



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 5th April 2023 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, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

DN.122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Swinburn declared an Other Registerable Interest in DN.124 as a member of Immingham Town Council.

DN.123 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meetings on the 8th March 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.124 PLAYZONE FUNDING

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy seeking approval to apply for grant funding and in the worst case scenario using up to £94,000 of Council investment as match funding for the bid application.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the submission of a grant funding application to the Football Foundation to develop Play Zone sites in North East Lincolnshire, with an indication of a commitment of up to £94,000 of Council investment as match funding in the worst case scenario, to underwrite commitments from proposed operators, for the bid application in the event of failure and subject to a successful grant application be approved.**
- 2) That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy be delegated authority to commence a procurement exercise to engage a contractor to deliver the PlayZone sites and thereafter award, mobilise and implement such proposal with further authority to take all reasonable ancillary actions to ensure implementation.**
- 3) That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy be delegated authority to procure and thereafter award to and appoint operators to carry out the day-to-day management of PlayZone sites with further authority to take all reasonable ancillary actions to ensure implementation.**
- 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.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to submit a grant application to the Football Foundation to secure external funding and subject to the application being successful, implement an operator model for the delivery of PlayZone sites.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The alternative is to do nothing, there are a range of existing small-sided multi-sport courts across the borough that are in a poor condition and based on existing budget, without external grant funding, current conditions are likely to remain or deteriorate further.

DN.125 PROCUREMENT OF ICT HARDWARE AND MOBILE DEVICES

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to start the procurement exercise for new ICT hardware and mobile devices.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the commencement of a procurement exercise for ICT Hardware and Mobile devices as set out in the report now submitted be approved.**
- 2) That the Executive Director, Place and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets be delegated authority to commence a procurement exercise for the purchase of ICT Hardware and mobile devices, to award and implement and to take all reasonable ancillary actions arising.**
- 3) That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all legal documentation arising.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The decision allows the Council to commence the procurement exercise for the replacement ICT Hardware and Mobile devices contract and allows the Council to award the contract.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED - Do nothing – The current contracts have ended, so there is a need to procure a replacement contract in order that the Council are compliant with its Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

DN.126 SUPPLEMENTARY SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT & RECOVERY FUNDING 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval to accept the allocated Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Director of Public Health in consultation with the**

Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be authorised to accept the funding from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities on behalf of the Council.

- 2) That the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be delegated authority to implement all actions and ancillary matters reasonably arising within the conditionality of such funding to deliver the anticipated outcomes.**
- 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.**

REASON FOR DECISION – As stated above the allocated funding is to continue to rebuild drug treatment and recovery services, including those for young people and offenders and to deliver locally the outcomes outlined in the 10-year drug plan.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – To not to accept the funding/sign the Memorandum of Understanding resulting in the loss of the funding and subsequently not being able to deliver on the required outcomes of the Government's 10-year drug plan.

DN.127 HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND TRANCHE 4

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval of the household support fund tranche 4 high level framework.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the high-level framework as laid out in Appendix 1 of this report now submitted be approved.**
- 2) That the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets be delegated authority to effectively govern and administer the fund based on the needs of our community over the coming financial year.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - The Household Support Fund (2023 – 2024) is the latest in a line of welfare grants that have been awarded to the Council to support low-income households with the cost-of-living crisis. This is the fourth tranche of funding to be issued by the

Department for Work and Pensions under the Household Support Fund, which began in October 2021, and we have taken the elements that have been most effective from those schemes to propose the approach for this fund.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

We are limited by the DWP guidance criteria, but other options include:

Not accepting the grant – we could inform the DWP that we do not want to run the scheme on their behalf. This is not seen as a viable option, as this would deprive households that are in need and potentially place them in further difficulty.

Allocate all funding to households eligible for free school meals – this would disadvantage vulnerable residents and households who do not have children.

Allocate all funding to the VCS – the VCS have successfully delivered significant proportions of grants on our behalf in recent years, but this method of delivery is not without its challenges. We will liaise with the sector about their capacity to support us and offer a proportion of the grant to cover their administration costs, but it is recognised that the current challenging climate puts pressure on their services to an extent that may limit their involvement. We will, however, continue to engage with them on the distribution of the HSF throughout the year to ensure their valued insight into the needs of our community are taken in to account and to engage them as delivery partners whenever practicable.