



To be submitted to the Council meeting on 22nd September, 2016

CABINET

12th July, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Oxby (in the Chair)
Councillors Chase, Hyldon-King, Patrick, Watson, Wheatley

Officers in Attendance:

Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
Joanne Hewson	Deputy Chief Executive (Communities)
Tony Maione	Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)
Tony Neul	Strategic Commissioning Lead – Energy and Environment
Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Operations and Resources
Beverly Stanton	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor

Officers also in attendance:

Iain Lovell | **Head of Communications, Print and Marketing**

Also in attendance – Councillor Burton

There were 3 members of the public and 3 members of the press in attendance.

CB.15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James.

CB.16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda for this meeting.

CB.17 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 8th June, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

CB.18 **UTILITIES – GAS FRAMEWORK PROVIDER**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment to approve the pre-award of the gas contract, which was currently at tender stage.

RESOLVED – That the Chief Legal Officer (and Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, be granted delegated authority to sign the new gas framework supply contract on behalf of the Council.

CB.19 **MERIDIAN SHOWGROUND**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities, Public Protection and the Visitor Economy on the management and operation of Meridian Showground in Cleethorpes.

Councillor Wheatley asked how the proposed preliminary market consultation would affect the contract with Lincs Inspire.

The Monitoring Officer explained that Officers had already discussed this matter with Lincs Inspire, in accordance with the contract. Lincs Inspire responded that they were not interested in pursuing an opportunity in respect of the Meridian Showground in isolation but may be interested in pursuing an opportunity around the Meridian Showground if it formed part of a package of measures.

Councillor Hyldon-King asked for clarification on any potential European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) claw back as outlined in the report.

Councillor Wheatley additionally asked if whoever operated the Meridian Showground would be required to stand by bookings made.

The Monitoring Officer explained that the purpose of the report was to undertake preliminary market consultation in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Monitoring Officer explained that following the preliminary market consultation there may or may not be a formal procurement process to seek an operator for the Meridian

Showground. In the event of there being a formal process, the Monitoring Officer assured Cabinet that the contract let would require any operator to except the risks arising from any ERDF claw back and to stand by all future bookings made. Members were reminded that the purpose of a preliminary market consultation – sometimes referred to as a soft market test – was to inform the Council whether there was market interest and capacity in an opportunity and to help guide a decision as to whether a formal procurement process should be launched.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Preliminary Market Consultation with regard to the future delivery of the Meridian Showground in Cleethorpes be undertaken .
- (2) That delegated authority for the following gateways be approved:
 - Approval by the Director of Economy and Growth that the findings of the preliminary market consultation be sufficient and satisfactory in terms of the quantity and quality of information in order to progress the project;
 - Approval by the Chief Legal Officer (and Monitoring Officer) of the lease terms (if required); and,
 - Approval by the Director of Economy and Growth to undertake a procurement exercise (if required).

CB.20

DISPOSAL OF PLOTS 17 AND 18 SOUTH HUMBERSIDE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion on the disposal of the ground leases on Plot 17 and 18 South Humberside Industrial Estate.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the principle of a freehold disposal of the subject land holdings be agreed.
- (2) That the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion be delegated responsibility to ensure that all necessary actions be carried out in order to complete and approve the detailed terms of the disposal.
- (3) That the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined in resolution (1) above.

CB.21

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT LESS THAN BEST CONSIDERATION – LEASE OF 44 HENEAGE ROAD, GRIMSBY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion on the disposal of 44 Heneage Road, Grimsby

at less than best consideration and to consider the lease of the land so that 44 Heneage Road, Grimsby can be brought back into effective use.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That NEL VCSE Alliance (“the Provider”) be granted a lease of the subject property for a term of 25 years at peppercorn rent (£1 per annum if demanded)
- (2) That the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion and the Chief Legal Officer be delegated responsibility to ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to complete and approve the detailed terms of the disposal.
- (3) That the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined in resolution (1) above.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.53 p.m.