



To be submitted to the Council meeting on 19th March, 2020

CABINET

16th December, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Cracknell, Fenty, Lindley, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
Joanne Hewson (Chief Operating Officer)
Simon Jones (Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer)
Stephen Pintus (Director Health and Wellbeing)
Clive Tritton (Interim Director Economy and Growth)
Guy Lonsdale (Deputy Section 151 Officer)
Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

Also in attendance:

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

CB.65 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Procter.

CB.66 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Cracknell declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item CB.69 as an owner of an empty property and left the meeting during consideration of this aspect of the item.

Councillor Shreeve declared a personal interest in item CB.70 as a stakeholder trustee of the Citizens Advice Bureau and as a trustee and treasurer of Harbour Place.

Councillor Jackson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item CB.68 as a non-executive director of the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Shepherd declared a personal interest in item CB.68 as a trustee of Foresight.

Councillor S. Swinburn declared a personal interest in item CB.73 as a trustee of the Immingham Museum.

CB.67

MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 6th November, 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

COUNCILLOR FENTY IN THE CHAIR

CB.68

NEW APPROACH TO THE SUPPORT AND SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People requesting approval to commence the new approach for supporting children with additional needs through the identification, support and assessment process.

Councillor Barfield was invited to address Cabinet, having requested to speak on this item. Councillor Barfield felt that the new approach failed to address the key issues and emphasised the need for diagnosis by a medical professional. He drew an analogy with dementia and commented that he knew of no other medical condition where a non-medical professional would be put in the way of a diagnosis. He noted that he had offered to mediate with parents but had received no reply and he felt that the council had failed parents throughout the process.

Ms Hewson commented that local GPs had supported the new approach and would be part of the process.

Councillor Lindley noted that the new approach was based on best practice elsewhere, which had been commended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Councillor S Swinburn raised concerns about the consultation and whether it had been conducted in sufficient depth.

Councillor Lindley responded by setting out the extent of the consultation and it was noted that the new approach would continue to be monitored by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED –

1. That the principle of the new approach for referral, assessment and support of children and young people with additional needs be approved.
2. That it be noted that the new approach has been scrutinised by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel following a special workshop which considered the detail of the new arrangements.
3. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People, be authorised to implement the new approach and to review and amend it as they in their discretion think fit.
4. That the Director of Children's Services be authorised to deal with all ancillary matters arising.

COUNCILLOR JACKSON IN THE CHAIR

CB.69

CALCULATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2020/21

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources on the setting of the Council Tax Base for 2020/21 and outlining proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme.

Councillor Shreeve corrected a typographic error at paragraph 1.18 of the report, noting that a 300% surcharge could be imposed on empty properties from 2021/2022 and not 2020/2021 as stated.

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Cracknell left the meeting during discussion and the vote on recommendation 2 of the report.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/2021 which will see a reduction in the discount from 75% to 65% for all working age customers, be approved.
2. That the discretionary adjustments for properties empty for more than five years be approved.

3. That, subject to the recommendations above, the Council Tax Base for the Council and other precepting bodies in 2020/21 be set at 44,327.3 Band D equivalents (as detailed in Appendix A of the report now submitted).
4. That, subject to approval of the above recommendations, the Section 151 Officer (Director of Resources and Governance) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, be authorised to implement the detailed revisions to the Council Tax Support Scheme.

CB.70

HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing presenting the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 2024 and its accompanying action plan.

Councillor S Swinburn commented on a homelessness case that he had been trying to resolve but without success as no-one appeared to be taking responsibility for the issue. He hoped that awareness of the strategy would be raised with partners.

Mr Tritton agreed to discuss the individual matter with Councillor S Swinburn following the conclusion of this meeting.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 2024, and action plan be approved.
2. That minor amendments and updates to the strategy and action plan, be undertaken by the Director of Economy and Growth in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, should the need arise.

CB.71

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION - GARTH LANE FREDERICK WARD WAY, BRIDGE AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council presenting the final scheme layout for the Garth Lane and Frederick Ward Way public realm improvement scheme in Grimsby.

A paper setting out the outcome of consideration of this matter by the Economy Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 10th December, 2019 was circulated at this meeting.

RESOLVED –

1. That it be agreed to contract for receipt of the Local Growth Fund grant and also, any future Town Deal funding associated with this scheme.
2. That the final scheme layout for the Garth Lane and Frederick Ward Way public realm improvement scheme be approved.
3. That the Interim Director of Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to:
 - a. undertake the procurement of capital activities required to deliver the programme activity;
 - b. take all actions necessary to secure the continued implementation and ultimate completion of the scheme including detailed design changes, including bridge design, planning applications and all ancillary issues arising.
4. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

CB.72

CLEETHORPES REGENERATION PROGRAMME - SEA ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing presenting the proposed scheme layout for the Sea Road, Cleethorpes public realm/highways improvements.

A paper setting out the outcome of consideration of this matter by the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 5th December, 2019 was circulated at this meeting, together with Appendix 4 to the report summarising public engagement that had been undertaken.

Councillor Fenty, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, introduced the report and proposed additional recommendations to the report to allow, subject to the outcome of market testing and approval of a final business case, the allocation of additional funding to the project.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposal for the Council to act as Accountable Body for the Humber LEP Local Growth Fund grant be approved and receipt of these funds be agreed.
2. That the Interim Director of Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer, and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing be authorised to negotiate and finalise appropriate legal agreements between the Council and the Humber LEP.

3. That the proposed scheme layout for the Sea Road public realm and highways improvement scheme be approved as well as the preliminary design for the new multi-functional building, and that the Interim Director of Economy & Growth, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, be authorised to:
 - a) undertake market testing;
 - b) subject to the outcome of (a) above, approve a final business case including, but not limited to, financial return (subject also to consultation with the Director of Resources and Governance);
 - c) undertake the procurement of capital activities required to deliver the programme activity in accordance with Council's Corporate Procurement Regulations;
 - d) award a tender(s) within the allocated budget;
 - e) take all actions necessary to secure the continued implementation and ultimate completion of the scheme including detailed design changes, submission of a planning application and all ancillary issues arising.
4. That, subject to a satisfactory outcome of the market testing and approval of a final business case, the allocation of a further £1.6m to the project be approved.
5. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

CB.73

APPLICATION FOR MUSEUM ACCREDITATION FOR THE GRIMSBY FISHING HERITAGE CENTRE AND THE NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COLLECTION

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage and Culture seeking approval of museums plans and policies as part of the required update of Museum Accreditation for the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre and the North East Lincolnshire Collection.

The Leader introduced the report and moved the recommendations in the report, subject to minor amendment of the Collections Development Policy to clarify that the collection represented the history of 'Grimsby, Cleethorpes, Immingham and the surrounding villages' rather than 'North East Lincolnshire'.

RESOLVED –

That the following Museum Service policies be approved for submission as part of an accreditation return for the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre and the North East Lincolnshire Collection:

- Appendix One, Forward Plan 2020-23;
- Appendix Two, Access Policy;
- Appendix Three, Collections Development Policy (subject to the minor amendment noted above);
- Appendix Four, Documentation Policy;
- Appendix Five, Care and Conservation Policy.

CB.74

PROCUREMENT OF PRIMARY RESOURCE BASED PROVISION

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise for primary resource based provision.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People, be authorised to commence a procurement exercise for primary resource based provision.
2. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People, be authorised to award such contract and address any ancillary matters arising.
3. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute all documentation in connection with the award.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.