



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 17th July 2024 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 Dawkins, Harness, Hudson, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn

DN.9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DN.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.11 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 12th June 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.12 CLEETHORPES LEVELLING UP FUND (LUF) MARKET PLACE CONCEPT DESIGNS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Devolution and Skills together with recommendations from Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel

seeking approval of the final concept designs for the Market Place project.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the final concept designs (as detailed within Appendix Two) of the report now submitted for the Market Place project be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be delegated authority to:**
 - a. progress and approve the final technical designs for the Cleethorpes Market Place scheme, including all detail necessary to enable reports to be presented to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport for implementation, regarding associated Traffic Orders that will be required; and**
 - b. procure and appoint contractors to deliver the Cleethorpes Market Place scheme and thereafter to mobilise and implement the scheme;**
 - c. Authorises the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to undertake:**
 - d. submission of any planning applications for the Cleethorpes Market Place scheme that may be required;**
 - e. dealing with any land matters that may arise regarding the project: and,**
 - f. Commission any enabling surveys and works that might be required for the Cleethorpes Market Place scheme.**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to authorised to deal with all matters reasonably arising from or ancillary to the above recommendations.**
- 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.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to progress the Cleethorpes Market Place scheme through to technical design,

procurement of contractors and deliver in line with Levelling Up Fund requirements .

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Do Nothing – The Council could choose to not progress with the project. However, this would mean the loss of the LUF grant from the area and mean that the potential regeneration for Cleethorpes will not be achieved, including the aspirations within the Cleethorpes Masterplan.
2. Do Less – The Council could choose to limit the scale of the project design. However, this would reduce its impact and ability to meet the ambition outlined within the Cleethorpes Masterplan.
3. Change the recommended concept design – The Council could choose not to approve the recommended concept design for the project or request alternative options. This option would cause significant delay to the project and impact delivery timescale and potentially mean the loss of the LUF grant.

DN.13 CLEETHORPES LEVELLING UP FUND (LUF) PIER GARDENS CONCEPT DESIGNS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Devolution and Skills together with recommendations from Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel seeking approval of the final concept designs for the Pier Gardens project.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the final concept designs (as detailed within Appendix Two) of the report now submitted for the Pier Gardens project be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be delegated authority to:**
 - a. progress and approve the final technical designs for the Pier Gardens scheme;**
 - b. procure and appoint contractors to deliver the Pier Gardens scheme. thereafter to mobilise and implement the scheme; and**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council be authorised to undertake:**

- a. **submission of any planning applications for the Pier Gardens scheme that may be required;**
 - b. **dealing with any land matters that may arise regarding the project: and,**
 - c. **Commission any enabling surveys and works for the Pier Gardens scheme that might be required.**
4. **That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council be authorised to deal with all matters reasonably arising from or ancillary to the above recommendations.**
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.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to progress the Pier Gardens project through to technical design, procurement of contractors and deliver in line with Levelling Up Fund requirements.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 1. Do Nothing - The Council could choose to not progress with the project. However, this would mean the loss of the LUF grant from the area and mean that the potential regeneration for Cleethorpes will not be achieved, including the aspirations within the Cleethorpes masterplans.
- 2. Do Less – The Council could choose to limit the scale of the project design. However, this would reduce its impact and ability to meet the ambition of the Cleethorpes' Masterplan.
- 3. Change the recommended concept designs – The Council could choose not to approve the recommended concept designs for the project or request alternative options. This option would cause significant delay to the project and impact delivery timescales and potentially mean the loss of the LUF grant for both projects.

DN.14 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND 3

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills seeking approval to accept the allocation of grant funding.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That North East Lincolnshire Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities (DLUHC) based on the prospectus for the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 (See 13.2) of the report now submitted be approved.**
- 2. That the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills be authorised to accept the sum of £342,400 from the Local Authority Housing Fund 3.**
- 3. That the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills be delegated authority to authorise agreement to the MoU with DLUHC under which the grant will be accepted.**
- 4. That the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills be delegated authority to subsequently implement such programme and take all actions reasonably arising.**
- 5. That Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute requisite documentation arising.**

REASONS FOR DECISION –

To enable the Council to utilise grant funding specifically to support and enhance the future provision of our homelessness duties. In the short term (2-3 years) the predominant use would be to support Afghan family resettlement and general homelessness prevention. In the long term these properties will become part of the homelessness property portfolio once the Afghan need has been met and will be used to provide quality family properties.

The recommendations will ensure that the opportunity presented by the Local Authority Housing Fund 3 to deliver affordable housing in the borough will be fully realised and will help to relieve pressures on the council's homelessness services.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Decline the allocation of grant funding.
2. Accept the initial allocation of funding.

3. Recalculate and reduce the amount of grant funding.
4. Outsource externally to a social housing provider.

Given the small number of properties involved, this was not considered to be a cost-effective option.

DN.15 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD LIGHTING, TRAFFIC SIGNS AND BOLLARDS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval of a 12-month extension for the contract with the current incumbent for the provision of the installation and maintenance of road lighting, traffic signs and bollards.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the principle of a 12-month extension for the contract with the current incumbent for the provision of the installation and maintenance of road lighting, traffic signs and bollards be approved.**
- 2. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be authorised, to make all necessary arrangements to implement such extension.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising from the above recommendations.**

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Council is required to demonstrate value for money and wish to progress a further 12-month extension of the existing contract to provide further time to explore alternative procurement opportunities with neighbouring authorities which will form part of the Combined County Authority e.g., Lincolnshire County Council and North Lincolnshire Council. This will potentially allow for greater economies of scale for all the constituent authorities.

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 the existing 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. Short Term Extension to the Current Contract - Only issue a three-month extension to allow time for a procurement exercise to be completed. The Council would not know the outcome of the options to procure as a Combined County Authority during this shorter extension period.
4. 12-month Extension to the Current Contract - Grant a 12-month extension to allow time to carry a pre-market consultation with the supply chain and to allow the Council to consider its options to procure as a Combined County Authority.

DN.16 PROCUREMENT OF REPLACEMENT FLEET

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero seeking approval to commence the procurement exercises for fleet items over a two-year period.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the commencement of procurement exercises for fleet items over a two-year period be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to award contracts following the required procurement exercises for the purchase of the replacement fleet items.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all legal documentation arising.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The decision allows the Council to commence the procurement exercises for the replacement fleet items and allows the Council to award the necessary contracts.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing. This is not a viable option however as aging fleet would mean vehicles would consistently break down and require the Council to hire vehicles to cover the

downtime. Due to increased impacts on revenue budgets this would not be cost effective and is not a viable option.

DN.17 LESS THAN BEST: ST JAMES HOUSE: EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY CABLE

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to agree terms and then facilitate completion and subsequent implementation of the proposed easement for nominal consideration.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, be authorised to agree terms and then facilitate completion and subsequent implementation of the proposed easement for nominal consideration.**
- 2. That the to the Assistant Director Law and Governance to be authorised to execute all documentation arising.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - St James House is one of the six Grimsby Town Centre projects which form Grimsby's Town Fund programme. The shortest route for the required electricity cable that passes underneath the Council's land opposite will help facilitate delivery and to negate further development cost increases for this project. The award of an easement on the land constitutes a disposal of interest in the land for less than best consideration which requires Cabinet approval.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED - The Council could choose to do nothing. The electricity supply company would route the cable predominantly along the adopted highway.