

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Tuesday, 17th September, 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

PRESENT: Councillor A Beales (Chair)
Councillors B Anota, M de Whalley, J Moriarty, C Morley and J Rust

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Ring and S Squire

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting on 30 July 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

5 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillors S Bearshaw and T Ryves (Zoom) attended the meeting under standing order 34.

6 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

There were no called in matters.

7 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The forward decisions list was noted.

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

Environment and Community Panel – 3 September 2024

EC29: LAHF (Local Authority Housing Fund) Round 3 - Supported
 EC31: Air Quality Action Plan - Supported
 Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy – previously supported 16 July 24.

Regeneration and Development Panel – 10 September 2024

RD42: Exempt – Strategic Land Acquisition - Supported

9 **HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPER STRATEGY**

RECOMMENDED: That the 2024-2029 Strategy is adopted and that the role of the Environment and Community Panel group “Homelessness and Housing Delivery Task Group” in overseeing the delivery of the Action Plan within the strategy is endorsed.

Reason for Decision

The Council has a statutory duty to produce a homelessness strategy (Homelessness Act 2002) setting out the issues it faces locally and what it is doing to prevent homelessness. The Council’s commitments to preventing homelessness are set out in the Corporate Plan.

10 **AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN REVISION**

RESOLVED: 1) That the Air Quality Action Plan for Railway Road/ London Road attached as Appendix 1 to the report be adopted.

2) That the existing Gaywood Air Quality Management Area be revoked.

Reason for Decision

The Council is required to update the AQAP every five years. The Gaywood Clock AQMA no longer exceeds the National Air Quality Objective annual mean objective for Nitrogen Dioxide and should be revoked.

11 **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND - ROUND 3**

RESOLVED: 1) That the Council enter a Memorandum of Understanding with MHCLG based on the prospectus for the Local Authority Housing Fund (see appendix to the report). Authority be

delegated to the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing People and Communities to agree the final terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with MHCLG.

2) That the Council accept the total sum of £1,694,876 offered to the Council by MHCLG under the Local Authority Housing Fund to deliver the programme understanding the match funding requirements as set out in the report and attached prospectus.

3) That, subject to agreement from West Norfolk Housing Company, the properties will be acquired by West Norfolk Housing Company, funded by the grant, debt financing and other available funding.

4) That Authority be delegated to Assistant Director Resources & S151 Officer in consultation with the portfolio holder for Finance to agree terms with West Norfolk Housing Company for the transfer of properties on the Council's developments including arrangements for deferred consideration if necessary.

5) That West Norfolk Housing Company be requested to work with the Council to deliver the properties through the fund.

6) That Cabinet agree to the principle of allocating 4 properties acquired through the fund to eligible Afghan households.

7) That Authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Place) to alter the proposed Florence Fields tenure mix, originally agreed by Cabinet on the 17th January 2023, where necessary, to facilitate the disposal of properties previously identified as Private Rent and/or Open Market Sale, to West Norfolk Housing Company (WNHC) as affordable housing

Reason for Decision

The recommendations will ensure that the opportunity presented by the Local Authority Housing Fund to deliver affordable housing in the borough will be fully realised and will help to relieve pressures on the council's homelessness services.

12 **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.

13 **STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITION**

In the event that it is intended to make a key decision at least 28 days before the Cabinet meeting is impracticable due to special urgency, the local authority obtain the agreement of the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee (Corporate Performance Panel) that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred (Regulation 11 of the Local

Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012).

Councillor Long, Chair of the Corporate Performance Panel had given agreement to this.

The matter will therefore not be subject to call in.

RESOLVED: That the acquisition of the property interests set out within the report be approved and that Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director Property & Projects, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business and Culture, to complete the transaction.

Reason for Decision

The acquisition of these property interests not only fits well with the borough council's regeneration ambitions in the immediate vicinity of the proposed property acquisition, but also Norfolk County Council's proposals for the local highway network.

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm