



To be submitted to the Council meeting on 19th July 2018

CABINET

14th March 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Watson (in the Chair)
Councillors Bolton, Hyldon-King, James, Patrick and Wheatley

Officers in Attendance:

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| Rob Walsh | Joint Chief Executive for NELC and CCG |
| Angela Blake | Director of Economy and Growth |
| Angela Culleton | Interim Director Environment |
| Simon Jones | Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer |
| Steve Kay | Director of Children's Services |
| Tony Neul | Strategic Commissioning Lead – Energy and Environment |
| Stephen Pintus | Director of Public Health |
| Sharon Wroot | Director of Finance, Resources and Operations |
| Laura Cowie | Scrutiny and Committee Advisor |

Also in attendance:

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| Councillor Ian Lindley | Chair of the Autism Spectrum Conditions Working Group |
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There were two members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

CB.114 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Oxby for this meeting.

CB.115 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Watson declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in CB.125 as his wife is a Director of Art Regeneration and Community Heritage Ltd (ARCH Ltd), who currently manage the premises.

CB.116 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Special Cabinet meeting on 12th February 2018, and the Cabinet meeting on the 14th February 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

CB.117 **AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS DIAGNOSIS PATHWAY SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP FINDINGS REPORTS**

Cabinet considered a report presenting the findings and recommendations from the Autism Spectrum Conditions Diagnosis Pathway Scrutiny Working Group.

Councillor James, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, introduced the report and proposed that Cabinet accept the recommendations of the Working Group with the exception of recommendation 7. A briefing note had been issued today to the members of the Children and Lifelong Scrutiny Panel and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel setting out the statutory responsibilities of accountable officers (the Director of Children's Services, the Director of Adult Social Services and the Director of Public Health) and how they linked to the decision-making arrangements set out in the Council's Constitution. As such Councillor James felt recommendation 7 was unnecessary at this stage but was happy to meet with any Member should they continue to have any concerns having considered the briefing note.

Councillor Lindley, Chair of the Working Group, reminded Cabinet of all the hard work that had gone into this extensive piece of work. That being said, he felt that the new pathway would not necessarily cure the issues and believed scrutiny needed to be reassured. He expressed his desire to keep a close eye on this with a report being due to scrutiny in July 2018. Councillor Lindley passed on his thanks to the elected members involved in the working group, officers and the parents and lead petitioner for bringing the issue to their attention. With regard to recommendation 7, he accepted Councillor James's proposal to not approve this at this stage.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the plans for a new proposed single access pathway for Autism Spectrum Conditions from March 2018 continue to be developed, quality assured and implemented.

- (2) That the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel receive a detailed report in July 2018 to outline progress to date on the new proposed single pathway, specifically the support of children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Conditions and other related conditions and identify ways to monitor this topic via key performance indicators and/or outcomes.
- (3) That evidence based future scrutiny of provision for support and diagnosis for Autism Spectrum Conditions and other related conditions include SMART targets, key performance indicators, benchmarks etc to ensure that outcomes are being met; and for parents to contribute to the evaluation of services.
- (4) That a plan be immediately implemented to provide support and (if appropriate) diagnosis for those families who felt they had not been helped in recent years and to date; and provide a report for the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to include details on the resource implications.
- (5) That consideration be given to rationalising or limiting the number of parenting courses prescribed to a single family and a report be provided to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel on this matter.
- (6) That a timely independent expert(s) review be invited to consider the effectiveness of North East Lincolnshire Council's approach to supporting children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Conditions and other Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, the results of which to be presented to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for consideration.

CB.118

2017/18 QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL MONITORING

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism presenting the latest analysis of the Council's financial position and performance at the end of the third quarter.

RESOLVED – That the Quarter 3 Finance Monitoring Report be referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

CB.119

NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2013 TO 2032

Cabinet considered a joint report from the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing on the adoption of the 2013 to 2032 North East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2018), incorporating the Main Modifications put forward by the Planning Inspector in their report.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That it be agreed that the 2013 to 2032 North East Lincolnshire Local Plan to be adopted is the local plan submitted on 22 December 2016 and as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted; as amended by the schedule of Main Modifications recommended by the Local Plan's Inspector set out at Appendix B of the report now submitted.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing, to issue the adoption statement and final Sustainability Appraisal Report on or before 30 March 2018 in accordance with regulations 17 and 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing, to make further minor modifications to the Plan prior to it being published, where these modification are confined to the correction of typographical errors, amendments to paragraph reference numbers, and consequential cross referencing and minor amendments.
- (4) That the Policies Map be amended in accordance with Appendix C of the report now submitted, to reflect the new Local Plan 2013 to 2032.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL - That the 2013 to 2032 North East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2018) be adopted in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

CB.120

HOUSING STRATEGY 2018-2022

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing presenting a post-consultation housing strategy and action plan.

The Director for Economy and Growth explained that the following recommendations were put forward to Cabinet from the Economy Scrutiny Panel on the 5th December 2017, following their consideration of the strategy:

- (1) That Cabinet explore all options to increase the number of affordable properties including rental properties in North East Lincolnshire; this to include investigating the potential for North East Lincolnshire Council to become a social housing provider.
- (2) That Cabinet consider the pump-priming use of potential new homes bonus to bring empty homes back into use.

Councillor P Wheatley responded by advising he wouldn't want the Council to become a social housing provider at this stage due to the great risk to the authority. He was reassured that there were sufficient providers out there, with plans to expand their housing capacity to meet the demand. Cabinet, therefore, agreed to reject both additional recommendations from scrutiny.

RESOLVED – That the Housing Strategy and Action Plan be approved and adopted.

CB.121

FUTURE DELIVERY OF EXTRA CARE HOUSING

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing on the approach to the development of further extra care housing developments in North East Lincolnshire and seeking approval to progress future delivery plans.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That upon the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing, agreeing to the completion of land sales at the former Matthew Humberstone lower school site and the land at Winchester Avenue/Burwell Drive for the delivery of Extra Care Housing, that Option 1 as outlined in the report now submitted, be adopted as the preferred model to mitigate any risk to the Council.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing to carry out all ancillary matters so as to achieve resolution (1) above, including the settlement of all terms of any transaction.
- (3) That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to sign any council documentation arising.
- (4) That the joint North East Lincolnshire Extra Care Housing Vision and Forward View, as detailed within the background papers to the report now submitted, be confirmed.

CB.122

CLIMATE LOCAL AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY ANNUAL REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment setting out progress against the actions being undertaken locally to reduce carbon emissions and respond to changes in the climate within our own operations, our services and with our local community.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the overall progress on management and stewardship of the environment be noted and the revised Climate Local Commitment

Action Plan, as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.

- (2) That the comments of the Economy Scrutiny Panel included in the report now submitted, be noted.
- (3) That the inclusion of air quality commitments within the Climate Local Commitment Action Plan, be approved.

CB.123

SMARTER NEIGHBOURHOOD NEXT STEPS

Cabinet considered a joint report from the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Public Protection considering the next steps for the Smarter Neighbourhoods Programme in terms of progressing key environmental issues which are of high importance to our community in a second priority work programme.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the key areas of work identified in the second Priority Work Programme at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved and the matters set out below, be referred to the Communities Scrutiny Panel for consideration, ahead of a further report making recommendations back to Cabinet in June 2018:
 - a. The development of an integrated Waste Management Strategy to improve recycling, reduce waste production and to achieve the best value from the current waste disposal contract, including consideration of a separate collection of food waste, charges and the impact of a commercial waste collection and disposal service.
 - b. A review of the street cleansing and litter bin service changes to further optimise use of resources.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director for Finance, Resources and Operations, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Energy and Environment and the Portfolio Holder Safer Communities and Public Protection, to carry out the necessary actions to implement Phase 2 of the priority work programme, apart from the matters referred to in Resolution (1) above.

CB.124

PROCUREMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS ADVICE AND INFORMATION SERVICE (SENDAISS)

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People requesting authorisation for the procurement and delegated powers award of the SENDAISS service contract.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young

People to commence a procurement exercise for the Special Education Needs Advice, Information and Support Service (SENDIASS) as set out in the report now submitted.

- (2) That authority be delegated the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, to award such a contract.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to execute all documentation in connection with the award.

CB.125

**DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT LESS THAN BEST CONSIDERATION
- LEASE DISPOSAL OF THE BERT BOYDEN CENTRE**

Upon declaring his disclosable pecuniary interest, Councillor Watson left the room for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Patrick was appointed Chair for this item.

COUNCILLOR PATRICK IN THE CHAIR

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism seeking authority to dispose, by way of a 25 year lease, the subject premises; namely the Bert Boyden Centre, Immingham.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the granting of a lease to the Arts, Regeneration, Culture and Heritage Limited (ARCH) Group of the subject premises for a term of 25 years at a peppercorn rent (£1 per annum if demanded), be approved.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Finance, Resources and Operations, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism to ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to complete and approve the detailed terms of the lease disposal.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Chief Legal Officer to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.126

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT –
QUARTER 3 2017/18**

Cabinet received a report from Portfolio Holder Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care presenting the quarterly Adult Social Care Performance Report for quarter 3 of 2017/18.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted.

CB.127

WRITE OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES DEBTS

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism seeking to write off uncollectable National Non Domestic Rates (Business Rates) debts.

RESOLVED – That the recommendation to formally write off the sum of £148,218.92 national non domestic rates debts be approved.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.50 p.m.