

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

### **CABINET DECISION SHEET**

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 16th March, 2021 at 3.30 pm in the Remote Meeting on Zoom and available for the public to view on WestNorfolkBC on You Tube - Zoom and You Tube**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Long (Chair)  
Councillors R Blunt, P Gidney, P Kunes, A Lawrence, G Middleton  
and E Nockolds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Dark

#### 1 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

#### 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Long declared a pecuniary interest in the Salters Road item as a Board Member at Freebridge Community Housing. He did not participate in the item and informed Members that did the same at the Freebridge Board meeting..

#### 4 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### 5 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillors Dickinson, Morley, Parish, Rust and Ryves.

#### 6 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

#### 7 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decisions list was noted.

8 **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES**

The Environment and Community Panel on 9 March 2021 – Public Sector De-carbonisation Scheme

The Regeneration and Development Panel on 11 March 2021 – CIL, Salters Road King's Lynn and Southend Road, Hunstanton

Audit Committee on 15 March 2021 –Provision of Internal Audit Service

The comments from each of the bodies, where made, were taken into account in considering the items.

9 **PUBLIC SECTOR DE-CARBONISATION SCHEME**

**RESOLVED:** 1) That as the value of the required separate contract is above £500,000 for these extra grant funded works, the utilisation of our existing Re:Fit delivery partners, Ameresco, to deliver the project on behalf of the council be approved.

2) That the utilisation of the grant awarded under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, subject to the granting of any specific consents required for any of the buildings be noted and endorsed.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure the delivery of the project within the relatively stringent timescales set out by the terms of the grant from the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

10 **CREATION OF THE CIL SPENDING PANEL**

**RESOLVED:** 1) That a Sub-Committee of Cabinet be created which shall be the CIL Spending Panel;

2) That the updated Terms of Reference at Appendix A be approved and be adopted for the CIL Spending Panel.

**Reason for Decision**

To create a body which shall operate as the CIL Spending Panel and refresh the Terms of Reference to reflect its constitution.

11 **DRAFT STANDING ORDER 11.2A - REFERRAL BACK TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the following be recommended to Council and incorporated into standing orders in the appropriate way:

Standing Order 11.2a

1. That the total time given for questions to Cabinet members except the leader be 50minutes, and 15 minutes of the Leader.
2. That no question and answer exceed 10 minutes
3. There is no right to a supplementary question
4. That the cabinet members reports be presented “en bloc” and questions asked as follows with that order to be rotated at each meeting:

Major opposition group  
2<sup>nd</sup> opposition group  
Non aligned councillors  
Administration group

5. That the suggestion be put to the chairs of panels, that to further facilitate the scrutiny of cabinet, panels consider having on their agendas a time limited question and answer session of cabinet members as appropriate to the work of the panel.

12      **NORFOLK STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK UPDATE 2021**

**RESOLVED:** 1) That the up-dated Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework be endorsed as part of the Borough Council’s ongoing “duty to co-operate”.

2) That the comments made regarding the featuring of west Norfolk more prominently in the document be borne in mind for the future amendments to the document.

**Reason for Decision**

The NSPF has already been used successfully to support the development of the local plan. It must be kept up to date to continue to fulfil this role.

13      **SALTERS ROAD, KING'S LYNN**

**RECOMMENDED:** 1) That the Council enters a contract with Lovell Partnerships Ltd under the Major Housing Contract to deliver this project, subject to planning permission being granted.

2) That the Council agrees to sell all properties to Freebridge Community Housing (FCH) as laid out in this report.

3) That if terms cannot be agreed with FCH the scheme is delivered as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

**Reason for Decision**

1. To develop this site using the Major Housing contract with Lovell Partnerships Limited.
2. To allow the scheme to be developed using traditional methods.

14 **SOUTHEND ROAD, HUNSTANTON**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Council enters a contract with Lovell Partnerships Ltd under the Major Housing Contract to deliver this project, subject to planning permission being granted.

**Reason for Decision**

- 1) To develop this site using the Major Housing contract with Lovell Partnerships Limited.
- 2) To allow the scheme to be developed using traditional methods.
- 3) To include the tenure mix shown in section 2.4 of this report.

15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**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 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

16 **PROVISION OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE**

**RESOLVED:** 1) That Borough Council for King's Lynn and West Norfolk enters into a Section 111 and 113 Agreement, to become part of Eastern Internal Audit Services (the Consortium) for the provision of Internal Audit Services, from 1 June 2021, under the Local Government Act 1972.

2) That in consultation with Leader of the Council, delegate to Assistant Director Resources (S151 Officer) and Monitoring Officer to finalise the agreement

3) That the effectiveness of the arrangement be reviewed in 18months to 2 years time.

**Reason for Decision**

To continue the provision of an effective internal audit function for the council, taking account of the comments from the Audit Committee.

**The meeting closed at 5.58 pm**

