

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday,
17th October, 2017 at 5.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

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

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 September 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4 **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

5 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Under Standing Order 34, Councillor Pope attended for all items and Councillor Bambridge attended for the Townscape Heritage item.

6 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

7 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decision List was noted.

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

The Corporate Performance Panel had considered the Refit item, supported the recommendations and agreed to monitor the progress of the project.

9 **NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK ECONOMIC STRATEGY**

RESOLVED: That the Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy be endorsed.

Reason for Decision

The Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy reflects several Borough Council corporate priorities, as stated in the Corporate Business Plan 2015/16-2019/20:

Priority 2: Drive local economic and housing growth

We will support new and existing businesses to help them thrive
We will meet our housing growth targets

Priority 4: Celebrate our local heritage and culture

We will support the improvement of our built heritage, drawing in third-party funding wherever possible

We will support leisure and tourism within the Borough

10 **RE-FIT PROPOSALS FOR COUNCIL BUILDING ASSETS**

RECOMMENDED: 1) That the Refit scheme is adopted by the Council

2) The revenue budget to be amended to meet the £70,000 project costs as detailed in the report.

3) That delegated authority be given to Executive Director – Finance Services (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to sign the necessary agreements to enter into the Refit scheme.

4) That a report come back to Cabinet for final approval of the costed schemes prior to commencement.

Reason for Decision

Undertaking this project will significantly reduce energy consumption and expenditure across the Council estate.

11 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT - 2017/18 UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED: 1) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 attached to the report be approved.

2) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director, Central and Community Services, to update the Policy annually to reflect changes arising from the annual pay award, thus ensuring that it remains compliant with legislation.

Reason for Decision

To comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

12 **BUSINESS RATES PILOT 2018-2019**

RESOLVED: 1) That the Council participate in an application to DCLG for a Business Rates Pilot for Norfolk in 2018-2019.

2) That Cabinet delegate to the Leader, Chief Executive and Executive Director – Financial Services (S151 Officer) to agree the final details of a pilot bid in consultation with the other Norfolk Authorities.

3) That it be noted that the Norfolk Business Rates Pool will be discontinued in the event of a successful pilot application.

Reason for Decision

To submit an application to DCLG for a Business Rates Pilot for Norfolk in 2018-2019 by the deadline of 27 October 2017.

13 **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 paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

14 **TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE TWO**

RECOMMENDED: 1) That the submission of an application to the HLF for £1,400,000 as detailed in section 4 of the report be approved.

2) That £600,000 is allocated in the capital programme over 5 years from 2019/20 - 2024/25 as the Borough Council's match funding contribution to the project.

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

Reason for Decision

To progress the project to improve the quality of the built environment in line with the corporate business plan, Urban Development Strategy for King's Lynn and the Local Plan.

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DEVELOPMENT APPRAISAL - ALEXANDRA ROAD, HUNSTANTON**RECOMMENDED:**

1. That it be confirmed that the 3 financial viability tests discussed in section 6 of this report have been met.
2. Agree that the Alexandra Road, Hunstanton site be developed using option E set out in the report (Private Sale/ Affordable (SO) & using £1.5 million grant), as the tenure mix (subject to changes to the final tenure mix, delegated to Chief Executive in consultation with Portfolio Holder for Corporate Projects and Assets). With the works being undertaken within the Major Housing Contract by Lovell and to authorise contracts to be entered into for this purpose.
3. That £1,546,300 be used from the Community Housing Grant to fund the additional Affordable housing units.
4. Authorise the Councils Housing department to initiate a community engagement process in line with the report.

Reason for Decision

To progress the delivery of sustainable housing.

To achieve a commercial return for the Council (through capital and revenue receipts).

To stimulate economic activity in the local area

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm