



To be submitted to the Council meeting on the 20th July 2017

**CABINET**

**28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

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

Officers in Attendance:

Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
Joanne Hewson	Deputy Chief Executive (Communities)
Iain Lovell	Head of Communications, Marketing and Print
Stephen Pintus	Director of Health and Wellbeing
Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Resources and Operations
Laura Cowie	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor
Chris Duffill	Inward Investment Manager
Simon Jones	Deputy Monitoring Officer
Eve Richardson-Smith	Deputy Monitoring Officer

Also in attendance:

Councillors Barfield, Bramley, De Freitas, Lindley, Stockton and Sutton.

There were 14 members of the public and 2 members of the press in attendance.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence received from Councillors Chase and Oxby for this meeting.

CB.137      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

CB.138      **COMMUNITY STADIUM**

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing providing an update on the Sequential Site Assessment and recommending that the site known as Peaks Parkway be made subject to an Option Agreement.

Councillor Barfield was invited to address the Cabinet and raised the following concerns:

- how had the Council arrived at this point despite the number of objections from the public
- he believed the community stadium was not in local plan
- he felt there was plenty of affordable housing already available within the borough
- green spaces, such as the land off Peaks Parkway should be used as playing fields and for nature walks rather than being built on, and
- brownfield/derelict sites should be used within the borough for developments.

Councillor Barfield was thanked for his representation and attendance.

Councillor P. Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing was invited to respond. Councillor P. Wheatley started off by stating that the Community Stadium was not just a football ground but much more for the wider community. He reminded Cabinet of all the sites that had been assessed equally and although Peaks Parkway was ranked third the other two sites were not available. It was said that the Option Agreement did not make this a done deal and the planning application would be the next stage into securing the land. Councillor P. Wheatley felt that the potential £250,000,000 development was one of the largest developments within the borough to date, and believed that this regeneration was a key project for the borough. With regards to the housing concerns, Councillor Wheatley explained that EXTREME were keen to develop brownfield sights for housing as part of this investment.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the conclusions of the assessment of economic viability and the viability appraisals appended to the report now submitted at Appendix 1, be noted.
- (2) That the results of the further Sequential Assessment Addendum report carried out by SLR Consulting Ltd on the site known as Pleasure Island appended to the report now submitted at Appendix 2, be noted.
- (3) That the Director of Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Director of Finance, Resources and Operations be authorised, to enter into an Option Agreement for the Peaks Parkway site on terms and conditions recommended as suitable to the Council by independent legal advisors, all in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing.

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**URGENT BUSINESS – PORT OF IMMINGHAM FLOOD DEFENCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Cabinet received a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment seeking approval to act as accountable body for and receive the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant.

This item was considered urgent in order to enable the Environment Agency to transfer its allocation of funding for the project (£2.5m) to the Council before the end of March 2017.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the proposal for the Council to act as Accountable Body for the Environment Agency Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management grant and, if subsequently approved, for the European Regional Development Fund grant; and agree to receipt of these funds, in accord with the Council's duties as Local Lead Flood Authority, be approved.
- (2) That the Director of Economy and Growth and the Monitoring Officer be authorised to
  - negotiate and finalise appropriate legal agreements between the Council, the Environment Agency and ABP; and
  - put in place appropriate project monitoring arrangementsto minimise any financial, compliance or other risks to the Council in discharging the Accountable Body function for the funds.
- (3) That the Director of Economy and Growth be authorised to ensure that all actions necessary and ancillary thereto be completed.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.58 p.m.