



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

## **CABINET**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 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)
- Janice Spencer (Interim Director of Children's Services)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Services)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also present: Michelle Lalor, Head of Communications and Customer and Councillor Holland

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

### **CB.90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **CB.91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harness declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in CB.101 as a shareholder in Total SA.

### **CB.92 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

**CB.93      2022/23 QUARTER THREE COUNCIL PLAN  
PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing presenting the Council Plan Performance Report for quarter three of 2022/23

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the content of the report in Appendix A of the report now submitted be noted.
- 2) That the report now submitted be referred to all scrutiny panels for further consideration and challenge.

**CB.94      2022/23 QUARTER THREE FINANCE MONITORING REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the key information and analysis of the Council's position and performance against its Finance and Commissioning Plan for the third quarter of the 2022/23 year.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the reported position and the mitigating actions being taken to bring spending down to manageable levels on a recurrent basis be noted.
- 2) That the risks and opportunities over the forthcoming financial planning period be acknowledged.
- 3) That the reprofiling and reprioritisation of the capital programme, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.
- 4) That the report now submitted be referred to scrutiny for consideration.

**CB.95      A REVISED APPROACH TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE  
CHARGING FOR SHORT STAYS IN A CARE HOME  
(‘RESPITE’)**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care on the revised approach to adult social care charging for short term stays in a care home (respite)

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the proposed approach to respite be adopted for implementation from 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Adult Social Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, to revise the charging policy for the financial year 2023/24 and thereafter enable the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care to make minor modifications periodically as may be required in accordance with the constitutional responsibility afforded to that office.

**CB.96 DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD GRANT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education to seek approval and acceptance of the ring-fenced Department for Education (DfE) Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant of £795,450 in order for the Council to coordinate the delivery of free holiday clubs for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the acceptance of the DfE Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant of £795,450 be authorised.
- 2) That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be authorised to ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to co-ordinate and implement the HAF programme.
- 3) That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation arising.

**CB.97 SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education which sets out the proposed School Year for 2024-2025 for all voluntary controlled and community schools within the local authority.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the proposed dates for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2024–2025 academic year, as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 2) That the Director for Children’s Services be authorised to implement and take all reasonable steps arising, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education.

**CB.98 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR NELC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Children and Education that describes the local authority’s school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the position whereby the general admission arrangements, including published admissions numbers (PANs), for the local authority’s community and voluntary controlled schools for 2024-2025 are unchanged, be supported.
- 2) That the position that no material changes would be made to the local authority’s co-ordinated school admission arrangements published schemes other than the updating of dates and deadlines, and that locally agreed protocols that support admission arrangements would continue to be reviewed on a regular basis, be supported.
- 3) That authority be delegated to the Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, to increase the published admission number of an individual year group in a school in exceptional circumstances.
- 4) That it be noted that those schools / academies that are their own admission authorities have the ability to consult and determine their own admission arrangements. Details of known proposed changes were provided at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted.
- 5) That, with the increasing number of academies within the local authority, it be noted that the number of schools for which the local authority is responsible for in respect of determining admission arrangements is reduced.

**CB.99 APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DELIVERING BETTER VALUE IN SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) SERVICES GRANT.**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education that seeks approval and acceptance of the ring-fenced Department for Education Delivering Better Value in SEND services grant of £1,000,000.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the acceptance of the DfE Delivering Better Value in SEND services grant of £1,000,000 be authorised.
- 2) That the Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be authorised to ensure that all necessary actions are carried out in order to co-ordinate and implement the Delivering Better Value programme.
- 3) That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation arising.

**CB.100 EMPTY PROPERTIES - COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing report seeking authority for the Council to pursue Compulsory Purchase Order formal action to tackle three problematic empty properties, where all other informal and formal options have failed.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders on 49 Bentley Street Cleethorpes, 62 Pasture Street/63-67 Willingham Street Grimsby and 168 Rutland Street, Grimsby be approved.
- 2) That the Executive Director Place and Resources be authorised to use funding allocated within the existing Empty Homes Capital Budget to fund legal, professional and acquisition costs.
- 3) That the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing, be delegated authority to commence and implement all formalities in connection with the exercise of compulsory purchase powers and all actions reasonably ancillary thereto and thereafter deal with subsequent disposal or refurbishment or other use as shall be at the Executive Director’s discretion and being subject to internal

governance processes with a view to bringing the properties back into use.

- 4) That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation.

## **CB.101 ELECTRICITY AND GAS BASKET FRAMEWORK**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to carry out a further call off from the existing framework to help avoid risks of additional cost increases associated with the Council trying to re-procure its energy frameworks during a period of extreme market volatility.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing, to approve a further call off from the Electricity and Gas Basket framework.
- 2) That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed 5:32pm



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## **CABINET BUDGET SPECIAL**

**22nd February 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)
- Guy Lonsdale (Finance Group Manager)
- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

Also present:

Councillor Shutt and Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer)

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

### **CB.102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **CB.103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **CB.104 COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing presenting the council plan refresh prior to Full Council.

### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

- 1) That the content of the refreshed Council Plan, outlined in Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved for adoption.
- 2) That the refreshed Council Plan be referred to all scrutiny panels for information.

## **CB.105 BUDGET, FINANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN 2023/24 2025/26**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Budget, Finance and Business Plan 2023/24 – 2025/26 for consideration prior to Full Council.

### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL -**

- 1) That the 2023/24 Budget and summary 2023/24 – 2025/26 Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP'), contained within Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 2) That there be an increase in Council Tax and Adult Social Care precept, based on the supporting papers, which suggest indicative levels of:
  - ii. a 2.98% increase in Council Tax in 2023/24
  - iii. the application of a 2% Adult Social Care precept in 2023/24
- 3) That, in anticipation of enabling powers, from 1st April 2024:
  - i. in the case of empty homes, a 100% premium of the original liability be applied after 12 months (rather than the period of 24 months previously agreed): and
  - ii. in the case of second or holiday homes, a premium of 100% of the original liability be applied across the borough, in whole or in part, as yet to be determined, and to be reviewed upon implementation of the requisite statutory provision.
- 4) That the Business plans contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 1) of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 5) That an annual organisation wide uplift in fees and charges (where permissible by law) in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) or any

official index replacing it, be approved.

- 6) That the Capital Investment Strategy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 3) of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 7) That the 2023/24 - 2025/26 Capital Programme set out in Appendix 1 (Annex 2) of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 8) The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 7) of the report now submitted, be approved.

## **CB.106 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY POLICY AND STATEMENT 2023-24**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the restated Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- 1) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 2) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2023/24, as set out at Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- 3) That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, as set out in Annex 2 of Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed 5:04pm