



## **CABINET**

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 5.00pm**

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

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adults Housing and Communities)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Ann-Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Guy Lonsdale (Interim Section 151 Officer)
- Sharon Wroot (Interim Chief Executive)

### **Also in attendance :**

Nick Browning (Head of Culture Heritage Leisure and Tourism)  
Royce Coates (Lead Communications Officer – People, Health and Wellbeing)  
Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer)  
Tracey Law (Communication and Marketing Advisor)

There were 16 members of the public and no press present.

### **CB.34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **CB.35      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Shepherd declared a non-registerable interest in item CB.40 and left the meeting whilst that item was being discussed and voted upon.

### **CB.36      MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

### **CB.37      GRIMSBY WEST DEVELOPMENT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval of the Masterplan for the Grimsby West housing development.

Cabinet heard from Councillor Downes as Ward Councillor for Freshney ward and Chair of Friends of the Freshney Valley who set out residents' concerns around the impact the Grimsby West development would have. Cabinet noted these concerns.

Following a discussion around the report and the recommendations made from the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025, it was agreed that the report be deferred to a future Cabinet meeting so that the following issues raised by scrutiny could be addressed:

- Flood risk and waterflow and pollution into the River Freshney.
- Completion of a traffic assessment.
- More graphic detail on the Freshney Valley Country Park.

RESOLVED – That, in line with recommendations from the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel, this item be deferred to a future meeting of Cabinet to allow the following issues to be addressed:

- Flood risk and waterflow and pollution into the River Freshney.
- Completion of a traffic assessment.
- More graphic detail on the Freshney Valley Country Park.

### **CB. 38      REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES**

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking authority to go out to procurement for the 1, 2 and 20 Europarc bus service, 5M bus service and Phone n Ride.

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for the 1, 2 and 20 Europarc bus service, 5M bus service and Phone n Ride 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:
  - A) approve the option that is awarded for each bus service and to ensure the tender award is made within the available budget.
  - B) to make appropriate contract awards to the most advantageous tender.
3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, be delegated authority to carry out all ancillary activity in terms of post award implementation and mobilisation of such arrangements.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above.

## **CB.39 LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES REVIEW PHASE 2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy updating Cabinet on the phase 2 public consultation findings of the library and archives review.

Cabinet received recommendations from the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting on 2nd October 2025 which were noted and accepted, including the addition of “the findings of the Library Services Select Committee” to recommendation 3 of the report

RESOLVED –

1. That the engagement and consultation with our communities during the second phase of public consultation, involving residents, partners and services, be noted
2. That the following be agreed and supported:
  - a. Cleethorpes Library remain open and initiatives to better utilise the available space and facilities be pursued.
  - b. Waltham Library remain open and initiatives to better utilise the available space and facilities be pursued.

- c. In principle, the current Grimsby Central Library be reopened, subject to confirmation of the options and costs for refurbishment. Such options to be subject to full and transparent engagement.
3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy, be authorised to establish options and costs for the repair and refurbishment of Grimsby Central Library, refine the library service needs assessment and develop the emerging library service strategy informed by the findings of the two phases of public consultation and engagement and also the findings of the Library Services Select Committee.
4. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage, and the Visitor Economy, be instructed to report further to Cabinet to:
  - a. present recommended refinements to the needs assessment,
  - b. present a proposed library service strategy,
  - c. present options and costs for refurbishment of Grimsby Central Library.

#### **CB.40 PROPOSED GRIMSBY TO WALPOLE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY LINE**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to enable the council to respond to the National Grid proposal at both the pre and post Development Consent Order submission stage.

RESOLVED – That the Director for Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to deal with matters arising from the Development Consent Order for this scheme, including all technical issues, consistently in line with the Council’s stated position on the scheme in general.

#### **CB.41 PROCUREMENT OF HIGHWAYS FRAMEWORK FOR CAPITAL WORKS**

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to procure a highways framework for capital works.

RESOLVED –

1. That the procurement of a Highways Framework for capital works, as set out in the 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 commence and conduct such exercise and thereafter to make such awards and carry out all ancillary matters reasonably arising.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

#### **CB.42 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.43 REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES**

Cabinet considered the closed appendix referred to in the report at minute CB.38.

RESOLVED –That the appendix be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.