

To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16th March 2023

#### CABINET

# 18th January 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)
- Spencer Hunt (Assistant Director for Safer and Partnerships)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also present: Liz Marsden (Strategic Communications Lead)

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

#### CB.83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

#### CB.84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### CB.85 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

# CB.86 COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES AND SAFE ACCOMMODATION IN NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking approval to undertake a commissioning and procurement exercise for the delivery of Domestic Abuse Services in North East Lincolnshire

#### RESOLVED -

- 1. That the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities be authorised to undertake a commissioning and procurement exercise for the delivery of Domestic Abuse Services in North East Lincolnshire.
- 2. That the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities be delegated the ability to make an award with a view to commencement of provision from 1st August 2023.
- 3. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute all documentation arising

#### CB.87 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE BUS NETWORK REVIEW

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport that seeks approval to realign £288,000 of Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Funding to secure four bus services and also sought approval to continue the delivery of the current Concessionary Fares scheme and to delegate approval to agree 2023/2024 Concessionary Fares Scheme reimbursement arrangements with bus operators

#### RESOLVED -

- 1. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be authorised to realign £288,000 of Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding (BSIP) for the purposes set out in this report (Appendix B/ Option 2). The realignment of this external grant funding is subject to approval from the Department for Transport (DfT).
- 2. That if the negotiations to utilise DfT BSIP funding do not conclude successfully, Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be authorised to approve the Traffic Commissioner Proformas which will allow the bus operator to register changes (identified in Appendix A) to bus services from 1 April 2023 due to their uncommercial nature. There

is not currently sufficient budget to subsidise these services. Therefore, it is not recommended the local authority subsidises these bus services from existing North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) budgets as this will create the risk of the local authority overspending on the overall available Transport budget in 2023/2024.

- 3. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport (subject to the acquiescence of the Section 151 Officer) be authorised to manage and make decisions on the 2023/2024 A1274 Transport budget (secure any bus services which are deemed socially necessary) and ensure decisions are made within the available budget.
- 4. That the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Council Concessionary Fares Scheme (with existing nonstatutory local enhancements) from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 be approved.
- 5. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be authorised to approve 2023/2024 Concessionary Fares Scheme reimbursement arrangements with bus operators.
- 6. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above.

#### CB.88 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.89 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE BUS NETWORK REVIEW

Cabinet considered the closed appendices referred to at CB.87 on the agenda.

RESOLVED – That the appendix be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed 5:10pm



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### **CABINET (Special – Budget)**

# 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 10.00am

**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)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also present: Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer) and Councillor Shutt.

There was one member of the press and no members of public present.

#### CB.91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

#### CB.92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

# CB.93 <u>BUDGET, FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING PLAN 2023/24 – 2025/26</u>

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets outlining how the Council planned to deliver its agreed financial strategy over the coming three-year period.

#### RESOLVED -

- 1. That the Draft Budget, Finance and Commissioning Plan for the period 2023/24 2025/26 (as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report now submitted) be approved for consultation purposes in accordance with the Constitution, including:
  - a proposed 2.98% increase in Council Tax in 2023/24
  - a proposed 2% Adult Social Care precept in 2023/24
  - a proposed allocation of financial resources to deal with demand pressures, transformational activity and key priority areas.
  - as a matter of policy, that there be an annual organisation wide uplift in fees and charges (where permissible by law) in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) or any official index replacing it.
  - in order to create additional capacity and to support transformation within the organisation, to realise an increased reliance on the utilisation of capital receipts through property rationalisation (disposal of property assets).
- 2. That the Draft Budget, Finance and Commissioning Plan be referred to formal Scrutiny for consultation.
- That, due to the uncertainty in relation to the Local Government Funding model and current funding gaps in 2024/25 and 2025/26, regular updates be provided to Cabinet through quarterly monitoring reports.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.08 a.m.