

To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on the 16th December, 2021

CABINET

8th September 2021 at 5.00 p.m.

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

Officers in attendance:

- Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care)
- Damien Jaines-White (Assistant Director Regeneration)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Helen Knights (Head of ICT and Digital)
- Paul Thorpe (Director of Operations) (Equans)
- Jacqui Wells (Housing Programme Manager) (Equans)
- Laura Cowie (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

There were also two members of the public and one member of the press in attendance.

CB.48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

CB.49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cracknell declared a personal interest at CB.54, due to an employee been a member of the community group involved in the potential asset transfer.

CB.50 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 11th August 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.51 COUNCIL PLAN

Cabinet considered a report from Leader of the Council presenting the latest Council Plan for consideration.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the progress being made on the refresh of the Outcomes Framework with partners, and the further consultation required prior to adoption of a final version by the Place Board, be noted.
- 2. That the draft Council Plan outlined in Appendix A of the report now submitted be agreed and referred to Scrutiny for engagement and feedback.
- 3. That following scrutiny engagement, Considers a final report on the Council Plan prior to referral to Full Council for final adoption.

CB.52 ECONOMIC STRATEGY 2021

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council setting out the Economic Strategy 2021 for adoption.

Following a joint meeting of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel and the Economy Scrutiny Panel to consider the Economic Strategy, recommendations were made to Cabinet. The Leader, as a result, moved amended recommendations which were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the Economic Strategy 2021 be agreed, as drawn subject to the following additions:
 - i. At page 43, section 9.31: an additional provision to work with private sector colleagues to assess the potential for a careers advice service for students from secondary and tertiary education settings; and
 - ii. Noting that inward investment includes businesses across all sectors (including tourism) to incorporate specific tourism objectives into the Cleethorpes Master planning exercise.
- 2. That the referral to Scrutiny be noted and having regard to the above recommendations, referred the Economic Strategy to Full Council for final adoption.

CB.53 HIGHWAYS FRAMEWORK 2022 – 2026

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to procure the renewal of the Highways Framework.

RESOLVED –

- That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets and the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to release a compliant tender under the contract regulations for the Highways Frameworks (through ENGIE).
- 2. That upon completion of the process, authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets and the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the award of the contracts to the successful provider(s).
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.54 DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise to reprocure the Apprenticeship Dynamic Purchasing System.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for the replacement Apprenticeship Dynamic Purchasing System 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 relating to the award of individual contract under the Apprenticeship Dynamic Purchasing System.

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

CB.55 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT LESS THAN BEST CONSIDERATION – Lease disposal of BMX Trails, Taylors Avenue, Cleethorpes

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking authority to dispose of the subject Site, namely the BMX Trails at Taylors Avenue, Cleethorpes.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the principle of a full, repairing, and insuring lease of the subject Site for a term of 125 years at a peppercorn rent (£1 per annum if demanded) to GY95, be approved.
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for, Finance, Resources and Assets authority to settle all terms and ensure that all necessary actions are carried out to complete the lease disposal.
- 3. That the Assistant Director of Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.56 PROCUREMENT OF THE MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

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 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, be approved.
- 2. That the purchase of Microsoft E5 licensing be approved.
- 3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of the contract for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement and E5 licencing.

4. 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.57 HOUSING DELIVERY MODEL

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise to procure and award to a developer(s), the delivery of housing on the Western and Matthew Humberstone sites.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the Cabinet decision of 10th July 2019, to select an Investment Partner and enter into a Limited Liability Partnership, be revoked.
- That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism to commence a procurement exercise to procure and award to a developer(s), to deliver housing on the Western and Matthew Humberstone sites by mutually beneficial means having regard to prevailing direction of funders.
- 3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism to implement full delivery of the sites and to deal with all ancillary matters. Such delivery to include extra care provision as anticipated by the masterplan on both Western and Matthew Humberstone sites.
- 4. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation.

CB.58 DECISION TO PROCEED TO BE A REGISTERED PROVIDER AND INVESTMENT PARTNER

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism seeking approval to become a Registered Provider and Investment Partner, which enable the Council to access future Homes England funding.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the position for North East Lincolnshire Council to enter the social housing market through the provision of temporary Council housing be supported, and that North East Lincolnshire Council be regulated by the Social Housing Regulator be agreed.
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources to apply to become a Registered Provider and obtain Investment Partner status.
- 3. That the Temporary Housing Allocations Policy at Appendix B of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism, to implement the Temporary Housing Allocation Policy and to make any amendments as may be required from time to time.
- 5. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism, to bid for future funding initiatives and enter into grant funding agreements that support the increase of Affordable Housing.
- 6. That the Assistant Director of Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer), be authorised to execute all documentation arising from the above.

CB.59 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICE CONTRACT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills seeking approval to commence a procurement for the Independent Information, Advice and Guidance Service for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for the Independent Information, Advice and Guidance Service for SEND, be approved.
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills, to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of the contract for the Independent Information, Advice and Guidance Service for SEND.
- 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.60 URGENT BUSINESS - ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT (ARG) – PHASE 3

Cabinet considered an item of urgent business from the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism noting the award from Government of a further £891k to utilise for wider business support activities and by 31st March 2022.

This item was considered under the Special Urgency requirements as set out in the Council's Constitution, and with the agreement of the Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Panel. It is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure. This matter was considered urgent in order to achieve defrayal by the set deadline the grant scheme will need to launch as soon as possible.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the award of the additional funding be noted.
- That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources to defray Phase 3 Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding through an extension of the Digital Boost Grant, and Capital business grants for equipment or technology, or otherwise at the Executive Director's discretion, which will boost trade for those most affected or create business growth and job creation.

CB. 61 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.62 STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITION

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council seeking approval to proceed with the acquisition of a site.

RESOLVED -

1. That the acquisition of the site as set out in the Executive Summary of the report now submitted be approved.

- 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council to settle all terms and conditions relating to the acquisition.
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

CB.63 PROCUREMENT OF THE MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

Cabinet considered an appendix to the report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets referred to at CB.55 above.

RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at CB.55 above, be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.44 p.m.