

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, 21st July, 2020 at 3.00 pm in the Remote Meeting on Zoom and available for the public to view on WestNorfolkBC on You Tube - Zoom and You Tube

PRESENT: Councillors J Collingham (Chair), L Bambridge, F Bone, M de Whalley, B Jones, J Lowe, C Manning, C Morley, T Parish, S Patel, V Spikings and D Whitby

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

Councillor B Long – Leader of the Council

Councillor P Kunes – Portfolio Holder for Commercial Services

Councillor E Nockolds – Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Health

MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34: Councillor Ryves

OFFICERS:

Duncan Hall – Assistant Director

Ged Greaves – Senior Policy and Performance Officer

Jemma Curtis – Regeneration Programmes Manager

Jason Richardson – Regeneration Project Officer

Lorraine Gore – Chief Executive

BY INVITATION:

Michelle Gant – Engaging People

RD109: **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chair informed the Panel that the meeting was being broadcast live on You Tube.

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RD110: **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was none.

RD111: **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

RD112: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

RD113: **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

RD114: **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor Ryves.

RD115: **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

RD116: **FULL YEAR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

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The Senior Policy and Performance Officer presented the report which contained information on the corporate performance monitoring undertaken during 2019-2020.

The Chair thanked the Senior Policy and Performance Officer for the report, and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

The Chair asked if the Stamp Duty Holiday which had been announced by Government had had a positive impact on house sales. The Senior Policy and Performance Officer commented that he hoped it would, and he explained that house sales had been progressing and now that lockdown measures had been eased the completion progress was happening quicker.

It was also confirmed that there were a range of options available to support tenants who were finding themselves in arrears.

RESOLVED: The Panel reviewed the performance monitoring report and agreed the actions outlined in the Action Report.

RD117: **SAIL THE WASH UPDATE**

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The Regeneration Project Officer provided the Panel with an update and highlighted the following:

- The Sail the Wash project was fully funded.

- It included extension of the pontoons and a marketing package for leisure sailors using the Wash.
- The project was in partnership with Fenland and Lincolnshire Council.
- Work should start on the King's Lynn side on 10th August 2020 to extend the Pontoons and increase the berths.
- There was still some work to do to get the necessary agreements in place and ongoing discussions were taking place regarding the landside facilities.

The Chair thanked the Regeneration Project Officer for the update and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

The Regeneration Project Officer provided detail of the land facilities which would be used and the options available.

The Regeneration Project Officer explained that the facility would operate at a loss, but it was important to look at the wider benefits and spending power that it brought into the town. It was also confirmed that ongoing discussions were being held with the Conservancy Board.

The Panel was also informed that although the work was taking place in peak season and could result in a loss of bookings, the savings that were being gained from the contract outweighed the loss of income.

It was explained that the Environment Agency were working on a project for Inland Waterways and this would link with the Sail the Wash Project as appropriate.

RESOLVED: The update was noted.

RD118: **WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD DECISION LIST**

The Panel considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED: The Panel's Work Programme was noted.

RD119: **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel would be held on Tuesday 1st September 2020.

RD120: **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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Members discussed the necessity of going into exempt session for the Towns Fund and Future High Street Update. The Panel was advised

that commercially sensitive information would be presented to the Panel.

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.

RD121: **EXEMPT - TOWNS FUND AND FUTURE HIGH STREET UPDATE**

The Regeneration Programmes Manager provided the Panel with an update on the Future High Streets Fund and Town Deal.

The Assistant Director provided information on the process of the Towns Fund, which included an overview of progress, things that had been agreed and the processes which would need to be followed regarding timescales and financial packages. He also outlined further funding packages which could be available to the Council.

The Regeneration Programmes Manager provided the Panel with a presentation on the Towns Fund, Future High Streets Fund and Public Engagement.

The Panel also received information from Michelle Gant from Engaging People, who provided further detail on public engagement and consultation.

The Chair thanked the officers for their presentation and invited questions and comments from Members. Officers responded to questions on the following:

- The Regeneration Programmes Manager responded to questions regarding to the Multi User Community Hub and the Chapel Street Car Park.
- There was information available on the Vision King's Lynn website including information on the projects and public consultation exercises. Key Stakeholders had also been kept up to date as appropriate.
- Information on the Guildhall was provided to the Panel.
- The importance of public engagement and consultation as appropriate.
- Training and a skilled workforce.
- Support to businesses during the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- Walking and Cycling.
- The Town Board and engaging key stakeholders.

RESOLVED: The update was noted.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

Minute Item RD121:

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