



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **CABINET**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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 and Governance) (Monitoring Officer)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Place and Resources)
- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Janice Spencer (Interim Director of Children's Services)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Services)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also present: Michelle Lalor, Head of Communications and Customer and Councillor Holland

There were no members of the public and no member of the press present.

### **CB.93 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **CB.94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harness declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in CB.104 as a shareholder in Total SA.

### **CB.95 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

**CB.96 2022/23 QUARTER THREE 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 three of 2022/23.

RESOLVED –

1. That the content in Appendix A of the report now submitted be noted.
2. That the report now submitted be referred to all scrutiny panels for further consideration and challenge.

**CB.97 2022/23 QUARTER THREE FINANCE MONITORING REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the key information and analysis of the Council's position and performance against its Finance and Commissioning Plan for the third 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.
4. That the report now submitted be referred to scrutiny for consideration.

**CB.98 A REVISED APPROACH TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE CHARGING FOR SHORT STAYS IN A CARE HOME ('RESPITE')**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care on the revised approach to adult social care charging for short term stays in a care home (respite).

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed approach to respite be adopted for implementation from 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Adult Social Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, to revise the charging policy for the financial year 2023/24 and thereafter enable the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care to make minor modifications periodically as may be required in accordance with the constitutional responsibility afforded to that office.

**CB.99 DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD GRANT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval and acceptance of the ring-fenced Department for Education (DfE) Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant of £795,450 in order for the Council to coordinate the delivery of free holiday clubs for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

RESOLVED –

1. That the acceptance of the DfE Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant of £795,450 be authorised.
2. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be authorised to ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to co-ordinate and implement the HAF programme.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation arising.

**CB.100 SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education which sets out the proposed School Year for 2024-2025 for all voluntary controlled and community schools within the local authority.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed dates for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2024–2025 academic year, as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the Director for Children’s Services be authorised to implement and take all reasonable steps arising, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education.

**CB.101 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Children and Education that describes the local authority’s school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED –

1. That the position whereby the general admission arrangements, including published admissions numbers (PANs), for the local authority’s community and voluntary controlled schools for 2024-2025 are unchanged, be supported.
2. That the position that no material changes would be made to the local authority’s co-ordinated school admission arrangements published schemes other than the updating of dates and deadlines, and that locally agreed protocols that support admission arrangements would continue to be reviewed on a regular basis, be supported.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, to increase the published admission number of an individual year group in a school in exceptional circumstances.
4. That it be noted that those schools / academies that are their own admission authorities have the ability to consult and determine their own admission arrangements. Details of known proposed changes were provided at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted.
5. That, with the increasing number of academies within the local authority, it be noted that the number of schools for which the local authority is responsible for in respect of determining admission arrangements is reduced.

**CB.102 APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DELIVERING BETTER VALUE IN SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) SERVICES GRANT.**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval and acceptance of the ring-fenced Department for Education Delivering Better Value in SEND services grant of £1,000,000.

RESOLVED –

1. That the acceptance of the DfE Delivering Better Value in SEND services grant of £1,000,000 be authorised.
2. That the Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be authorised to ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to co-ordinate and implement the Delivering Better Value programme.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation arising.

**CB.103 EMPTY PROPERTIES - COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing report seeking authority for the Council to pursue Compulsory Purchase Order formal action to tackle three problematic empty properties, where all other informal and formal options had failed.

RESOLVED –

1. That the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders on 49 Bentley Street Cleethorpes, 62 Pasture Street/63-67 Willingham Street Grimsby and 168 Rutland Street, Grimsby be approved.
2. That the Executive Director Place and Resources be authorised to use funding allocated within the existing Empty Homes Capital Budget to fund legal, professional and acquisition costs.
3. That the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing, be delegated authority to commence and implement all formalities in connection with the exercise of compulsory purchase powers and all actions reasonably ancillary thereto and thereafter deal

with subsequent disposal or refurbishment or other use as shall be at the Executive Director's discretion and being subject to internal governance processes with a view to bringing the properties back into use.

4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation.

## **CB.104 ELECTRICITY AND GAS BASKET FRAMEWORK**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to carry out a further call off from the existing framework to help avoid risks of additional cost increases associated with the Council trying to re-procure its energy frameworks during a period of extreme market volatility.

RESOLVED –

1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing, to approve a further call off from the Electricity and Gas Basket framework.
2. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed 5:32pm