

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 27th June, 2017 at 5.30 pm in the Card Room - Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Lawrence

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 May 2017 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4 **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

5 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor P Kunes attended for King's Lynn Strategic Land Acquisition
Councillor Pope attended for the whole agenda

6 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

7 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decisions List was noted.

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

None

9 **LONG TERM EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY**

RECOMMENDED: 1) That the Long Term Empty Homes Strategy as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.

2) That delegated authority to make minor amendments to the Strategy be awarded to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder responsible for housing

Reason for Decision

To ensure that appropriate advice, assistance and action is taken in relation to long term empty homes

10 **WEST WINCH/NORTH RUNCTON STRATEGIC GROWTH AREA - DESIGN OF / PROVISION OF RELIEF ROAD TO OPEN UP THE AREA**

RESOLVED: That the Council agrees to make up to £125K available from Reserves towards initial design work for the West Winch relief road.

Reason for Decision

To support the development of 3 – 3500 houses provided for in the Local Plan allocation.

11 **REVENUE OUTTURN 2016/17**

RESOLVED: 1) That the revenue outturn and proposed transfers to reserves for 2016/2017 be agreed.

2) That the amendments to the Earmarked Reserves policy be approved.

Reason for Decision

To approve the revenue outturn for 2016/2017 of the Council.

12 **CAPITAL OUTTURN 2016/17**

RESOLVED: 1) That the outturn of the capital programme for 2016/2017 of £19,469,420 be noted.

2) That the financing arrangements for the 2016/2017 capital programme be noted.

3) That the revised 2017/2021 capital programme and financing as detailed in the report be approved.

Reason for Decision

To report the outturn 2016/2017 for the Capital Programme and update Members on capital spending and resources for 2017-2021.

13 **AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

RECOMMENDED: 1) That Council approve the amended Scheme of Delegation.

2) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader be given delegated Authority to make minor amendments to the Scheme.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Delegation Scheme mirrors the decision making structure

14 **REVISED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEST NORFOLK HOUSING CO LTD AND THE TRANSFER OF HOUSING CAPITAL RESERVES**

RESOLVED: 1) That in addition to the existing 5 Directors (3 members, Housing Services Manager, Chief Executive, and s151 officer as Company Secretary), 3 further Directors be appointed who are independent of the Council, one of whom will have the role of Independent Chair.

2) That funds from a reserve of affordable housing capital are transferred to the West Norfolk Housing Co. as detailed in the report.

Reason for Decision

An application has been made to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for The Housing Co. to become a Registered Provider of social housing. As part of this process feedback from the HCA indicates the need for the current arrangement to be amended to provide a required degree of independence on the board. The transfer of funds is required to ensure that the company has some capital to meet the regulatory standard relating to financial viability. The funds will be used in conjunction with borrowing for investment activities set out in the West Norfolk Housing co. Business Plan.

15 **KING'S LYNN STRATEGIC LAND AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

RESOLVED: 1) That delegated authority be given to the Property Services Manager to finalise negotiations in respect of the proposed acquisition outlined within the report in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Projects and Assets.

- 2) That delegated authority be granted to draft and finalise all necessary documentation, contractual or otherwise, associated with the proposed acquisition of this land and property asset.
- 3) That the Property Services Manager be authorised to commence a Compulsory Purchase Order in the event that the Council is unable to conclude the acquisition of this key site.
- 4) That the Property Services Manager be authorised to further negotiate with the site owners to acquire the land as a 'cleared site', with the Capital Programme being amended to accommodate this additional spend.

Reason for Decision

To deal with a large, semi derelict building situated at a key location within King's Lynn in order to facilitate its redevelopment to provide a new retail/food/leisure offer and hence add rather than detract to the viability and vitality of the town centre.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm