

# **BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

## **CABINET DECISION SHEET**

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on  
Tuesday, 6th August, 2019 at 3.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,  
Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Long (Chair)  
Councillors R Blunt, I Devereux, P Gidney, P Kunes, A Lawrence, G Middleton  
and E Nockolds

### **1 RAY HARDING, CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chair drew attention to the fact this was the last Cabinet meeting the Chief Executive Ray Harding would be attending before his retirement. Cabinet wished him a long and happy retirement.

### **2 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Middleton declared a non pecuniary interest in the Effectiveness of the Audit Committee item as the previous Chair of the Audit Committee.

### **4 URGENT BUSINESS**

Cabinet agreed that as the new Governance Task Group did not yet have Terms of Reference, in order to permit the Group to commence its work, the Chief Executive would draft Terms of Reference, to be agreed with Group Leaders before its first meeting.

### **5 CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **6 MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor A Dickinson for the Effectiveness of the Audit Committee  
Councillor D Pope for all items on the agenda

### **7 CALLED IN MATTERS**

The delegated decision on small grants had been called in, considered by the Corporate Performance Panel on 22 July 2019. The call in was not upheld and the decision had been implemented.

8 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decision list was noted.

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

None

10 **REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE 2018-19**

**RESOLVED:** That the evidence presented in the report as confirming that the Audit Committee operated effectively during 2018-19 be agreed.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure the Council continues to meet its obligations under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

11 **CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Code of Corporate Governance be approved.

**Reason for Decision**

To detail the council's commitment to good corporate governance.

12 **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED:** That the Strategic Partnership Agreement attached at Appendix 1 to the agenda be endorsed and signed up to.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure that the borough council and the CPCA establish a firm strategic basis for mutually beneficial joint working.

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 paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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### **PARKWAY ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEME**

**RESOLVED:** 1) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Assistant Director Regeneration and Property and the Corporate Projects & Assets Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to negotiate terms and complete the purchase of the College of West Anglia site, to deliver the COWA site in conjunction with the adjacent Council owned site and the Legal Services Manager be given delegated authority to conclude the transaction.

2) That Officers seek planning permission in line with the proposals outlined in the report.

3) That Officers be authorised to spend up to £400,000 designing the infrastructure for the scheme of which £200,000 will be funded from a grant from the Norfolk Business Rates Pool and the remaining £200,000 from the Homes England grant.

4) Officers be authorised to spend a further £1,663,000 on costs associated with the housing schemes that can be reclaimed from the Homes England grant once secured.

5) That a report be brought to Cabinet by 12 November 2019 on the financial viability of the scheme, before entering contracts to build.

#### **Reason for Decision**

- To ensure that the opportunity presented by the Accelerated Construction Programme to accelerate housing delivery in the Borough will be fully realised and will ensure that the Council will be able to bring forward sites on land it owns at a pace that would ordinarily not have been achievable.
- To continue with significant delivery of sustainable housing over a 4-5 year period.
- To improve the road network for King's Lynn.
- 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.

15 **BUSINESS RATES HARDSHIP RELIEF - REQUEST TO RECONSIDER A REFUSAL TO AWARD RELIEF**

**RESOLVED:** That following the review of the application no Hardship Relief be awarded.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure the decision regarding Hardship Relief is reviewed. The Hardship Relief guidelines state Cabinet can be asked to reconsider any decision regarding Hardship Relief.

**The meeting closed at 4.30 pm**