



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **CABINET**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

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

**Officers in attendance:**

- Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
- Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of People, Health and Care)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Laura Cowie (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

**Also in attendance:**

- Councillor Kay Rudd

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

### **CB.5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **CB.6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **CB.7 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

## **CB.8 NELC LITTER STRATEGY 2021**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport presenting the Council's Litter Strategy which sets out a strategic framework for managing litter effectively.

RESOLVED –

1. That the North East Lincolnshire Council Litter Strategy be approved and adopted with immediate effect.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources to carry out all actions necessary to implement the adopted strategy.
3. That the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources be instructed to ensure that Cabinet receives a progress report in June 2022, setting out the impact of the new strategy.

## **CB.9 HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism presenting a summary of the outcome of a procurement exercise and seeking approval to award.

RESOLVED –

1. That the recommendation to award the framework to the preferred tenderers detailed 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 Economic Development, Housing and Tourism, to ensure that all necessary actions in relation to the award are carried out.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation.

## **CB.10 GYPSY AND TRAVELLER DESIGNATED STOPPING SITE/ACCOMMODATION ASSESSMENT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to change direction from locating a site for use as a Designated Stopping Place to further explore how a managed approach with 'negotiated stopping agreements' could be implemented.

RESOLVED –

1. That the findings of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment be approved and the summarised feedback to the technical consultation be noted.
2. That the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources be instructed to release the five sites formerly identified as potential Designated Stopping Places from any further consideration as Designated Stopping Places.
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to explore a 'negotiated stopping agreement' approach, and report back to Cabinet.

## **CB.11 2020/21 PROVISIONAL OUTTURN REPORT**

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 at the end of the 2020/21 financial year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the reported position at the financial year end, the uncertainties related to the impacts of COVID-19 and its potential longer term implications, be noted.
2. That the report be referred to Scrutiny for consideration.
3. That the use of the management of change reserve to address any significant variances arising from technical adjustments linked to the completion of the year end accounts, be approved.
4. That the updated reserves position which included the remaining COVID-19 support grant of £3.7M and an increase in the business rates equalisation reserve of £12.4M to offset the loss of income from additional retail reliefs and which will materialise through the collection fund in 2021/22, be approved.

5. That the slippage requests in respect of the 2020/21 capital scheme as detailed in Annex 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
6. That the revised 2021/24 Capital Programme as detailed in Annex 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.

## **CB.12 HIGHER NEEDS PROVISION CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS GRANT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills seeking approval to accept funding from the Department for Education which would enable the Local Authority to invest in providing new places or to improve existing provision for pupils with high needs across a range of different educational settings.

RESOLVED –

1. That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills, to accept £883,216 of grant funding from the Department for Education on behalf of the Local Authority.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills, to develop plans and commence related consultation and procurement exercises, including awards of contracts, to deliver the scheme to provide new places or improve existing provision where this benefits children and young people with high needs.

## **CB.13 GRIMSBY AND IMMINGHAM FLOOD RESILIENCE INNOVATION FUNDING**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to develop a programme of sustainable drainage measures to reduce flood risk to properties and public highway.

RESOLVED –

1. That the grant funding offer from Defra Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation, be approved and accepted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport to commence the procurement of a contractor to deliver a programme of surface water drainage improvements and retrofit sustainable drainage measures.

3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

#### **CB.14 DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD GRANT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills seeking approval to accept a grant of £773,750 from the Department for Education to help coordinate the delivery of free holiday clubs for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

RESOLVED –

1. That the acceptance of the Department for Education Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant of £773,750, 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 ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to co-ordinate and implement the HAF programme.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation arising.

#### **CB.15 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT LESS THAN BEST CONSIDERATION – FREEHOLD DISPOSAL OF FORMER PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, ADJOINING AND FIRST FLOOR OFFICES AT 98-100 GARIBALDI STREET, GRIMSBY**

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking authority to dispose of the former public conveniences and offices across the ground and first floor at 98-100 Garibaldi Street by way of a freehold disposal.

