



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 12th March 2025 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, Hudson and Shepherd.

DN.79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dawkins declared a registerable interest in DN83 and left the room for this agenda item.

DN.81 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 12th February 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.82 ALEXANDRA DOCK REGENERATION

Cabinet considered a report from Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills seeking approval for the principle of working with Homes England and Government to support the potential regeneration of Alexandra Dock and Grimsby Town Centre.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the principle of working with Homes England and Government to support the potential regeneration of Alexandra Dock and Grimsby Town Centre be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council be authorised to accept grant funding from Homes England and the Government, on behalf of the Council, which will:**
 - a. Support a refresh of the Grimsby Town Centre Masterplan;**
 - b. Review Grimsby Town Centre's infrastructure, in line with the masterplan's vision; and,**
 - c. Explore potential future development of Alexandra Dock, in line with the masterplan's vision.**
- 3. That the procurement of professional consultancy support to instigate the work outlined above be approved and the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader be delegated authority to progress.**
- 4. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council be delegated authority to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of contracts for the provision of professional support with this matter.**
- 5. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.**
- 6. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council be delegated authority to deal with all matters arising from and ancillary to the above.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to progress studies and works that will support the potential regeneration of Alexandra Dock and support the continued delivery of the Grimsby Town Centre Masterplan.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

- 1. Do Nothing -** The Council could choose to not accept funding which would enable the Council to identify opportunities regarding the future regeneration of Alexandra Dock, or the wider Grimsby town centre area. However, this would mean the loss of £7.8m of Towns Fund grant from the area and mean that the potential regeneration of

Alexandra Dock would not be achieved, including the aspiration contained within the Grimsby Town Centre masterplan of incorporating the town's waterfront as a key element of the town centre.

2. Only Deliver the First Phase – The Council has funding secured to deliver the first phase housing element at Garth Lane, which was approved by Cabinet on 8th March 2023. This would deliver a high-quality development for the region. However, early-stage investigations have highlighted that this element could provide a catalytic effect on regenerating the wider Alexandra Dock area and achieving the aspirations of the Grimsby Town Centre Masterplan for the area would only be achieved by exploring further regeneration opportunities that might arise within the area.
3. Proceeding with the plans outlined in this report will enable the Council to continue seeking delivery of a transformational impact that aligns with the aspirations of the Grimsby Town Centre Masterplan.

DN.83 EAST MARSH HOUSING RETROFIT SCHEME

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval of the principle of, and the next steps of progressing, the East Marsh Housing Retrofit scheme.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the principle of, and the next steps of progressing, the East Marsh Housing Retrofit scheme, as outlined within this report now submitted be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to accept grant funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG), on behalf of the Council, which will enable delivery of the East Marsh Housing Retrofit Scheme.**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be authorised, to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of contracts for the provision of professional support with this matter.**
- 4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.**

- 5. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council be delegated authority to deal with all matters arising from and ancillary to the above.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to progress studies and works that will support a future proposal regarding delivery of the East Marsh Housing Retrofit Scheme.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Do Nothing - The Council could choose to not accept funding which would mean the Council could not proceed with the project. In addition, given the wider economic issues facing Rutland Street, as outlined in paragraph 1.4 it is highly unlikely that individual residents/property owners would be able to undertake the works. This would lose an opportunity to pilot the scheme, as envisaged by the project, and assess the impact of retrofitting properties within the East Marsh ward, which could be rolled out wider in the future.
2. Only Deliver a small pilot – The Council has funding secured to deliver a pilot.
3. Proceeding with the plans outlined in this report will enable the Council to continue delivery of a pilot housing retrofit scheme as originally envisaged via the Deep Dive exercise.

DN.84 OUR GREEN FUTURE ANNUAL REPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero to receive and note the annual updates for each plan.

RESOLVED – That the annual updates for each plan as outlined in Appendices 1 to 3 for the report now submitted and its contribution towards delivering net zero by 2030 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION – This report focusses on the three environmental strategies which alongside the Economic Strategy, together make up 'Our Green Future', as set out in the Council's Environmental Vision Statement. This update will support our aspirations for North East Lincolnshire to be:

- A thriving low carbon economy powered by sustainable energy.
- A circular economy, where businesses and residents reject the throw-away society, reducing, re-using and recycling.

- A place where residents live in energy efficient, healthy homes and where it is enjoyable, accessible, and affordable for everyone to travel sustainably every day.
- A nature rich place, where wildlife abounds, and everyone has access to clean air and inspiring green and open spaces to protect health and enhance lives.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The option for the council to not be carbon neutral by 2030 has been considered, however this would unnecessarily delay improvements to the environment for the benefit of our residents.

DN.85 CLEETHORPES COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero seeking approval to adopt the new Cleethorpes Country Park Management Plan 2025-2030 and the naming the Cleethorpes Country Park Island, Mike Sleight Island.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the new Cleethorpes Country Park Management Plan 2025-2030 be adopted.**
- 2. That the proposal of naming the Cleethorpes Country Park island, Mike Sleight Island be approved.**
- 3. That the extension of Martin Wragg Way into Sleight Way, as proposed in Appendix 2 of this report now submitted be approved.**
- 4. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to take all actions reasonably necessary to implement and administer the above.**

REASON FOR DECISION –

Adopting a new Cleethorpes Country Park Management Plan ensures the Council has an active management plan for the park that aligns its management with our strategic objectives. This also allows the Council to explore potential opportunities to further enhance the Country Park with our partners and through funding providers. The establishment of the Mike Sleight Island and Sleight Way ensures the work of the Council's former Ecology Manager, Mike Sleight, in establishing the Cleethorpes Country Park under the Council's stewardship is recognised by future generations.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do Nothing – To do nothing would mean that the council would not have an active Cleethorpes Country Park Management Plan in place. This would negatively impact our ability to deliver the council's strategic objectives.

