BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL

Minutes from the Meeting of the Corporate Performance Panel held on Tuesday, 17th June, 2025 at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

PRESENT: Councillors Long (Chair), Bhondi, Blunt, Dickinson, Jones, Nash, Rose, Ryves, Sayers and Spikings.

PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34: Councillors Beal, Bubb, Coates, de Winton, Heneghan (remotely), Kunes, Parish and Ware.

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Councillor Beales - Leader of the Council

Councillor Lintern – Portfolio Holder for Culture and Events

Councillor Moriarty – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Licensing

Councillor Morley - Portfolio Holder for Finance

Councillor Ring – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business

Councillor Rust – Portfolio Holder for People and Communities.

OFFICERS:

Kate Blakemore – Chief Executive
Michelle Drewery – Deputy Chief Executive
Stuart Ashworth – Assistant Director, Environment and Planning
James Arrandale – Deputy Monitoring Officer
James Grant – Principal Project Manager
Duncan Hall – Assistant Director, Regeneration

CP17 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

CP18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of Interest.

CP19 URGENT BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7

There was none.

CP20 MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34

Councillors Beal, Bubb, Coates, Heneghan, Kunes, Parish and Ware.

CP21 CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE (IF ANY)

None.

CP22 CABINET REPORT - 2025-2027 ACTION PLAN

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The Chief Executive presented the 2025-2027 Action Plan which covered the final period of the Corporate Strategy which outlined how key activities had been prioritised to deliver the Corporate Strategy and met the needs of the residents of the Borough.

The Chair thanked the Chief Executive for the report and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

Councillor de Winton addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34 commenting that he would like to see more information in the plan relating to business support and promoting enterprises. The Chief Executive explained that the Council did support businesses on a daily basis, however as this was "business as usual" it was not included in the Action Plan. The purpose of the Action Plan was to include actions over and above the usual business of the Council.

The Assistant Director, Regeneration, commented that the Council had a dedicated Business Development Officer who worked within businesses. He also referred Members to the Economic Strategy and regeneration programmes which supported and encouraged businesses.

Councillor Ryves commented that destination and tourism businesses should also be included in the Action Plan.

The Panel acknowledged that work with businesses was ongoing within the Council, however felt that this should be referred to within the Action plan and would ask Cabinet to consider this addition.

The Leader of the Council acknowledged the comments of the Panel and highlighted the dedicated post in place for Business Development.

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Performance Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as set out below and ask Cabinet to consider including reference to the work the Council carried out to support and develop businesses.

CABINET RECOMMENDATION: That Cabinet resolve to endorse and adopt the Action Plan for 2025-2027.

CP23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Corporate Performance Panel was scheduled to take place on 2nd July 2025 at 4.30pm in the Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn.

CP24 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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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 12 A to the Act.

CP25 <u>CALL IN OF CABINET MEMBERS DELEGATED DECISION - STYLEMAN COURT DISPOSAL STRATEGY</u>

The Panel dealt with the call-in in accordance with Standing Order 15.33.

The Proposer of the call-in, Councillor Parish, addressed the Panel about the call-in and why it should be upheld, reading out his statement as included in the Agenda.

The Chair invited the supporters of the call-in to address the Panel and Councillors Nash and de Winton addressed the Panel.

Councillor Ring, Portfolio Holder for Business, addressed the Panel speaking in support of the original delegated decision, inviting the Assistant Director for Environment and Planning, the Assistant Director for Regeneration and the Principal Project Manager to provide information as appropriate.

The Chair invited Members present under Standing Order 34 to address the Panel. Councillors Kunes, Coates, Bubb, Beal and Ware spoke on the item.

The Chair invited the Panel to debate the call-in and officers and Members responded to questions and comments.

RESOLVED: The Panel voted not to uphold the call-in and that the original decision could proceed.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm