

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

CABINET

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Tuesday, 2 October 2012 at 5.30pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court,
Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

PRESENT: Councillor N J Daubney (Chairman)
Councillors A Beales, Lord Howard, A Lawrence, B Long,
Mrs E Nockolds, D Pope and Mrs V Spikings.

CAB96: **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB97: **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

CAB98: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

CAB99: **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

CAB100: **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor Mrs E Watson attended for item CAB107: Hunstanton Sailing Club Extension & Refurbishment Project Contribution.

CAB101: **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

CAB102: **FORWARD DECISIONS LIST**

The forward decision list was noted.

CAB103: **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

i) **Resources and Performance Panel: 25 September 2012**

The Panel made the following recommendations to Cabinet, which were dealt with when Cabinet considered the reports on the agenda.

RP58: Exempt Cabinet Report: Hunstanton Sailing Club

RESOLVED: 1) That Cabinet be informed that the Resources and Performance Panel supports the recommendations as set out in the report to Cabinet as follows:

2) The Borough Council makes a contribution to the project in 2012/13 to be funded by bringing forward a £100,000 of the £500,000 capital funding allocated to Hunstanton regeneration in 2013/14.

3) The contribution is made to the project subject to the terms outlined in the report.

ii) **Regeneration, Community and Environment Panel - 26 September 2012**

The Panel made the following recommendations to Cabinet, which were dealt with when Cabinet considered the reports on the agenda.

REC72: Car Parking and Promotions

RECOMMENDED: That the Panel supports the recommendations to Cabinet as follows:

1) That it be agreed to continue with the following car park promotion until the 31 March 2014:

- Freeze on parking charges
- 3 hours for the price of 2 hours in all short-term car parks
- Suspend the £1.00 evening charge in Resort car parks
- Provide free parking in King's Lynn from 5.00 pm on late night Christmas shopping evenings
- Provide free parking in Central and Valentine Road car parks in Hunstanton for the Christmas light switch-on event.

2) That a further report be requested in September 2013.

CAB104: **CAR PARKING PROMOTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Nockolds presented a report which detailed the current measures introduced by the Council in its car parks to help maintain visitor numbers to retail and resort areas.

The report proposed that until 31 March 2014 the Council continued with the following measures:

- Freeze on current parking charges.
- Retain the 3 hours for the price of 2 hours offer.

- Suspend the £1.00 evening charge in Resort areas.

In addition to the above:

- In the lead up to Christmas all car parks to be free from 5.00pm on the late night Thursday shopping evening in King's Lynn (except the multi storey car park).
- In Hunstanton, Central and Valentine Road car parks to be free for the Christmas light switch on event.

The Leader commented that much consideration had been given to the proposals as there were very strong opinions throughout on the issue of car park charging, and the different pressures on the retail sector had put the focus on car parking charges.

The Regeneration, Environment and Community Panel had considered the matter and supported the recommendations.

RESOLVED: 1) That the following car park promotion be continued until 31 March 2014:

- Freeze on parking charges.
- 3 hours for the price of 2 hours in all short-term car parks.
- Suspend the £1.00 evening charge in Resort car parks.
- Provide free parking in King's Lynn from 5.00pm on late night Christmas shopping evenings (except multi storey car park).
- Provide free parking in Central and Valentine Road car parks Hunstanton for the Christmas light switch on event.

2) That a further report be presented in September 2013.

CAB105: **TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE**

Councillor Beales presented a report which explained that the Townscape Heritage Initiative funding programme administered by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) had been identified as a potential funding source to assist in delivering one of the corporate priorities to rejuvenate empty and derelict land and buildings in the St Margaret's & St Nicholas Conservation Area in King's Lynn. Consultation with the HLF, property owners and stakeholders had been completed and received a positive response on the proposal to submit an application to the HLF to request £1.5m funding contribution to the £2m scheme. The report outlined the terms of the funding programme, the project proposal and the authorisation required from Cabinet in order to progress the project and submit an application to the HLF. Councillor Beales explained that it was important to address the more run down area of the town. Any grant payments made would be paid in arrears.

In concurring with Councillor Beales' points, the Chairman stressed that it was important not to allow a loss of interest in those areas of the town.

RESOLVED: 1) That the submission of an application to the HLF for £1.5 million as detailed in section 4 of the report be approved.

2) That if the stage one application is successful, the appointment of a dedicated Project Officer be approved as a condition of the HLF funding, to progress the stage 2 application and implementation of the project if successful.

RECOMMENDED: That £500,000 be allocated in the capital programme over 5 years from 2014/15-2019/20 as the Borough Council's match funding contribution to the project.

CAB106: **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act."

CAB107: **HUNSTANTON SAILING CLUB EXTENSION & REFURBISHMENT PROJECT CONTRIBUTION**

Councillor Beales reminded Cabinet that The Hunstanton Sailing Club was identified as a key opportunity site in Hunstanton Town Centre and Southern Seafront masterplan to assist in developing the 'active town' vision for the town. Since 2008, the Club had been progressing plans to extend and refurbish their existing club house on the North Promenade in Hunstanton. A larger club house would enable them to meet the demand in the growth of water sport activities on this stretch of coastline to hold regional, national and international watersport competitions and provide a wider range of training programmes. They had secured part of the funding required to deliver the project. The report proposed the Council brought forward a proportion of capital funding to 2012/13 from the existing budget allocated to the 2013/14 Hunstanton regeneration capital programme to facilitate the completion of phase 1 of the project in line with the regeneration objectives for Hunstanton.

Under Standing Order 34, Councillor Mrs E Watson addressed the Cabinet in support of the recommendations. She reminded Members of the funding the Club had already acquired. She drew attention to the change to Kite Surfing as an Olympic Sport, for which Hunstanton was a very prominent venue. The Club would encourage more young people to the area, and work with other organisations to this end.

Councillor Beales drew attention to a point raised at the Resources and Performance Panel regarding the possibility of a Council representative attending the Club Board meetings to monitor progress with work to the Club. The Club had since been contacted and indicated that they

would be prepared to invite such a representative. He therefore proposed that Councillor T de Winton be appointed in an observer/advisory role to this position.

RESOLVED: 1) That the Borough Council makes a contribution to the project in 2012/13 to be funded by bringing forward a £100,000 of the £500,000 capital funding allocated to Hunstanton regeneration in 2013/14.

2) The contribution be made to the project subject to the terms outlined in the report.

3) That Councillor Tom de Winton be appointed for this Municipal Year as the Council's Representative on the Club.

The Meeting closed at 5.50 pm