



To be submitted to the Council meeting on 14th December 2017

CABINET

25th October 2017

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

Officers in Attendance:

Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
Ange Blake	Director of Economy and Growth
Angela Culleton	Interim Director of Environment
Simon Jones	Acting Monitoring Officer
Eve Richardson-Smith	Deputy Monitoring Officer
Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Resource and Operations
Stephen Pintus	Director for Health and Wellbeing
Laura Cowie	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor

Also in attendance:

Councillor Stockton	Ward Councillor for Heneage
Spencer Hunt	Service Manager (Safer Communities) – Communities
Iain Lovell	Head of Communications, Marketing and Print

There were four members of the public and two members of the press in attendance.

CB.54

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Oxby and P. Wheatley for this meeting.

CB.55 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

CB.56 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 27th September 2017 were approved as a correct record.

CB.57 **SUBSTATION WALTHAM, FOOTPATH 72 REPRESENTATIONS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism seeking authority to dispose of an area of land to accommodate the relocation of an electrical sub-station which is obstructing a public right of way known as Footpath 72. This item was deferred to this meeting at the Cabinet meeting held on 27th September, 2017 to allow further examination of the petition.

Mr Schofield who had addressed Cabinet previously, was invited to make further representations. Mr Schofield presented photos of the proposed site and explained that he felt there were more suitable areas for the substation to be located further down the same power line heading towards Waltham. He requested that Planning colleagues be asked to liaise with Northern Powergrid to consider alternative sites.

Following the deferment from the previous meeting, officers went back to Northern Powergrid to gain clarification as to the location and the size of the substation which was presented at the meeting.

Members debated the locality and process of moving the substation and gained assurances that due process had been followed, but requested that Northern Powergrid be asked to look for a more suitable alternative.

RESOLVED –

That, subject to there being no suitable alternative site in the vicinity to the reasonable satisfaction of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism upon receipt of professional advice, it is recommended;

- I. That Northern Powergrid be granted a lease of the subject site for a term of 60 years at peppercorn rent (£1 per annum if demanded).
- II. That the Director of Finance, Resources and Operations, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism be delegated responsibility to

ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to complete and approve the detailed terms of the disposal.

- III. That the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.58

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Cabinet considered a joint report from the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Public Protection making recommendations to reshape a number of key areas of service including stray dogs, fly-tipping, noise nuisance, litter and dog fouling.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the adoption of the enforcement process as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted, for waste compliance issues, be approved.
- (2) That the consideration of the available options on litter and dog fouling enforcement be referred to the Communities Scrutiny Panel and a further report be brought back to Cabinet in due course.
- (3) That the amended service level for management of stray dogs and noise nuisance, as set out in Section 2 of the report now submitted, be agreed and that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Public Protection to make the necessary arrangements for future service delivery following expiry of our current contract in March 2018.
- (4) That the tariffs for fixed penalty notice fines be reviewed; to include a more robust payment method to reinforce behaviour change.

CB.59

DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL OWNED VEHICLES AND ASSETS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism seeking to commence a procurement exercise for the disposal of Council owned vehicles and assets.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Director of Finance, Resource and Operations in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism be authorised to commence a procurement exercise for the disposal of assets as set out in the report now submitted.

(2) That the Director of Finance, Resource and Operations in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism be authorised to award such contract.

(3) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute all documentation in connection with the award.

CB.60

REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

Cabinet considered a joint report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing and the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment seeking approval of the revised Housing Assistance Policy.

RESOLVED – That the amendments to the Housing Assistance Policy be approved, adopted and the Policy be subject to annual review by Cabinet.

CB.61

REVIEW OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Public Protection detailing the outcome of a review of the Public Space Protection Orders and seeking approval for their continuation.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the continuation of the 7 ward based Public Space Protection Orders areas in West Marsh, East Marsh, Park, Heneage, Sidney Sussex, Croft Baker and South, be approved.

(2) That the current £100 penalty to be paid within 14 days of issue in the form of a fixed penalty notice (FPN) for failing to comply with a Public Space Protection Orders, with the amount to be reduced to £75 if the FPN is paid in full within 8 days from the time of issue, be approved.

(3) That a wider intelligence led, place-based approach moving forward, which will seek to vary, replace or introduce new Public Space Protection Orders in defined geographical areas covering a wider range of prohibitions where evidentially appropriate, be supported.

CB.62

PROCUREMENT OF CAPITAL WORKS FRAMEWORKS 2018-2022 AND AN APPROVED LIST OF CONTRACTORS FOR STRATEGIC HOUSING PLUMBING AND HEATING 2018-2022

Cabinet considered a joint report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism on the procurement of the Capital Works Frameworks and an approved list of contractors for Strategic Housing Plumbing and Heating.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth to release an EU-compliant procurement process for the Capital Works Frameworks (through ENGIE).
- (2) That upon completion of the process, the award of the contracts to the successful provider(s) be delegated to the Director of Finance, Resources and Operations in consultation with the Director of Economy and Growth and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism.
- (3) That authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.
- (4) That a report be brought back to Cabinet in 12 months' time providing a review on the awarded contract and its effectiveness vis a vis the local supply chain.

CB.63

EUROPARC BUS SERVICE

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment reviewing the existing subsidy costs of the 1, 2 and 20 Europarc bus service and providing options for the future.

Cabinet felt that further information was required around the usage data; specifically at weekends and any alternative provisions which could be explored. It was also requested that a copy of the tender be shared with Cabinet.

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred to the Cabinet meeting on the 22nd November 2017.

CB.64

URGENT BUSINESS – DESIGNATION OF A NEW CONSERVATION AREA AT 'THE KASBAH', PORT OF GRIMSBY

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment reviewing the existing subsidy costs of the Designation of a new Conservation Area at 'The Kasbah', Port of Grimsby.

This matter was considered urgent as the Council had submitted a bid for Heritage Action Zone funding to Historic England that would be determined shortly. Conservation Area status was required in order for Historic England to be able to approve the bid. This item was considered under the Special Urgency provision and was therefore exempt from call-in.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the proposal to designate a Conservation Area for the Kasbah area, based on the supporting evidence contained in the accompanying Statement of Support now submitted, be approved.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing to deal with all formalities in connection with the implementation and the monitoring of the operation of the Conservation Area; to undertake any further consultation on the proposals as required; and to identify and secure all appropriate funding and grant opportunities to enhance the area whilst working proactively with ABP to secure the conservation and re-use of the heritage assets within the Kasbah.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.31 p.m.