RESOLVED –

1. That the principle of a freehold disposal at a nominal value to the Rock Foundation subject to a covenant within the freehold transfer to restrict the use of the property to charitable aims and objectives and reserve to the Council an option to either re-acquire the property or receive the market value consideration from the group, should the property ever cease to be used for charitable aims and objectives or be sold on for development, 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 settle all terms and ensure that all necessary actions are carried out to complete the freehold 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.16 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council seeking approval to undertake and subsequently award a procurement exercise for the provision of professional delivery team who will cover the full suite of disciplines required to successfully deliver this scheme.

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for the provision of a professional delivery team, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of the contract for the provision of a professional delivery team.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

## **CB.17 TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN PROJECTS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council presenting information on the revisions made to the project proposals within the Town Investment Plan at the request of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) following a grant offer of £20.9m by the Towns Fund programme.

RESOLVED –

1. That the revised project proposals for inclusion in the Town Investment Plan, which will be allocated funding from Grimsby Towns Fund, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Greater Grimsby Board to:

- a. Finalise the detail and submit the revisions to the Town Investment Plan projects and their funding allocations to MHCLG within the agreed timeline of 25th June 2021; and
- b. take all actions necessary to continue to develop these projects to full business case stage, as the next stage of the Towns Fund process.

## **CB.18      TRANSITION EU-EXIT UPDATE**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council confirming the current position in respect of border control to ensure the anticipated impact of the changes being introduced is managed.

RESOLVED –

1. That the update at the closed Appendix 1 of the report now submitted be noted and a further update be brought to Cabinet during 2022.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources to enter into a lease with Associated British Ports (ABP) to deliver Port Health services at the new Border Control Post.
3. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for the provision of Portal Official Veterinarian services, be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder of Safer and Stronger Communities to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of the contract for the provision of Portal Official Veterinarian services.
5. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

## **CB.19      PLAYPARK IMPROVEMENT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to commence a programme of improvement and increased maintenance of play parks within the borough.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposal to release the approved capital to commence a procurement exercise for the Play Area Equipment including installation, repairs and maintenance arrangements, be approved.

2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of such contracts.
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, and following consultation with ward councillors, to agree the implementation plan and allocation of equipment across play parks.
4. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

## **CB.20 COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND BID**

Cabinet considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Asset outlining the applications that had been submitted for consideration and proposing an approach to approving the final shortlist to the UK Government.

RESOLVED –

1. That the process for assessment and short listing of projects outlined within the report now submitted, be endorsed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Deputy Leader to approve the final shortlist for submission,
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Deputy Leader to agree the terms of the resulting contract with Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and to agree the contracts with the successful bidders.
4. That a further update on the approved bids be brought to a future meeting of Cabinet.

## **CB.21 WELCOME BACK FUND**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism seeking approval to accept resultant grant funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

RESOLVED –

1. That, upon the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government approving submitted plans, 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 accept resultant grant funding on behalf of the Council.

2. 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 proposals and deal with all matters arising from and ancillary to the above.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

## **CB.22 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport in relation to expired Public Space Protection Orders within the borough which had been reviewed.

RESOLVED –

1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport to implement the following Public Space Protection Orders for a three-year period:
  - a. Heathfield Court, Grimsby between Heathfield Court and Westward Ho
  - b. Brunel Close, Grimsby
  - c. Kingsley Grove, Grimsby between Kingsley Close and First Avenue
  - d. Queen Elizabeth Road, Humberston between Queen Elizabeth Road and Grimsby Road
  - e. East Marsh areas 1, 2 and 3, Grimsby
  - f. Romsey Court, Grimsby between Romsey Court and Maxwell Court
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to extend each of these Public Space Protection Orders beyond the three-year period.

## **CB.23 LEVELLING UP FUND**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to submit a bid for the Government's Levelling Up Fund.

RESOLVED –

1. That the submission of the Levelling Up Fund bid be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to execute all documentation arising from the application.

#### **CB.24 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.25 HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

Cabinet considered an appendix to the report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport referred to at CB.9 above.

RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at CB.9 above, be noted.

#### **CB.26 TRANSITION EU-EXIT UPDATE**

Cabinet considered an appendix to the report from the Leader of the Council referred to at CB.18 above.

RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at CB.18 above, be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.53 p.m.