

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 16th June 2021 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, Lindley, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DN.5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.6 MINUTES

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

DN.7 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 setting out the impact of the new Strategy in June 2022.

REASONS FOR DECISION - North East Lincolnshire Council takes a zero-tolerance approach to littering. Litter management within NELC is robust and effective but has not previously been supported by a strategic framework. The 2021 Litter Strategy is intended to align our approach with the national picture and recent Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) guidance whilst taking in to account the changing needs of our area.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Options as to how to best deliver services relating to litter management have been considered as the strategy has been developed. Feedback from partners and related services have been taken into account in development of the draft and input has been sought from the Communities Scrutiny Panel prior to bringing the draft to Cabinet.

DN.8 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; and
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The decision allows the Council to award the framework for Housing Related Support for vulnerable single People, couples and families to the preferred tenderers identified in Appendix A and enter into call-off contracts with these tenderers for the provision of Housing Related Support to vulnerable single people, couples and families.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

Not award

To not award would result in the delivery of HRS ceasing, with no planning or preparations in place to ensure ongoing support is provided to those who currently access both accommodation and floating support packages funded via HRS. This would lead to a significant increase in the number of people approaching the Council for further assistance in relation to their housing and independence needs, potentially also resulting in some people losing tenancies, placing them at increased risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, by removing floating support arrangements a significant number of households may quickly reach crisis point, requiring the involvement and support of welfare and public services. We would anticipate an increase in sofa-surfing and rough sleeping across the borough.

Explore options to extend the current contract

The current contract is due to cease on 30th June 2021. As it will be 5 years since the last HRS programme was procured, the needs of those accessing HRS have continued to change over the delivery of programme. Thus, the current specifications for service delivery are not meeting the needs of those who need support. There are no contract extensions available as the procured contractual term was 5 years, to extend beyond this is against Procurement legislation and would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

Explore options to deliver an in-house programme

The Council does not have the resources to deliver an internal programme of HRS. Additionally, the time and resources required to develop an in-house programme is not achievable.

Explore options to terminate delivery of programme

The Council has maintained its commitment in funding the support offered to individuals to access HRS. The removal of such a programme across the Borough would create a significant increase in demand on services in the public and welfare sectors for those most in need. Removing the HRS would remove the frontline face to face / direct services for those residents who may be at risk of heading into crisis. HRS's frontline service reduces demand and the cost burden on key council services, including Adult and Children Services. Removal or significant reduction in HRS funding would also add additional pressures on the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector, who deal with debt, budgeting, health, welfare, education and housing issues, which are already stretched due to current levels of demand.

DN.9 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 (DSP) 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 (GTAA) 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 (5) sites formerly identified as potential Designated Stopping Places (set out later in this report) 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The Council has undertaken a review of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment which has provided new guidance based on current evidence. The feedback to the technical consultation concluded that the previously considered sites are not suitable as DSP's, without significant mitigation. Therefore this change presents an opportunity to review the approach based on the latest advice.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

Do nothing – whilst the GTAA advises that there is no requirement for any permanent or transient pitches in North East Lincolnshire, it does recommend that there is a need to consider how the needs of Gypsies and Travellers will be accommodated and managed. If the Council did not consider the recommendations, it would be operating at risk with the potential for legal challenge from the planning inspector, central government, and private individuals.

Continue to locate a suitable site for a Designated Stopping Place (DSP) – work to try to locate a suitable site for a DSP has been ongoing for several years without success. Several sites have been put forward and a number of consultations including a public call for sites, therefore the attempts to locate a suitable location are unlikely to be achieved. Any sites identified thus far would require significant mitigation and investment. Furthermore, the latest GTAA advises that a DSP is not required.

Encourage a third party to deliver a DSP – following previous approaches made to Social Housing Providers and other appropriate organisations, all indications to date are that there are no third parties interested in delivering a DSP in the area. Reliance on this would likely result in a 'do nothing' approach as above.

Consider provision on a site in another Local Authority area - this option was investigated, and approaches made to Neighbouring Local Authorities. However, no identified available / suitable site or agreement to lease could be secured. Any leasing agreement would need to ensure that space on a site was available between March and October otherwise illegal encampments in NEL could not be managed. Other authorities have permanent or transit sites which offer more facilities and are more costly to provide; therefore, rarely have surplus availability as they will have been provided to meet the Local Authority's own local need.

DN.10 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.

- 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 includes 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The report is important in informing Cabinet on the financial position and performance of the Council and highlighting key risks and opportunities.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Not applicable to monitoring report.

DN.11 HIGHER NEEDS PROVISION CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS (HNPCA) 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 will 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 –

- 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 (DfE) 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - A decision is required, as it will enable the DfE grant funding to be received by the Local Authority and for the project to proceed to identify solutions, in consultation with parents, carers, young people, schools and academy trusts, and then to implement the development of new places or improve existing provision where this will benefit children and young people with high needs.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

Decline the DfE grant funding and do nothing – There would be no increase in places or improvement to existing provision for pupils with high need across the borough.

Decline the DfE grant funding and seek to use capital funding from the Local Authority. This option would increase Local Authority expenditure unnecessarily given the DfE grant funding offer that is available

DN.12 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 (SUDS).
- 3. That that Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The Council is a Lead Local Flood Authority which means it is responsible for the management of flood risk from surface water. This is one of the statutory duties bestowed upon it by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

The commitment to identify appropriate flood risk management measures across Grimsby and Immingham is contained in the NELC Local Flood Risk Management Strategy's Action Plan. This Strategy is a statutory document required of a Lead Local Flood Authority.

The Defra Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme will fully fund the cost of the project with up to £4M available for North East Lincolnshire Council.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The Council has a statutory duty as a Lead Local Flood Authority to manage surface water and the resultant flooding. Therefore, the option of doing nothing is not viable.

It has already been confirmed by the Environment Agency and Anglian Water that there is alternative funding available for the schemes should the Innovation Funding bid not have been successful. However, these alternative funding streams would require significant match funding from the Council. The Innovation Funding covers 100% of the scheme costs.

DN.13 DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - This decision enables the Council to deliver the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme across the borough, and engage with key partners to co-ordinate planning via a steering group.

The decision enables the Council to award funding to eligible organisations in North East Lincolnshire to provide free holiday activities and food clubs for children eligible for, and in receipt of, benefits-related free school meals.

The decision enables the Council to work with Finance colleagues to monitor the indicative budget, and to provide regular updates to the DfE and the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills as required.

Without this decision, the Council would not be able to deliver the HAF programme in the summer and Christmas holidays, and children eligible for free school meals would be likely to have negative holiday experiences. Furthermore, many families in the borough would remain in food poverty.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing. This option has not been recommended as it would exacerbate food poverty experienced by many families in the authority.

DN.14 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - A proposal has been received from the Group which has been considered as part of the Council's approach to Community Asset Transfers (CAT). The proposal has been agreed in principle which could result in the transfer of the subject Property to the Group by virtue of a freehold disposal. Approval would enable the asset to transfer to the Group on the basis that their proposal is sustainable and viable, as outlined through a detailed Business Case.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

To do nothing would see the Property continue to be under-utilised and would not offer a solution to the Group to continue to provide much needed support to service users and to expand their current offer. The condition of the Property would continue to deteriorate attracting further anti-social behaviour and all the repair and maintenance obligations and cost would rest with the Council. This would result in a negative impact to the community. The Group have presented a robust Business Case which demonstrates extensive social return on investment and preference for a freehold disposal in support of the proposal and will result in a full community use of the Property. It is not considered a viable option to improve the maintenance activities or fully manage the Property as is currently and the Council risk unnecessary and negative publicity as well as potentially being wholly liable for the Property, together with all future associated expenditure including any missed opportunity of investment into or expansion of the potential use and activities.

A lease of the Property was considered, which would need to have been granted for a long term. However, given the type and location of the Property, the Council does not require the retention of an element of control. The conditions set out above as part of the proposed freehold transfer of the Property will mitigate any risks to the Council of the Property being used for non-charitable purposes or being redeveloped for a profit.

DN.15 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The decision allows the Council to commence a procurement exercise for a professional delivery team and allows the Council to award the contract.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Not procuring the services of a professional delivery team is not a viable option as there is minimal experience and capacity within the Council to deliver a project of this nature. Failure to deliver this project would not achieve the Council's key strategic aims for the regeneration of the town centre, as described in the Local Plan and Grimsby Town Centre Masterplan (2020).

DN.16 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 $\pounds 20.9m$ 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To satisfy a requirement of the Heads of Terms to enable the Town Investment Plan to be finalised and to submit the information to MHCLG within the agreed timescale.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing – this option would not meet the conditions associated to the offer of £20.9m of Towns Funding. This would also result in the Council having to abandon funding proposals associated with the Towns Fund and return funds to MHCLG, with associated negative reputational consequences.

Do Less – this option was not considered viable as government have already offered $\pounds 20.9m$ for Grimsby as a participant in the Towns Fund programme.

DN.17 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.

- 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.
- 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, 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The decision allows the Council to commence a procurement exercise for Portal Official Veterinarian services and allows the Council to award the contract.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

By not entering into a lease with ABP the Council would not be able to fulfil statutory responsibilities required to deliver official food controls.

Not commencing a procurement exercise for the provision of portal OV services is not a viable option as the Council is required to have in place appropriately qualified trained staff for the nature and volume of products arriving through Grimsby Immingham port.

DN.18 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - Investing in play parks will ensure children of all abilities and age ranges have access to good quality local play space, important to their health and wellbeing. The decision allows the Council to commence a procurement exercise for Play Area Equipment including installation and a repairs and maintenance arrangement and allows the Council to award the contract.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

Do Nothing – To do nothing would mean that the Council would not invest in improved maintenance and play equipment. This would lead to gradual continued reduction in play value of play parks, reducing their benefit for children.

Implement decision as set out at Full Council on 18 February 2021- to invest in increase maintenance and capital investment in play parks across the borough (RECOMMENDED).

DN.19 COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND BID

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

- 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The NELC shortlist has to be submitted to the Government by the 18th June 2021. Applications were invited to be submitted by 21st May 2021, and a total of 27 applications, with a combined ask of £10,935,624 were received. The report outlines the process for receiving and assessing those applications and how we will arrive at a shortlist of projects for submission. Because of the nationally set deadline we will need delegated approval as outlined within the report to ensure we have an agreed shortlist.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – We do not have to submit a bid and submission of our shortlist will be dependent on the quality of the applications received.

We have options around which projects are supported. Applications for funding have exceeded our indicative £3M allocation, it will then be the responsibility of the funding panel and cabinet to agree which bids should be put forward.

DN.20 WELCOME BACK FUND

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

- 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To enable the Council to receive grant funding, assuming approval of plans and proposals by MHCLG, and to enable swift implementation.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

Not responding to the offer of funding would not achieve the Council's key strategic aims for a stronger economy, specifically in terms of economic recovery and growth.

Not accept the allocated funding - This will result in losing the opportunity to support the safe reopening of businesses in North East Lincolnshire and welcoming back the community and visitors to our tourism areas.

DN.21 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 have been reviewed.

- 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 Kinsley 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The eight Public Space Protection Orders are on public highway land and are considered to be a benefit for local residents by reducing anti-social behaviour. Recent consultation has been undertaken and Humberside Police and four Ward Councillors are in support of these Orders.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The removal or the unlocking of gates has been considered, however it is anticipated that this may lead to a rise in anti-social behaviour in these areas. Removing gates will incur additional costs for both removal and subsequent reinstatement of the highway surface. If anti-social behaviour returns following the removal of gates, further costs may also be incurred for the future reinstatement of gates.

Public Space Protection Orders can be withdrawn at any time if required if evidence is provided that they are no longer required.

DN.22 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.

REASONS FOR DECISION - This decision will allow the submission of the LUF bid by the closing date of 18th June 2021.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

Do nothing – The Council is not required to submit a LUF bid, however, opportunities to secure the necessary level of funding for the new A46-A1136 link are rare. In addition, doing nothing about the A180 structures and capacity is likely to mean that the road becomes a barrier to investment in the area in the future, especially if weight restrictions or road closures have to be implemented.

Submit other projects in the LUF bid – The £20m-£50m bid opportunity is for highways schemes only and cannot be used for other nonhighways related activity. It is suggested that the current proposed schemes offer the best fit against the LUF objectives. They have been arrived at following a review of possible LUF projects, other suggested schemes either do not meet the funding objectives or would not be deliverable within the required timescales.

Seek other funding sources to deliver the identified projects - The individual projects within this bid have / are currently the subject of other funding bids including with Transport for the North and the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Both these organisations have indicated support for the schemes.

Given the size of the funding ask, it is unlikely that the Council would have sufficient funding of its own to deliver the package of schemes identified and would need to adopt a more piecemeal approach to scheme delivery over a longer period of time.

DN. 23 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).

DN.24 HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet considered an appendix to the report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport referred to at DN.8 above.

RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at DN.8 above, be noted.

REASONS FOR DECISION – As per DN.8

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – As per DN.8

DN.25 TRANSITION EU-EXIT UPDATE

Cabinet considered an appendix to the report from the Leader of the Council referred to at DN.17 above.

RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at DN.17 above, be noted.

REASONS FOR DECISION – As per DN.17

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – As per DN.17