DN.86 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL'S CLEETHORPES HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero seeking approval to adopt the North East Lincolnshire Council Cleethorpes Habitat Management Plan.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the North East Lincolnshire Council Cleethorpes Habitat Management Plan as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted be approved.**
- 2. That the Director for Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to take all actions reasonably necessary to implement, administer and ensure enforcement of such policy.**
- 3. That the annual report from the Director for Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure on the Cleethorpes Coastline following implementation of the new Cleethorpes Habitat Management Plan be received.**

REASON FOR DECISION - The Cleethorpes Habitat Management Plan outlines the Council's approach to managing the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This includes our management responsibilities, an agreed approach to managing recreational activities on site and measures required to mitigate disturbance to the SSSI's special features. The Plan ensures that the Cleethorpes coastline is managed in a way that balances the need to respect the biological diversity and protected designations of the Humber Estuary, while safeguarding the economic viability of Cleethorpes as a tourist destination.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing. This is not an option as the Plan is required by law.

DN.87 LOCAL PLAN PREPARATION TIMETABLE

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder Housing Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to bring into immediate effect the Local Development Scheme and to implement the timetable for the local plan contained within it.

RESOLVED – That the Local Development Scheme (LDS) be approved as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted and that the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport be authorised to implement the timetable for the local plan contained within it.

REASON FOR DECISION – The Council has a statutory duty to maintain an up-to-date local plan and must publish an LDS which sets out the timeframe for undertaking any update to the current plan. In light of reforms to the planning system outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has requested that all local planning authorities produce an updated LDS and submit a copy to MHCLG by no later than 6 March 2025.

A draft LDS will be set to MHCLG ahead of the deadline and it will be made clear that it is subject to ratification at the Council's 12 March Cabinet meeting.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. It is a legal requirement to prepare and keep up-to-date an LDS which sets out a publicly available timetable for the preparation and development of a local plan. This report seeks approval for an updated timetable for the preparation and adoption of the local plan.
2. No other options are considered based on progressing under the current legislation and recently published NPPF.

DN.88 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD LIGHTING, TRAFFIC SIGNS AND BOLLARDS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to undertake a procurement exercise for the Installation and Maintenance of Road Lighting, Traffic Signs and Bollards.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the undertaking of a procurement exercise for the installation and maintenance of road lighting, traffic signs and bollards be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be authorised to commence the above procurement exercise.**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be delegated responsibility to deal with award, implementation, mobilisation and all ancillary matters reasonably arising therefrom.**
- 4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising from the above recommendations.**

REASON FOR DECISION - The Council is required to demonstrate value for money in the procurement Installation and Maintenance of Road Lighting, Traffic Signs and Bollards under the Procurement Act 2023.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Status Quo

A decision could be made not to implement further contracting arrangements, although for the Council this would potentially reduce value for money opportunities that come by aggregating demand.

2. Negotiation

Negotiate an extension to that contract for a longer period of time. This option would not ensure that the Council was receiving best value and would be in breach of contract regulations and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs).

3. Central Purchasing Bodies

The Council could access Government framework arrangements through one of the Pro 5 Purchasing organisations but do not always secure value for money and there is an associated cost for accessing these frameworks.

DN.89 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT & RECOVERY FUNDING 2025-2026

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval to accept indicative funding from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be authorised to accept the £1,778,145 indicative funding from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities on behalf of the Council.**
- 2. That the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be delegated authority to implement all actions and ancillary matters reasonably arising within the conditionality of such funding to deliver the anticipated outcomes.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.**

REASON FOR DECISION – As stated above the allocated funding is to continue to rebuild drug treatment and recovery services, including those for young people and offenders and to deliver locally the outcomes outlined in the 10-year drug plan.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – To not to accept the funding/sign the Memorandum of Understanding resulting in the loss of the funding and subsequently not being able to deliver on the required outcomes of the Government's 10-year drug plan.

DN.90 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY STATEMENT 2025-26

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval for this report and refers its contents and the following to Full Council for approval and adoption.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

That this report and its contents and the following be referred to Full Council for approval and adoption:

- the Treasury Management Policy Statement – Appendix 1
- the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2025/26 - Appendix 2
- the MRP Policy Statement – Annex 2 of Appendix 2

REASON FOR DECISION –

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services (the CIPFA TM Code) and the Prudential Code require local authorities to approve their Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators on an annual basis. This Authority requires the Strategy to be approved by full Council.

Full Council holds responsibility for the implementation and regular monitoring of the organisation's treasury management policies and practices and delegates the execution and administration of treasury management decisions to The Director of Finance, who will act in accordance with the organisation's policy statement and TMPs and, if he/she is a CIPFA member, CIPFA's Standard of Professional Practice on Treasury Management.

The Council's treasury management activity is guided by CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management ("the Code"), The Code recommends that members are informed of treasury management activities at least twice a year with interim updates on performance against Prudential Indicators reported quarterly. We therefore report in full after Quarter 2 and year end with Prudential Indicators being reported additionally to Cabinet after Quarters 1 and 3 in the Commissioning and Resource Report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – These are set out on Page 30 of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

DN.91 EXCLUSION OF THE 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).

DN.92 CORPORATION ROAD BRIDGE

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder Housing, Infrastructure and Transport updating Cabinet on Corporation Road Bridge.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the additional capital funding request to the suggested capping limit set out in this report be approved.**
- 2. That accepting the options available to the project team in completing this refurbishment scheme, authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Executive Director Place and Resources (as s151 Officer) and also in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport to make any required decisions around spend and contractual arrangements to progress this scheme to completion subject to Resolution 1 above.**

REASON FOR DECISION – As set out in the report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – As set out in the report.