



## **CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

**Present:** Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)

Councillors Cracknell, Furneaux, Harness, Shepherd and Shreeve

### **DN.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence from this meeting was received from Councillor S. Swinburn.

### **DN.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **DN.3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

### **DN.4 EDUCATION AND INCLUSION STRATEGY 2022-2025**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education presenting the Education and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2025 for approval.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the Education and Inclusion Strategy, as laid out at appendix 1 of the report now submitted; its key priorities and its contribution towards the Councils aims and objectives, be approved.**

- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education to discharge their statutory duty through the delivery of the Education and Inclusion Strategy and its key priorities.**
- 3. That the Education and Inclusion Strategy be referred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for consideration.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – The Council has a duty under the Education Act, and the recently published Schools White Paper and Special Education Needs Green Paper, to effectively plan, manage and deliver a range of statutory functions and activities across the Borough.

The Education and Inclusion Strategy clearly outlines the Council's future role and priorities in respect of skills and educational achievement for the children and young people within its Borough.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Doing nothing. Not having an up-to-date Education and Inclusion Strategy is not an option given the Local Authorities responsibilities, and particularly its duty in respect of protecting the vulnerable and ensuring all learners have access to a suitable school place.

## **DN.5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care presenting the annual Director of Public Health report for 2021.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the recommendations made by the Director of Public Health within the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Public Health be directed:**
  - a. to formally publish the Director of Public Health's annual report 2021, as laid out at appendix 1 of the report now submitted, on the Council's website.**
  - b. to widely electronically distribute and promote the Director of Public Health's annual report, with only a small number of hard copies produced.**
- 3. That the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021 be referred to the Joint Committee Meeting and Health and Wellbeing (Place board) meeting for consideration.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – It is a statutory requirement under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 s 31 (6) that the local authority publishes the Director of Public Health’s annual report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Members could decide not to actively promote the annual public health report; however, it is a statutory responsibility of the local authority to publish it.

**DN.6 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT LESS THAN BEST CONSIDERATION – LEASEHOLD DISPOSAL OF BUTT LANE PLAYING FIELDS, LACEBY**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to dispose, by way of a 125-year full, repairing, and insuring lease, Butt Lane Playing Fields, Laceby.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the principle of a full, repairing, and insuring lease of the subject Site for a term of 125-years at a peppercorn rent (£1 per annum if demanded) to The Laceby Community Collective, 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, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above;**
- 4. That it be noted, that until disposal is ultimately achieved, the Council continues its commitment to maintaining the site.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – A proposal has been received from the Group which has been considered as part of the Council’s approach to Community Asset Transfers (CAT). The proposal, by way of a full Business Case, has been agreed in principle which could result in the transfer of the Site by virtue of a 125-year full, repairing, and insuring lease. The lease would enable the asset to transfer to the Group on the basis that their proposal is sustainable and viable over the term.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – To do nothing would see the Group not taking on responsibility of the Site and be unable to develop their proposals and seek future funding opportunities to improve the Site for the benefit of the residents and community. As a result, the Site use would continue to be managed as is, including all associated costs being that of the Council.

The freehold disposal of the Site has not been considered at this time. This is in respect of the Council's continued interest in the use of the land and mitigating risk in the event the Group are unable to continue with maintaining the Site. In such circumstances where the proposal is no longer viable, which impacts on the on-going use of the Site, the Council could take action to seek an alternative use of the Site or to prevent any unauthorised uses of the Site which a freehold disposal would remove.

## **DN.7 2021/22 OUTTURN FINANCE MONITORING REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets report providing key information and analysis of the Council's financial position and performance at the end of the 2021/22 year.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the outturn position be noted and the report be referred to Scrutiny for consideration.**
- 2. That the slippage requests in respect of the 2021/22 capital programme as detailed in Annex 1, of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 3. That the revised Capital Programme for 2022/24 included at Annex 1, of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 4. That the year end reserves position as detailed within Annex 1, of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 5. That the use of the management of change reserve to address any significant variances arising from technical adjustments linked to the completion of the year end accounts, be approved.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – The report is important in informing Cabinet on the financial position and performance of the Council and highlighting key risks and opportunities.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Not applicable to monitoring report.

## **DN.8 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – MULTIPLY**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing seeking approval to submit an Investment Plan for the UK Share Prosperity Funding allocation.

### **RESOLVED –**

1. **That the submission of an Investment Plan for UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Multiply) to the Department for Education (DfE), be approved.**
2. **That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care in consultation with the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Greater Grimsby Board to take all actions necessary, including;**
  - 2.1 **Acceptance of the grant funding award from the Department for Education.**
  - 2.2 **Defrayal of the grant and any ancillary activity in support of the above recommendations.**
3. **That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets to execute all documentation arising.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – To support the submission of the first UKSPF Investment Plan for Multiply for approval and to access the funding allocations by the deadline of 30 June 2022.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing – we could choose not to submit an Investment Plan; however, this is not a competitive process and the funds have already been allocated.

## **DN.9 STRATEGIC SITE ACQUISITION**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing seeking approval to a strategic site acquisition.

### **RESOLVED –**

1. **That the acquisition of the site more fully described in closed 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 Leader of the Council to settle all terms and conditions relating to the acquisition**
3. **That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documentation arising.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – The decision allows the Council to proceed with the acquisition of a strategic site in Grimsby town centre.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The Council does not have to pursue strategic land assembly options and it could decide that it is not currently able to support the longer-term strategic development opportunity. However, the opportunity to acquire the site by agreement

will support the wider ambition to regenerate Grimsby town centre and support the deliverability of regeneration projects and potential bids.

The Council could decide it does not wish to intervene. However, the challenges of town centres are well known, there is significant market failure and those areas that have deliverable schemes are more likely to succeed under the Levelling Up agenda.

## **DN. 10 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).**

## **DN.12 STRATEGIC SITE ACQUISITION**

Cabinet considered an appendix to the report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing referred to at DN.9 above.

**RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at DN.9 above, be noted.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – As per DN.9

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – As per DN.9