

## GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE TO THE CHAIR OF THE CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL OF A KEY DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE CABINET NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED ON THE PUBLISHED FORWARD PLAN

Under Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a Forward Plan of key decisions to be made by the Executive at least 28 clear days before the date of the meeting at which the decision is to be taken.

In the event that the publication of the intention to make a key decision at least 28 days before the meeting is impracticable, the local authority must inform the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee (Corporate Performance Panel) of “*the matter about which the decision is to be made*”, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

The following notice is hereby provided:

### Matter about which the decision is to be made

Cabinet intends to make the following key decision at its meeting on 24 June 2022:

*To decide which project to submit as a bid to the government’s Levelling Up Fund round 2 prospectus by 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022.*

For reference, the proposed recommendations are set out below:

#### **Recommendations**

1. To approve submission of the Oasis project under round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund as set out in the report to government by 6 July 2022.
2. Delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive and S151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance to agree the final application to be submitted to government by 6 July 2022.
3. To approve the budget as set out in the report to undertake further due diligence and development of project delivery requirements for the Oasis project in the period up to the outcome of the bid which is expected at the end of 2022.
4. Subject to the successful outcome of the bid, a separate report to be brought to Cabinet to approve the final scope of the Oasis project and to amend the capital programme for 2022-26 to incorporate the match funding and delivery requirements of the project.

#### **Reason for Decision**

To secure investment in the borough to support the ambitions to level up West Norfolk.

### Reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 was impracticable

The Council’s constitution defines a key decision as follows:

*an executive decision which is likely –*

*(a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or*

*(b) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in the area comprising two or more wards and electoral divisions in the Council’s areas where significant under a) above is £500,000 or more and significant under b) above is one third of the resident population in a ward.*

The decision to be taken by Cabinet does not fall within part (a) of the definition of a key decision

because if the bid is successful, a further report is to be brought back to Cabinet and Full Council to approve the expenditure. Additionally, the budget referred to at Recommendation 3 above does not exceed £500,000.

As the development of the business cases have progressed to support the two options for projects to submit to the Levelling Up Fund, it has been determined that the decision on which of these projects to choose will amount to a key decision under part (b) of the definition of a key decision.

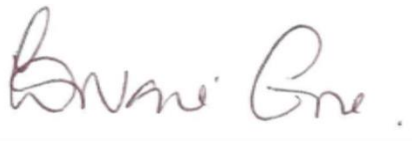
The development of the potential projects and supporting business cases has been fast paced since the Government's announcement of Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund in March 2022. The Council is only due to receive the draft business cases from Norfolk County Council (who are providing additional project resource to the Borough Council) to support the two proposed options for submission in the week commencing 20 June 2022. Now that these draft business cases are nearing a final stage, it has been determined that part (b) of the definition of a key decision will be satisfied.

This notice is to be published 5 clear days before any key decision is to be taken by Cabinet on 24 June 2022.

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Date:    15 June 2022



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