



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 23rd August 2023 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 Jackson (in the Chair)

Councillors Cracknell, Dawkins, Harness, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn

DN.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

DN.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.25 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 19th July 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.26 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE REPORT – QUARTER 1 2023/24

Cabinet considered a joint report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing, and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing key information and analysis of the Council's finance and resources position at the end of quarter one.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the content of the report be noted.**
- 2. That the report be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for further consideration and oversight.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The report is important in informing Cabinet of the performance and financial position of the Council and highlighting risks and opportunities.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED - Not applicable to monitoring report.

DN.27 CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CARE STATUTORY COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Cabinet received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education providing an overview of the activity and analysis of Children’s Social Care complaints and compliments for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Children’s Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2022/23 be received and accepted.**
- 2. That the Children’s Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2022/23 be referred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for their consideration.**
- 3. That, subsequent to resolution 2 above, responsibility be delegated to the Director of Childrens Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, to publish the annual report.**

REASON FOR DECISION – It is a requirement of The Children Act 1989 Representation Procedure (England) Regulations 2006 to produce an annual report regarding the representations made about social care statutory services. The purpose of the report is to inform the general public, elected members and Council officers about the effectiveness of the statutory complaint’s procedure.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – It is a statutory requirement that an annual report is completed for these complaints and the activities undertaken in responding to the complaints follows current guidance. The current approach is set out in the report.

DN.28 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy seeking to approve the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2023.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2023, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy, to promote and implement the strategy.**
- 3. That the comments and endorsement of the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy by the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel be noted.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - The decision allows the Council to publicise its vision for sport and physical activity across the Borough and establish a Sport and Physical Activity Group to develop the annual action plan to deliver the aims of the strategy and provide future oversight. The decision will ensure that sport and physical activity is connected across a wide range of Council strategies and build a strategic approach to sport and physical activity across the wider place.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The alternative is to do nothing. This would mean that the Council would not have a relevant and up to date approach to addressing the challenge of physical inactivity. This would have a negative impact on wider health and wellbeing outcomes and limit the Council's ability to secure external grant funding.

DN.29 SKILLS STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing seeking approval to adopt the skills strategy and action plan.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the skills strategy and action plan be adopted.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the**

Leader of the Council, to implement the skills strategy and action plan.

- 3. That the endorsement, comments and recommendations of the joint scrutiny panel's consideration of the skills strategy be noted.**
- 4. That an update report providing detailed SMART objectives and progress made against the action plan, be presented to a special joint meeting of the Economy and Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panels in February 2024.**
- 5. That secondary school provision in North East Lincolnshire and the decline in attainment from year 7 to year 11 be referred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for investigation.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - To put a framework and strategic plan in place to align skills to local industry need and support residents to pursue their career of choice in North East Lincolnshire. Resolutions 3 and 4 were recommended by the joint scrutiny panel.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED - To take no action would leave the current skills landscape fragmented and without clear local strategic direction.

DN.30 EQUALITY REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy to approve the Annual Equality Report.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Annual Equality Report, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive to publish the Annual Equality Report in accordance with legislative requirements.**
- 3. That officers be instructed to draft an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for North East Lincolnshire and refer it to the Communities Scrutiny Panel and Health and Care Partnership for comment prior to it being considered/approved at a future meeting of Cabinet.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - It is a legal requirement for local authorities to report annually on how they have met the Public Sector Equality Duty as set out in the Equality Act 2010. The Annual Equality

Report complies with this duty. As part of developing the role and understanding of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion internally and externally (an action in the feedback from the Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge), it is important to develop an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy which provides a framework for future actions for North East Lincolnshire.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED - No alternative options were considered as the Council has a statutory duty to publish its progress against its Equality Duty and equality objectives to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty.