

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Tuesday, 6th February, 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

PRESENT: Councillor T Parish (Chair)
Councillors A Beales, M de Whalley, J Moriarty, C Morley, S Ring and J Rust
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Aota and S Squire

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Ware declared a non pecuniary interest in the Lynnsport 1 and Acquisition of Homes items as a Director of the Council's Housing and Property Companies.

4 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

5 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor A Ware

6 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

The Delegated decision on Making West Norfolk a Marmot Place taken by the Cabinet Member for People and Communities was called in. The Corporate Performance Panel considered the call in and did not uphold the call in. They did ask for an all Councillor briefing on the subject.

7 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decision List was noted.

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

The Regeneration and Development Panel at its meeting on 30 January 2024 considered the following items:

Lynnsport 1 – Development Update – The Panel supported the recommendations.

Acquisition of Homes – The Panel Supported the recommendations

9 **ANTI FRAUD AND ANTI CORRUPTION POLICY REVIEW**

RECOMMENDED: That updated Anti Fraud and Anti Corruption Policy be adopted.

Reason for Decision

Where people commit fraud against the public sector and public services, they take money away from the services on which the public depend, and damage citizens' trust in the government. The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (the Council) is committed to protecting the public funds entrusted to it and to upholding the highest standards of financial probity and accountability. This Policy outlines the important work being carried out, and the roles and responsibilities across the organisation in our fight against fraud and corruption.

10 **LYNNSPORT 1 (VALENTINE PARK) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

RESOLVED: That the following be approved:

1) To proceed with the Lynnsport 1 development to deliver 96 homes with Lovell Partnership Limited (LPL) under the Major Housing Partnership Development Management Agreement (30 April 2015).

2) That the Executive Director - Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business and Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to approve the final terms of a Project Partnering Contract (PPC) 2000 with LPL to deliver this project.

3) That the Council shall dispose of the properties in accordance with the tenure mix as set out in Table 2 of the report. In line with the corporate strategy.

4) Pending the transfers referred to at resolution 3 above, the affordable and private rented tenures may be leased to WNHC and WNPL respectively.

- 5) That the Development be formally classed as a Major Project.

RECOMMENDED:

- 1) That Council approve the Capital budget estimate as detailed in section 5 and appendix 2 of the report.

Reason for Decision

- Deliver housing of a range of tenures to meet local needs
- To deliver on Council Corporate Objectives:
 - Promote growth and prosperity to benefit West Norfolk;
 - Protect our environment;
 - Efficient and effective delivery of our services; and,
 - Support our communities.
- To deliver affordable and private rented (PRS) housing for acquisition by the council's wholly owned housing companies to support the delivery of council corporate objectives.
- As a major project, it may be monitored by the Members Major Project Board.
- Cabinet did not resolve to exclude the press and public for discussion on the exempt appendix.

11 **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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

12 **ACQUISITION OF HOMES**

RESOLVED: 1) That an amount of £1,230,000 of S.106 affordable housing contributions held by the Council be used towards the purchase 6 new build properties identified in section 2.1 of the report to be used as temporary accommodation in King's Lynn

2) That authority is delegated to the Executive Director - Place in consultation with the Assistant Director of Property to negotiate and agree the terms of purchase.

3) That the subsequent freehold transfer to West Norfolk Housing Company be approved subject to agreement from West Norfolk Housing Company.

4) That Authority to agree the terms of any future transfer to West Norfolk Housing is delegated to Assistant Director Finance in

consultation with the Assistant Director for Legal, Governance and Licensing (Monitoring Officer) and portfolio holder for Finance and Executive Director - Place

5) That authority to submit any potential future funding bids to central government funding rounds in relation to the Local Authority Housing Fund (as per para 5.4 of the report) to fund the purchase of 6 of the properties is delegated to Assistant Director Finance in consultation with the portfolio holder for Finance and Executive Director - Place.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory duties in relation to homelessness and has an appropriate supply of temporary affordable accommodation available to meet increasing housing need.

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm