

**CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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**CABINET MEMBER FOR PROJECT DELIVERY**

For the period from October to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

**1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

Enterprise Zone

Infrastructure:

Officers had a productive meeting with Norfolk County Council (NCC infrastructure project team) and EDP ('Environmental Design Practice', services consultant) 09.10.20. Meetings are now diarised with NCC on a fortnightly basis to maintain momentum (EDP will attend as and when required) next meeting being 02.12.20.

NCC have submitted the proposed site wide drainage design to the local Internal Drainage Boards for approval. NCC have been in dialogue with the drainage boards throughout the design development so securing the formal consent should be relatively straightforward.

Spec Build Units:

Final discussions and looking to formally contract with our selected contractor RG Carter for the delivery of Plots A1 and A2 (Phase I). They recently provided an updated tender figure – including a value engineering schedule which looks agreeable to the project team. A meeting was held with Procurement is arranged for the week of the 30.10.20 to discuss next steps. A follow up meeting with R G Carter took place on 10.11.20.

Appointment of Architects (AHR) to progress designs and tender Plots A3 and A4 (Phase II) with a view to the construction of these overlapping or following on from the delivery of Plots A1 and A2.

Procurement involved as the appointment is via the 'Braintree District Council Framework'.

Oversite preparatory works:

Landscape contractor has been appointed/ employed to undertake the vegetation clearance on the site – this work was recently commenced but progress will depend on weather conditions.

A topographical survey was recently completed for the site to update recent

changes in site levels following Anglian Water's rising main replacement works.

We had a further meeting with EDP week of 12.11.20 they have confirmed:

Electric: applications requested for new connections and diversions, receipt of quotation for diversions.

Gas: applications for new connections requested awaiting quotes.

Water: applications for new connections requested awaiting quotations – investigating existing services and drainage.

The application for the discharge of the landscaping condition has been submitted and due to be determined on or before the 10.12.20 – again there has been dialogue between the project team and our Planning Department in developing the landscaping strategy prior to submission.

The draft documentation for the groundwork / earth-works strategy has been through a first review and will be issued to Norfolk County Council for comment. Procurement has been placed on notice, scheduled, to tender this piece of work as soon as possible. The work will address site levels ahead of spec build and infrastructure contractors commencing on site. Looking to commission WSP to supervise and monitor these works.

The permanent diversion of the bridleway has been secured – we are now submitting an application to temporarily divert the existing route of the bridleway to enable construction of the infrastructure and spec units – once construction is complete the bridleway will revert to the newly approved route.

Enquiries:

Dialogue with Potential Occupier no 1 continues in respect of Plot B2.

Dialogue with Potential Occupier no 2 continues in respect of Plot C4.

Dialogue with Potential Occupier no 3 continues in respect of occupation of first phase speculative office space.

## Housing Projects

NORA Phase 4 now started and on site.

### Hunstanton Bus Station

To be determined by the Planning Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> December (grant aid of £799,680 is time limited), scheme includes a new Library for NCC.

### Hunstanton Southend Road Car Park

To be determined by the Planning Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> December (grant aid of £520,000 is time limited).

### Salters Road

So far, an agreement in principle to build as an '100 % Affordable scheme' for Freebridge (Cabinet report to be presented early next year).

## Other Projects

### Future High Streets Fund

Projects: St Georges Guildhall, Town Centre Housing & Parking, South Gate Gateway, Multi User Community Hub.

Decision Timescale: we were initially told Autumn for a decision by government but appears to be slipping. We have not received any further update from Government since we sent in the clarifications requested in October.

### Towns Fund

Projects: Creative Hub, Active & Clean Connectivity, Riverfront first phase, Town Centre Repurposing, King's Lynn Youth & Retraining Pledge, Innovation & Collaboration Incubator.

Decision Timescale: Initial feedback from government due before Christmas, Heads of Terms to be signed by 31/03/21.

### High Street HAZ

Final HS HAZ Board sign off and contract waited for signing. Project Officer recruitment underway with a view to start the scheme early 2021.

### Chapel Street HAZ

Informal meeting was had between Officers and Civic Society.  
Meeting planned for later in December subject to attendees' diaries.

### Public Realm Action Plan

Funding approved under the accelerated Towns Fund. Graeme Massie Architects appointed to prepare wider public realm strategy which will form the spatial strategy and important place making component to coordinate and maximise the public realm alongside the other planned investment from FHFS & Towns Fund. Also includes preparation of design of schemes for immediate delivery with the funding already secured.

<b>2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.</b>
As per forward timetable
<b>3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled</b>
October  11 with EN Portfolio meeting 20 West Winch Stakeholders Meeting 21 Portfolio Meeting 26 Special Cabinet Meeting 28 Cabinet Briefing  November  2 Cabinet Sifting 4 Marriott's Warehouse + 3 5 Cabinet / Management Team 11 Cabinet Briefing 13 NALC Green/ Carbon Reduction for PC's 14 Cabinet Meeting 17 Cabinet Briefing 20 Portfolio with EN 23 Council Briefing: Housing Delivery Test & Action Plan 23 South Quay, Boal Quay and the Public realm action plan

