

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel held on Tuesday, 27th July, 2021 at 4.30 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Collingham (Chair), P Gidney (Vice Chair), L Bambridge, F Bone, C Bower, C J Crofts, M de Whalley, B Jones, C Morley and D Whitby

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:**

Councillor B Long – Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services

**OFFICERS:**

Matthew Henry – Assistant Director

**PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34:** Councillor A Kemp

RD27: **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beal, Manning and Blunt.

RD28: **MINUTES**

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Councillor Bambridge provided an update on a discussion she had had regarding scooters and cycle paths.

**RESOLVED:** The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

RD29: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

RD30: **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

RD31: **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor Kemp.

RD32: **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

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The Chair explained to the Panel that there was some information that could be provided to the Panel relating to the Panel discussion on strategically looking at car parks and accessing town centres, but this was confidential. She would ask the Panel if they would agree to go into exempt session for this item.

RD33: **ARRANGEMENTS FOR PANEL MEETINGS**

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The Panel considered the Cabinet report which proposed the interim arrangements for meetings.

**RESOLVED:** That the Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as set out below:

1. That Cabinet agree with the recommendations for the interim arrangements for Council meetings.
2. It is recommended that Council and Scrutiny Panel meetings continue to meet at their current start times.
3. Officers will attend meetings via Zoom to limit the number of people in the room at one time.
4. Members attending under Standing Order 34 may do so via Zoom or in person.
5. That a further review of Council meetings is conducted at the end of September 2021, when the impact of relaxing the national covid measures are more widely known.

RD34: **PORTFOLIO HOLDERS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

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Members were reminded that this would be a standing item on each Agenda and questions were required in advance of the meeting.

RD35: **WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD DECISION LIST**

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Councillor Morley asked for an update on the CITB to be added to the Work Programme for October.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel's Work Programme was noted.

RD36: **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel would be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 4.30pm.

RD37: **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 paragraphs 1, 2 or 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

RD38: **EXEMPT - PANEL DISCUSSION - STRATEGICALLY LOOKING AT CAR PARKS AND ACCESSING TOWN CENTRES**

The Assistant Director provided the Panel with detail on potential plans for car park locations in King's Lynn.

The Panel considered the information presented by the Assistant Director and held a discussion on car parks and accessing the town centre. The Panel made the following comments/observations:

- Park and ride linked to the Ferry and improved access to the Ferry including cycle access. Additional parking required.
- Additional long-term parking on the edge of the town centre.
- Ways to discourage parking in residential areas.
- A plan/vision to be created on the vision of future transport up to 2030/2035. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had a committee for transforming Norwich and perhaps King's Lynn should do something similar.
- Look at sustainable/low carbon transport.
- Consider dependencies on car parking revenue.
- Look at alternative models including bus lanes, park and ride, better rail links, easier pedestrian, and cycle access.
- The knock-on effect of coast traffic in King's Lynn.
- Renewable car parks – use of solar panels.
- Incentives for season ticket holders, for example cheaper out of town parking or encouraging bus travel.
- Lynnsport as a park and ride opportunity.
- Promote King's Lynn as a place for bus excursions, but to do this facilities for bus parking would have to be improved. Tuesday Market Place was suggested. Making King's Lynn a destination for bus excursions would also benefit the town centre businesses.
- Consider the different types of vehicles which would be used in the future and the facilities required for them.
- Comments were made that car parking in Hunstanton was adequate and there were only a few times a year when it was at capacity. It was

important not to do anything to discourage visitors as Hunstanton was dependant on tourism.

- Development on Brownfield sites and how residential car parking would be accommodated.
- The positive impact on electric vehicles on air quality.
- It was noted that park and ride was often heavily subsidised which meant it would be unfeasible.
- Living above shops.
- Car parks on the outskirts of the town centre.
- More charging points.
- Ways to encourage shoppers into the town centre over the out of town retail areas.
- Sand Line park and ride.
- Strategy to encourage people to live and work in the town centre.

The Chair thanked the Panel for their comments. She commented that a Working Group or Committee to look at this in more detail would be beneficial.

Councillor Kemp addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34 and made reference to the King's Lynn Transport Plan and Ferry.

**The meeting closed at 6.10 pm**