

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 23rd April, 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 B Anota, A Beales, M de Whalley, J Moriarty, S Ring, J Rust and S Squire

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Morley

CAB140 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Meetings held on 5 March and 11 April 2024 were agreed as a correct meeting and signed by the Chair.

CAB141 URGENT BUSINESS

None

CAB142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Squire declared a non pecuniary interest in the Terrington St John Parish Council CIL application, as ward member.

Councillors J Moriarty and M de Whalley declared a non pecuniary interest in the CIL item as members of the Panel.

CAB143 CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE

None

CAB144 MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34

None

CAB145 CALLED IN MATTERS

None

CAB146 FORWARD DECISIONS

The Forward Decision list was noted.

CAB147 MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES

Corporate Performance Panel - 10 April 2024 – Corporate Performance Management Q3

Regeneration and Development Panel - 16 April - CIL Application

Both Panels had supported the recommendations in the reports.

CAB148 CIL FUNDING - APPLICATION FOR CIL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

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Cabinet considered a report which explained that as part of the process to allocate CIL funding to Infrastructure Projects, CIL applications were invited in January and July annually. The most recent round of applications included a number of bids over £50k. The CIL Spending Panel had delegated powers to approve and sign off applications up to £50k. All applications of £50,001 and over fell to Cabinet to make the decision, under the CIL Governance framework.

An application had been received from Terrington St John Parish Council for the purchase of the former church as Village Hall – they had requested £150,000.00.

The CIL Spending Panel, on the 05 March 2024, had reviewed the submitted applications, and made their comments/recommendations based on the amount of funding available. The Project over £50k was received and recommended by the CIL Spending Panel for funding in this round of applications, and was brought to the Cabinet meeting for consideration.

It was noted that the report contained a typo in the appendix containing the CIL Terms of Reference which in sections 2 and 3 should have read £50,000, rather than £30,000. The updated figure had been previously agreed at Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That the application for CIL Infrastructure Funding from Terrington St John Parish Council be approved.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the CIL monies collected are being spent on appropriate infrastructure projects to reflect the growth of population occurring in West Norfolk.

CAB149 2023 - 2024 Q3 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

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Cabinet considered the new Q3 Performance Management report which had been produced to update Cabinet on progress against the Council's Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators. The report contained information on progress made against key actions and indicators up to 31 December 2023.

The report explained that there were 38 actions in place to monitor performance against the Council's Corporate Strategy. The report confirmed that 31 of the actions were on target, 6 actions required attention and 1 action had been completed.

A revised suite of 64 indicators had been agreed by portfolio holders and management team as the key performance measures to monitor council services and impacted on borough wide issues. Of the 64 indicators monitored for Q3, 29 performance indicators had met or exceeded targets and 7 had not met target, these indicators missed the target by more than 5%. 21 indicators would be reported as monitored for only 2023-2024 to allow sufficient data to be collected to help set targets for 2024-2025. 7 indicators would be introduced when new data processes had been established.

In debating the report Councillor Squire referred to the question raised at the Regeneration and Development Panel on black bin residual waste, she explained that the County Council held that information and it was not released for some months after collection.

The Governance Manager expressed the intention to include a cumulative amount in the food waste figure, along with a comparison of the same quarter the previous year. Councillor Squire expressed the hope that in the next quarter the food waste collection levels would increase.

Councillor Ring asked if the numbers of planning extensions of time were concerning, Councillor Moriarty explained that they were being targeted by the Secretary of State with financial penalties if they weren't reduced. The information was being fed to parish councils as they often asked for extensions to be able to respond. Councillor Beales also concurred that the extensions were usually for valid reasons and it was a shame if applications had to be refused because extensions couldn't be given.

Following questions from the Leader on the Car Parking Strategy it was confirmed that a draft had been received and was being reviewed; he also asked whether progress had been made on the Asset Management Strategy, to which it was confirmed information would be sought; he also confirmed that the tree strategy was progressing, along with fact that the sea defence work at Heacham had been reviewed.

RESOLVED: That the Performance Management Report and its delivery against the Corporate Strategy be noted and endorsed.

Reason for Decision

Cabinet should use the information within the management report to review progress on the agreed actions and indicators and satisfy

themselves that performance is at an acceptable level. Where progress is behind schedule members can seek additional information to explain variances.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm