



Officer Decision Record – Key Decision

Key decisions taken by an officer are subject to the 5 day call in period from circulation to Members, and therefore the decision will be released for implementation following the call-in period and no call in being received

1. Cabinet date and copy resolution this key decision relates to

Cabinet 18th February 2021

Cabinet report - [3.-Future-High-Streets-Fund.pdf \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

DN.104 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council providing an update on the work undertaken since the announcement of Government funding was confirmed and outlining the approach used to review the original scheme.

RESOLUTION 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to accept the resultant grant funding on behalf of the Council.

2. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision)

Acceptance of £17.3m of Future High Streets Funding.

A report was presented to Cabinet on 18th February 2021 which described the revised outline plans for Grimsby's Future High Streets scheme following a reduced funding offer from Ministry of Housing Communities and Government (MHCLG) in December 2021. This report also sought agreement for the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to accept the resultant grant funding on behalf of the Council.

Following this Cabinet decision NELC received final confirmation of the Future High Streets grant offer from the MHCLG on 4th June 2021.

This decision request relates to the process of accepting the £17,280,917 grant.

MHCLG have asked for the Council's Senior Responsible Officer for the scheme to accept the Grant Offer Letter and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by signing this and returning it by 30th June 21.

A further Cabinet report explaining the next stage of the scheme's delivery was presented at a Cabinet meeting on 16th June 21.

3. Decision being taken

In accordance with the delegations made by Cabinet on 18th February 2021 that the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, receives the grant funding of £17.3M and accepts the terms and conditions of the MOU with MHCLG.

4. Is it an Urgent Decision? If yes, specify the reasons for urgency. Urgent decisions will require sign off by the relevant scrutiny chair(s) as not subject to call in.

A decision is required urgently as the Council has been asked to sign and return the MOU by 30th June 2021.

5. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

The outcome of the decision will be the Council acting in the role of Accountable Body for the scheme on behalf of the partnership arrangement they have with the owners of Freshney Place. Full delivery of the scheme can then commence.

6. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision (this should be similar to original cabinet decision)

If the funding is not accepted the partnership will not be able to deliver the scheme for the town centre and the transformation required for this key town centre location will not take place. The Council's key strategic aims for the regeneration of the town centre, as described in the Local Plan and Grimsby and Cleethorpes Town Centre Investment Plan will not be realised. It is highly unlikely that other funding streams will allow NEL another opportunity to bid for funds amounting to this value.

7. Background documents considered (web links to be included and copies of documents provided for publishing)

Cabinet report - [3.-Future-High-Streets-Fund.pdf \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Decision notice - [Decision-Notice-17th-February-2021-Special.pdf \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Cabinet report 16 June 21-

<https://democracy.nelincs.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/12.-Future-High-Street-Fund.pdf>

8. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons

No

9. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)

Not applicable

10. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)

The above decision is consistent with the will of Cabinet and its expectations.

11. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

The scheme and the respective grant funding is incorporated into the Council's approved Capital Investment Programme and will facilitate major investment in the local area.

12. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications

13. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)

There are risks in relation to ensuring the scheme maintains momentum and all funding spend deadlines are met to enable successful delivery. The decision being sought from Cabinet on 16th June to appoint a professional delivery team mitigates this risk.

14. Has the Cabinet Tracker been updated with details of this decision?

Yes

15. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Sharon Wroot

Title: Executive Director for
Environment, Economy and
Resources

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 24.06.21

**16. Consultation carried out with
Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Cllr Philip Jackson

Title: Leader of the Council

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 24 June 2021

**17. If the decision is urgent then
consultation should be carried out
with the relevant Scrutiny
Chair/Mayor/Deputy Mayor**

Name: Councillor Tom Furneaux

Title: Chair of the Economy Scrutiny
Panel

Signed: Approved via email

Dated: 24th June 2021

APPENDIX 1 – EMAIL APPROVAL

From: Cllr Tom Furneaux (NELC) <Tom.Furneaux@nelincs.gov.uk>
Sent: 24 June 2021 15:35
To: Rebecca Hodgson (NELC) <Rebecca.Hodgson@nelincs.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Urgent ODR - FHSF

Afternoon Becky

This is approved

Regards

Tom

From: Rebecca Hodgson (NELC) <Rebecca.Hodgson@nelincs.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 3:28 pm
To: Cllr Tom Furneaux (NELC)
Subject: Urgent ODR - FHSF

Good afternoon Cllr Furneaux,

Please find attached ODR, for the Future High Street Fund, please can I ask for your agreement to the urgent ODR under special urgency rules of the constitution. Approval via return email will be sufficient.

Kind regards,

Becky

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A decision (whether taken collectively or individually by members) which is likely:

- (i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (ii) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

A decision will be considered financially significant if:

- (i) in the case of revenue expenditure, it results in the incurring of expenditure or making savings of £350,000 or greater;
- (ii) in the case of capital expenditure, the capital expenditure/savings are in excess of £350,000 or 20% of the total project cost, whichever is the greater

In determining whether a decision is significant in terms of its effect on an area comprising two or more wards, consideration shall be given to:

- (i) the number of residents/service users that will be affected in the wards concerned;
- (ii) the likely views of those affected (i.e. is the decision likely to result in substantial public interest)
- (iii) whether the decision may incur a significant social, economic or environmental risk.