



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **CABINET**

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 5.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)  
Councillors Cracknell, Furneaux, Harness, Shepherd, Shreeve and S  
Swinburn

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance) (Monitoring Officer)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Place and Resources)
- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Spencer Hunt (Assistant Director for Safer and Partnerships)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also present: Liz Marsden (Strategic Communications Lead)

There were no members of the public and one member of the press present.

### **CB.83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **CB.84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

### **CB.85 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

## **CB.86 COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES AND SAFE ACCOMMODATION IN NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking approval to undertake a commissioning and procurement exercise for the delivery of Domestic Abuse Services in North East Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, be authorised to undertake a commissioning and procurement exercise for the delivery of Domestic Abuse Services in North East Lincolnshire.
2. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, be delegated the ability to make an award with a view to commencement of provision from 1st August 2023.
3. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute all documentation arising

## **CB.87 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE BUS NETWORK REVIEW**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to realign £288,000 of Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding to secure four bus services, to continue the delivery of the current Concessionary Fares scheme and to delegate approval to agree 2023/2024 Concessionary Fares Scheme reimbursement arrangements with bus operators.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, be authorised to realign £288,000 of Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding (BSIP) for the purposes set out in the report now submitted (Appendix B/ Option 2). The realignment of this external grant funding was subject to approval from the Department for Transport (DfT).
2. That, if the negotiations to utilise DfT BSIP funding did not conclude successfully, the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, be authorised to approve the Traffic Commissioner Proformas which would allow the bus operator to register changes (identified in Appendix A of the report now submitted) to bus services from 1 April 2023 due to

their uncommercial nature. There was not currently sufficient budget to subsidise these services. Therefore, it was not recommended the local authority subsidises these bus services from existing North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) budgets as this would create the risk of the local authority overspending on the overall available Transport budget in 2023/2024.

3. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport (subject to the acquiescence of the Section 151 Officer), be authorised to manage and make decisions on the 2023/2024 A1274 Transport budget (secure any bus services which are deemed socially necessary) and ensure decisions are made within the available budget.
4. That the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Council Concessionary Fares Scheme (with existing non-statutory local enhancements) from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 be approved.
5. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, be authorised to approve 2023/2024 Concessionary Fares Scheme reimbursement arrangements with bus operators.
6. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above.

## **CB.88 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That the press and public be requested to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

## **CB.89 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE BUS NETWORK REVIEW**

Cabinet considered the closed appendices referred to at CB.87 on the agenda.

RESOLVED – That the appendix be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed 5.10 p.m.