

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Tuesday 4 December 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, A Lawrence, B Long,
D Pope and Mrs V Spikings.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lord Howard
and Mrs E Nockolds

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 October
2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor N Daubney declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 (5):
King's Lynn Enterprise and Innovation Centre. He left the meeting
during its consideration. Councillor Long took the Chair for that item.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

5. **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor Mrs Mellish addressed the Cabinet for item 9 (3) Asset
Management - Downham Market- Potential Sale of Land

6. **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

7. **FORWARD DECISIONS LIST**

The Forward Decision List was noted.

8. **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

i) **Resources and Performance Panel: 27 November 2012**

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

RP83: Exempt Report: Asset Management Report

Resolved: The Panel noted the report.

RP84: Exempt Cabinet Report: Asset Management, Downham Market – Potential Sale Of Land

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

RP85: Exempt Cabinet Report: Cost Reduction Programme – Application For Early Retirement

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

RP86: Cabinet Report: Local Council Tax Support Scheme – End Of Consultation Period

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

ii) **Regeneration, Community and Environment Panel – 28 November 2012**

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

REC100: King's Lynn Enterprise And Innovation Centre (Klic)

RECOMMENDED: That the Panel supported the recommendations to Cabinet as set out the report

REC101: Community Infrastructure Levy – Early Stage Consultation On Methodology For Viability Assessment

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

That Cabinet:

1 Agrees to a consultation exercise being carried out in connection with the preparation of a Viability Assessment by our consultant as part of the preparation of a draft CIL Charging Schedule.

2. Notes that the results of the consultation will be reported back to Cabinet before proceeding to the next stage in the process.

9. **REPORTS**

<p>1) Local Council Tax Support Scheme (Page 8)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED: That :</p> <p>1) The existing scheme of Council Tax Benefit be adopted as the full Council Tax Support scheme for 2013/2014</p> <p>2) The draft Council Tax Support scheme outlined in this report be adopted for 2014/2015 subject to the addition of those in receipt of Carers Allowance being treated as a protected group in addition to those previously specified</p> <p>3) The Transitional Grant announced by the Department of Communities and Local Government in October 2012 be claimed.</p> <p>4) £85,000 of the additional income raised through Technical Changes to Council Tax be used to meet the funding shortfall for CTS in 2013/2014.</p> <p>5) With regard to the Notice of Motion proposed at the Council meeting of 27 September 2012 that the proposal to retain the existing scheme for 2013/2014 will overcome the issued raised in the notice of Motion for this period.</p> <p>Reason for Decision</p> <p>The existing scheme of CTB will end on 31 March 2013 and the Council must have a replacement scheme of CTS agreed by 31 January 2013.</p>
<p>2) Community Infrastructure Levy – Early Stage Consultation On Methodology For Viability</p>	<p>RESOLVED: 1) That a consultation exercise be carried out of in connection with the preparation of a Viability</p>

Assessment (Page 76)	<p>Assessment by our consultant as part of the preparation of a draft CIL Charging Schedule.</p> <p>2) That the results of the consultation be reported back to Cabinet before proceeding to the next stage in the process.</p> <p>Reason for Decision In order that the Council undertakes an effective preparation process for this part of the CIL.</p>
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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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 & 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

<p>3) Asset Management- Downham Market - Potential Sale Of Land (Page 92)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: 1) That the proposed disposal terms set out within this report, be approved and the representations made objecting to the proposed disposal be noted.</p> <p>2) That delegated authority be granted to the Council's Property Services Manager to finalise the sale terms with the prospective purchasers, and grant delegated authority to the Council's Legal Services Manager to progress the necessary transfer, or any other associated, documentation through to completion.</p> <p>Reason for Decision</p> <p>The Council will receive a capital receipt for an under-utilised parcel of land. The disposal of this land will also facilitate the development of housing units in Downham Market.</p>
<p>4) Cost Reduction Programme – Application For Early Retirement (Page 100)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the decision of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader that the request for early</p>

	<p>retirement of the post of Executive Director for Environment Health and Housing be accepted to take effect from 1st April 2013 be noted.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council be approve that the Chief Accountant post be designated to act as Chief Financial Officer under S.114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and S.151 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>Reason for Decision To enable the Council to trial a smaller management team whilst some clarity emerges with respect to the impact of the major changes to the funding regime for local government and the scale of further reductions in government support in the next comprehensive spending review period 2015/16 – 2019/20.</p>
<p>5) King’s Lynn Enterprise And Innovation Centre (Page 80)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED: 1) That the Heads of Terms of the Partnership Agreement with Norfolk and Waveney Enterprise Services (NWES), as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.</p> <p>2) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration to sign the Partnership Agreement with NWES</p> <p>3) That the Heads of Terms of the New Anglia Growing Places Fund Loan Agreement, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.</p> <p>4) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration to sign the Loan Agreement</p> <p>Reason for Decision In 2010 Business Link, the national enterprise agency tasked with delivery of support, advice and training to would be entrepreneurs to start up a business has been closed and replaced with an online portal. The closure has reduced dramatically the number of one-to-one business advise sessions available for</p>

	<p>would be entrepreneurs and small businesses.</p> <p>The Borough Council's Corporate Business Plan 2011-2015 identifies support for enterprise and business start-ups as a top priority. This proposal to deliver an enterprise and innovation centre in King's Lynn meets both a Council key priority and the need to fill the gap in business support provision left after Business Links demise.</p>
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The Meeting closed at 6.05 pm