



To be submitted to the Council meeting on 22nd March 2018

CABINET

14th December 2017

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

Officers in Attendance:

Rob Walsh	Joint Chief Executive for NELC and CCG
Simon Jones	Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)
Eve Richardson-Smith	Deputy Monitoring Officer
Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Resources and Operations
Laura Cowie	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor
Chris Duffill	Investment Service Manager

Also in attendance:

Iain Lovell	Head of Communications, Marketing and Print
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There were three members of the public and one member of the press in attendance.

CB.75 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

CB.76 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests received for this meeting.

CB.77

REVIEW OF SOUTH HUMBER INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing reviewing the overall progress of the South Humber Industrial Investment Programme to date and requesting additional funds to continue the programme.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That, in principle, an increased investment into the South Humber Industrial Investment Programme (SHIIP) by £8.4m be authorised, and the three main reasons for the increased requirement set out in the report now submitted, be noted. Such preparedness to increase investment be subject to and conditional upon all possible positive outcomes and mitigation measures arising from resolution (4) below.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing, to take all actions necessary to secure the continued implementation of SHIIP.
- (3) That the Director of Finance, Resources and Operations be authorised to secure investment through borrowing on behalf of the Council up to a maximum of £23.6m to enable delivery of SHIIP in the event that no further funding is secured by virtue of resolution (4). Any such borrowing shall be entered into the Council's Capital Programme and incorporated into the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.
- (4) The Director of Economy and Growth be authorised to continue seeking all applicable uncommitted funding sources to support and, if secured, replace investment made by the Council including but not limited to via the Greater Grimsby Town Deal.

CB.78

COUNCIL TAX BASE AND COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism seeking agreement of the proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme and to agree the Council Tax Base for 2018/19.

The Chair invited Mr Gaskins, Chief Executive of the Citizens Advice Bureau to address Cabinet. He expressed his concerns around the number of residents who had approached the Citizens Advice Bureau regarding Council Tax debt and enforcement. He asked Cabinet to consider moving away from an enforcement scheme and more towards providing help and advice to those who require it. Mr Gaskins felt that providing support and advice was more beneficial in the long run. Councillor Patrick acknowledged Mr Gaskin's comments and agreed to look into the matter.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Council Tax base for the financial year 2018/19 of 42,614.4 properties (Band D equivalent) be approved, subject to the agreement of the Council Tax Support Scheme recommendations,.
- (2) That the recommendations within section 1.5 of the report now submitted be agreed, and the proposals for the new scheme be referred to Full Council for approval.
- (3) That subject to approval by Full Council, authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance, Resources and Operations) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism to implement the detailed revisions to the Council Tax Support Scheme, and to the Council Tax Hardship Fund.
- (4) That subject to the approvals within recommendations 2 and 3 above, the Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance, Resources and Operations), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism be authorised to revise and implement the success criteria for the revised Council Tax Hardship Fund.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.19 p.m.