, and Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to take all preliminary actions in connection with the exercise of compulsory purchase powers in connection with property interests in the vicinity of Freshney Place required for overall delivery of the scheme and its wider regeneration aims, if the Council is unable to agree terms through the ordinary course of negotiations, accepting that the final decision of completion of any such order rests with Cabinet and would be subject to a further report.
4. That the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources be authorised to submit a planning application in support of the Freshney Place Leisure scheme.
5. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to commence the procurement of a professional delivery team, including the demolition and building contractor to implement phase one of the scheme (subject to planning consent) and (having regard to resolution 6) to deal with all matters to award, implementation, and mobilisation.
6. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, following the procurement process to appoint a contractor for phase one and enter into a Pre-Construction Services Agreement, noting that the further appointment for phase two of the works will rest with Cabinet and be subject to a further report.

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

#### **CB.48 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.49 FREE SCHOOL BID APPLICATION**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education on the building of a new school for those young people with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs.

RESOLVED –

1. That approval be granted to proceed with the application process for the SEMH Free School and the bid submission in October 2022.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, subject to the application being successful:
  - a) To accept the Department for Education funding on behalf of the Council
  - b) To acquire the land at an assumed minimal cost to the local authority
  - c) To deal with all matters arising from, and ancillary to, the above, as set out in the report submitted.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above resolutions.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.