



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on the 17th March, 2022

CABINET

16th February 2022 at 5.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Cracknell, Lindley, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Sally Jack (Assistant Director Education and Inclusion)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer Services)
- Laura Cowie (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

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

CB.111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence received from Councillor Procter for this meeting.

CB.112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from any Councillor for this meeting.

CB.113 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 19th January 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.114 QUARTER 3 FINANCE MONITORING REPORT 2021/22

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing key information and analysis

of the Council's position and performance against its Finance and Commissioning Plan for the third quarter of the 2021/22 year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the reported position and the uncertainties related to the impacts of Covid-19 and its potential longer-term implications, be noted.
2. That the Financial Monitoring Report be referred to Scrutiny for consideration.
3. That the revised Capital Programme for 2021/22 included at Annex 1 of the report now submitted be approved.

CB.115 COUNCIL PLAN

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council seeking agreement of the content of the Council Plan.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL – That the Council Plan outlined in appendix A of the report now submitted be approved and adopted.

CB.116 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022 – 2025

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets representing the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022 – 2025 for consideration prior to Full Council.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the 2022/23 Budget and summary 2022/23 – 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP') contained within Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the proposed 1.98% increase in Council Tax, be approved.
3. That the proposed 1% Adult Social Care precept in 2022/23, be approved.
4. That the Commissioning plans contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 1) of the report now submitted, be approved.
5. That the Capital Investment Strategy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 3) of the report now submitted, be approved.
6. That the 2022/23 - 2024/25 Capital Programme set out in Appendix 1 (Annex 2) of the report now submitted, be approved.

7. That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 7) of the report now submitted, be approved.
8. That the uncertainty relating to the impact of COVID-19 and other significant external factors be noted and the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources requested to update Cabinet within quarterly monitoring reports.

**CB.117 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY
2022/23**

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the restated Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement prior to Full Council consideration.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the Treasury Management Policy Statement at appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2022/23 at appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement at Annex 2 of Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.

CB.118 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022 – 2023

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council presenting the Pay Policy Statement for 2022 – 2023 prior to Full Council consideration.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL - That the pay policy statement for the period 2022/23 be approved.

**CB.119 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL CONCESSIONARY
FARES SCHEME**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval of the final scheme following a period of consultation; the scheme would come into force on the 1st April 2022.

RESOLVED –

1. That the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Concessionary Fares Scheme (with existing non-statutory local enhancements) from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, be approved.

2. That the proposed reimbursement of the operators starting from 2019/2020 Concessionary Fares baseline (pre COVID-19), and to follow the Department for Transport “Concessionary Recovery Strategy”, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to ensure that all actions necessary and ancillary to the above recommendations be completed.
4. That upon the Department of Transport amending the COVID-19 Bus Recovery Grant (BRG) or issuing updated concessionary travel guidance, the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, be authorised to approve an amended Concessionary Fares agreement with local bus operators.
5. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising.

CB.120 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education presenting the school admission arrangements 2023/24 for approval.

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 2023-2024 be unchanged and supported.
2. That the position that no material changes 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 continue to be reviewed on a regular basis, be supported.
3. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care 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 those schools and academies that are their own admission authorities have the ability to consult and determine their own admission arrangements, be noted (details of known proposed changes were provided at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted).
5. That it be noted that with the increasing number of academies within the local authority, the number of schools for which the local authority is responsible for in respect of determining admission arrangements is reduced.

CB.121 SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education presenting the school term dates for North East Lincolnshire's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2023/24 academic year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed dates for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2023–2024 academic year, as detailed at Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of People, Health and Care, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, to implement and take all reasonable steps arising.

CB.122 STREETWORKS LICENCE CHARGES: SKIPS, SCAFFOLD AND PORTABLE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to implement new Streetworks licence charges for the placing of skips, scaffold and portable traffic signals on the Highway.

RESOLVED –

1. That the introduction of Streetworks licence charges for the placing of skips, scaffold, and portable traffic signals on the Highway, subject to satisfactory the conclusion of the benchmarking exercise and IT implementation, as identified in paragraphs 1.12 and 1.13 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Transport, to implement an appropriate scheme.

3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above.

CB.123 PROCUREMENT OF INSURANCE SERVICES

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise for the Council's Insurance Services

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for the Insurance Services be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of the contract(s) for the Insurance Services.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all legal documentation in connection with the award.

CB.124 INCREASING PUPIL PROVISION AT BEACON ACADEMY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking authority to spend a sum of the Local Authority's Basic Need Government Grant allocation within the Council's school estate, specifically at Beacon Academy to increase Pupil Provision.

RESOLVED –

1. That the programme of a new pupil places scheme at Beacon Academy to create a further 150 places, to ensure that the Local Authority has sufficient and suitable school places to meet its statutory responsibility as per the Education Act 1996, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for People, Health and Care (as Director for Children's Services) and in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education to so implement and take all ancillary action arising.

CB.125 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL LETTINGS LEGISLATION PENALTY NOTICE POLICY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking adoption of a new policy which would

enable the Trading Standards to use financial penalties, as an alternative to prosecution, under the relevant letting agency legislation.

RESOLVED –

1. That the adoption of the Lettings Legislation Penalty Notice policy as set out in 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 Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, to take all actions reasonably necessary to implement, administer and ensure enforcement of such policy, where necessary.

CB. 126 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.127 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME

Cabinet considered the closed appendix in relation to item CB.119.

RESOLVED – As noted at CB.119 above.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.47 p.m.