



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a special meeting of the Cabinet held on 31st July, 2017 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

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

DN.13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

DN.14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

A PROPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT – A GREATER GRIMSBY TOWN DEAL

Cabinet considered a joint report from the Leader of the Council (and Portfolio Holder for Stronger Communities) and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing on the proposed Greater Grimsby Town Deal which represents a transformative approach to working in partnership with Government and major private investors to accelerate economic and housing growth across North East Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the submission of the Town Deal prospectus to Government as the basis for continued engagement and negotiation, be approved.**
- (2) That it be noted that the Leader, the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing and the Chief Executive will continue to be the Council's representatives on the Greater Grimsby Board.**
- (3) That subject to approval of the Town Deal proposals by Government, the Chief Executive, Director of Economy and Growth, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer be authorised, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing to:**
 - negotiate and finalise the terms of the proposed Town Deal with Government**
 - negotiate any appropriate legal agreements between the Council and the relevant Government Departments**
 - put in place appropriate project monitoring arrangements to be agreed with the relevant Government Departments and through the Greater Grimsby Board, acting in a strategic advisory capacity.**
- (4) That the Director of Economy and Growth be authorised to ensure that all actions necessary and ancillary thereto be completed.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – Entering into a Town Deal with Government will provide access to Government funding and support required to accelerate economic, social and housing growth across the Borough and to bring forward delivery of strategic projects identified in the approved Local Plan and Economic Strategy.

The Town Deal also affords the opportunity to pilot new policy freedoms and flexibilities – including, for example development of a Humber Free

Trade Zone – that may not be available to the Council in the absence of the Town Deal. Long-term engagement of the key public and private sector partners through the Great Grimsby Project Board will also deliver significant reputational benefits for the area and further enhance the Council's relationship with Government and other key stakeholders.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Doing nothing is not an option if the Council and its partners are serious, committed and determined to enable the delivery of our economic strategy ambition for the longer term benefit of the residents, business and communities in the Borough.