

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 11th April, 2017 at 5.30 pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn

PRESENT: Councillor B Long (Chairman), A Beales, R Blunt, I Devereux, A Lawrence, Mrs K Mellish and Mrs E Nockolds

1 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Daubney.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman advised that he had accepted an item of urgent business which was to consider a temporary loan to North Lynn Discovery Limited. The item of business would be considered in closed session at the end of the meeting.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6 MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34

Councillor Bird – Items 12, 14 and 17
Councillor Pope – All agenda items.

7 CALLED IN MATTERS

There were no called in matters.

8 FORWARD DECISIONS

The Forward Decisions List was noted.

9 **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES**

Recommendations from the Joint Employee Committee meeting held on 27th March 2017 had been submitted to Cabinet and would be taken into consideration during Item 10: Staff Pay Award 2017/2018.

10 **STAFF PAY AWARD 2017/2018**

RESOLVED: 1. That an annual pay award of 1% be implemented with effect from 1st April 2017.

2. That Pay Grade PG13 be removed from the Authority's pay scales and that staff be assimilated to PG12 with a minimum pay rate of £7.78 per hour.

3. That staff on the revised grade of PG12 progress through the grade subject to the achievement of a specified NVQ level 2 qualification/apprenticeship in an agreed subject, demonstration of specified qualities/criteria as relevant to the post or demonstration of a willingness to work more flexibly (e.g. by working in different teams or at different sites).

REASON FOR DECISION: To implement an annual pay increase for employees whilst continuing to reflect the Government's policy of public sector pay restraint and the Authority's ongoing budget savings requirement. To reflect the approach taken by the National Employers in relation to increases in the minimum wage paid to employees and to amend the local pay scale accordingly

12 **HUNSTANTON ECONOMIC PROSPERITY PLAN AND PROSPECTUS**

RESOLVED: 1. Cabinet noted the report and endorsed the work on Hunstanton Prosperity.

2. Cabinet endorsed the update to the Hunstanton Town Centre & Southern Seafront Masterplan in the Hunstanton Prospectus.

REASON FOR DECISION: To continue the Council's support to the economic development and regeneration of Hunstanton.

13 **ELECTORAL REVIEW**

RESOLVED: Cabinet agreed to the creation of a Cross Party Electoral Review Cabinet Task Group of eight members – five Conservative, two Labour and one Independent.

REASON FOR DECISION: To assist in maximising Member engagement in the preparation of the Borough Council's submission to the LGBC on the future size of the Council.

14 **HOUSING - FULL OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED NEED (FOAN)**

RESOLVED: Cabinet endorsed the 'Assessing King's Lynn and West Norfolk's Housing Requirement' October 2016 Report.

REASON FOR DECISION: To assist the plan-making process.

15 **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, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

16 **EXEMPT - LYNNSPORT UPDATE AND PHASE 2 DECISION**

RESOLVED: Cabinet noted the progress made to date with the implementation of the Major Housing Project, the changes to the number of homes to be built and the amendments to the budget set out in the financial implications.

RECOMMENDED: Cabinet recommends to Council to approve the starting of Phase 2 as defined in the contract with Lovell's as Lynnsport 4 & 5.

REASON FOR DECISION: To progress phase 2 of the Major Housing Project:

- To achieve significant delivery of sustainable housing over a 4-5 year period.
- To achieve a commercial return for the Council (through capital and revenue receipts).
- To stimulate economic activity in the local area through direct and indirect activity.
- To create apprenticeships.
- To pay for the significant enhancements to the leisure facilities and new road at Lynnsport.

17 **EXEMPT - HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

RESOLVED: 1. Cabinet did not consider that the request met the Freedom of the Borough criteria.

2. Cabinet noted that the nominee had been awarded a lifetime achievement award at the West Norfolk Sports Awards.

3. Contact to be made with the Football Association to see if there was a reward or recognition befitting to the nominee.

18 **EXEMPT - TEMPORARY LOAN TO NORTH LYNN DISCOVERY**

LIMITED

RESOLVED: Cabinet approved a short term bridging loan facility of up to £20,000 to the Discovery Centre Trust on the terms set out in the report. The loan to be secured by placing a legal charge against the property.

REASON FOR DECISION: To facilitate an orderly transfer of the Discovery Centre to Freebridge Community Housing to ensure the future of this valuable community facility and the restoration of a comprehensive range of community based activities.

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm