



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8th July 2020 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, Fenty, Lindley, Procter, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from this meeting.

DN.136 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

DN.137 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 10th June 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.138 ENFORCEMENT SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP FINDINGS

Cabinet considered a report from the Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Panel setting out the findings and recommendations of the Enforcement Scrutiny Working Group.

RESOLVED –

That the recommendations of the Enforcement Scrutiny Working Group, as referred to Cabinet by the Communities Scrutiny Panel, be adopted and the Director of Economy and Growth be authorised,

in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, to implement such recommendations subject to internal governance and controls.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The rationale for each recommendation was included in the report now submitted.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – None.

DN.139 CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children’s Services setting out the Council’s response to the Ofsted Monitoring Visit in 2019, and progress on the identified actions within the Department for Education (DfE) Improvement Notice.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the decisions and actions taken to date as part of the Improvement Plan be endorsed.**
- 2. That the areas of improvement against the ‘DfE Escalation Measures’ be noted and that the proposed way forward be endorsed, with the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children’s Services instructed to so implement, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People.**
- 3. That the report now submitted be referred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – As part of the need for ongoing assurance that the identified actions detailed in the Improvement Notice have been satisfactorily addressed.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – None.

DN.140 EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing setting out the Empty Property Strategy 2020 – 2024 and associated action plan.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the adoption of the Empty Property Strategy and action plan be approved.**

- 2. That the Director for Economy and Growth be authorised to implement the strategy and action plan, making such amendments and updates as are required from time to time in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - The strategy and action plan aim to address the challenges and opportunities bringing empty property back into use in North East Lincolnshire. The strategy will help to deliver on the Council's vision and opportunity for a strong economy, sustainable communities, improved learning and skills and wellbeing, where people feel safe and are safe in their community.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED - It is acknowledged that the social, economic and political environment in relation to housing issues evolve at speed and housing strategies can become dated and require regular review. It is important that the Council continues to monitor external factors and demonstrates an understanding of local housing issues in order to continue setting the strategic direction and appropriate action plan. The Empty Property Strategy Action Plan provides clarity around how the Council will address the issues around providing quality housing accommodation to meet housing need and bring empty residential and commercial property back into use, in the Borough.

DN.141 CCTV STRATEGY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities setting out the Council's existing CCTV capability and putting forward recommendations to upgrade the current provision by means of a substantial capital investment and adoption of a new Public Space CCTV strategy.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the adoption of the Public Space CCTV Strategy be approved.**
- 2. That the capital investment of £1,002,500.00 to be invested into CCTV provision, be approved.**
- 3. That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Children's Services be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Resources and Governance and Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, to implement the strategy and make amendments and updates as necessary from time to time.**
- 4. That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Children's Services be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, to commence a procurement exercise for the provision of CCTV and make an award.**

5. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute documentation arising.

REASON FOR DECISION – A revised strategy combined with significant capital investment will improve working practices and partnership working and enable the latest digital CCTV technology to be utilised to prevent & detect crime, environmental crime and anti-social behaviour. This in turn will raise public confidence and enhance the personal safety of residents and visitors to the local area.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

Do nothing – leave all CCTV systems as it currently is. This option would not support the Council's strategic aims and is likely to have higher cost implications at a later date due to the incompatibility and out of date software.

Remove CCTV system altogether - Some local authorities have decommissioned their CCTV network as there is no statutory requirement for them to carry out this function. This option fails to support the Council's strategic aims and would likely result in negative publicity and raised concerns from local businesses, commercial investment and partner groups such as the Police and Fire service. The strategic benefits of having a CCTV system as already detailed would not be realised.

DN.142 MERIDIAN SHOWGROUND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage and Culture setting out the recommendations regarding the future management, maintenance and operation of the Meridian Showground in Cleethorpes.

RESOLVED – That the Director of Economy and Growth be authorised to continue to arrange the management of the Showground and for it to be maintained and operated by the Council, in line with the recommendation in Option 2, as detailed within Appendix A of the report now submitted, subject to full review by Cabinet prior to the end of the 2020/21 financial period.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The Showground is currently being managed by the Council with the objective being to enhance North East Lincolnshire's (NEL) cultural offer. The Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage and Culture has agreed for the Council to continue to take provisional bookings on an eighteen month rolling programme, with the intention to honour all bookings thus ensuring that income continues to be generated and that the Showground makes a contribution towards the arts and cultural offer within NEL. Over the last eighteen months

significant progress has been made in reducing costs and increasing income and so this is an appropriate time to review the range of management options available to the Council and recommend a preferred way forward.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

To be read in conjunction with the management options set out within Appendix A of the report now submitted:

Option 1: Do nothing.

Option 2: Retain Council operation and link to the emerging cultural development work and events function.

Option 3: Offer to Lincs Inspire Limited, under new term.

Option 4: Seek a third party to operate as a showground.

Option 5: Seek a third party to operate the site for any other reason.

Option 6: Cease operation of the Service and decommission the site.

Option 7: Cease operation of the Service and dispose of the site.