

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

**CABINET**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 10th May, 2021 at 3.30 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Long (Chair)  
Councillors S Dark, P Gidney, P Kunes and E Nockolds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Lawrence and G Middleton

CAB251 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CAB252 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

CAB253 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

CAB254 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chair reported on correspondence received from Councillor de Whalley on the Fens Biosphere proposal.

CAB255 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillors Bullen, Rust and de Whalley attended under standing order 34.

CAB256 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

Items CAB247 Salters Road Kings Lynn and CAB248 Southend Road Hunstanton were called in. The call ins were not allowed.

CAB257 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The forward decisions list was noted.

**CAB258 MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES**

The Environment and Community Panel comments from 20 April 2021, on both items on the agenda were attached and taken into account.

**CAB259 FENS BIOSPHERE PROPOSAL**

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The Fens, including part of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, is a candidate UNESCO Biosphere. Cabinet considered a report which sought in principle support for its nomination for formal designation. It was reported that there was now a delay in submission until March 2022 in order to allow more time for all the relevant local authorities to get on board with the proposal.

It was anticipated that it would raise the profile of the area, and have economic and social benefits.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Rust asked whether the expectation was that this document would take priority over the council's local plan in planning matters. It was confirmed that it was not a statutory designation so would not override local plan policies.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Bullen stressed that he considered it vital that local residents were engaged in the process as it could affect their lives. It was confirmed that parishes were being consulted on the proposal.

Under standing order 34, Councillor de Whalley encouraged the council be act as an exemplar and be proactive with partners, which could also attract external funding. He referred to the issue of clay appearing on fenland with erosion.

Cabinet Members questioned whether clay land was suitable for agricultural use, and also supported the fact that the submission was being slipped to March 2022 in order to ensure the support of other authorities. The fact that the proposal would raise the profile of the area and bring benefits was referred to.

**RESOLVED:** That the Borough Council expresses in principle support for the designation by UNESCO of a Fens Biosphere.

**Reason for Decision**

To provide support for the proposed designation.

**CAB260 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 paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**CAB261 FOOD WASTE PROCESSING PROCUREMENT**

Cabinet considered a report which detailed the procurement exercise completed for a new food waste processing service. It was noted that it was anticipated that the service would re-commence when the Government's roadmap permitted, which was hoped to be 21 June.

Under standing order 34 Councillor de Whalley asked that residents be encouraged to minimise food waste and assist with information on this.

It was confirmed that Cabinet members were often asked when the service would be re-commenced, and that the public would be encouraged to minimise their food waste.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council enter in to a contract with the Norfolk Environmental Waste Services Ltd for the provision of food waste processing.

**Reason for Decision**

To provide processing of collected food waste arrangements once the collection service resumes as Covid19 restrictions ease.

**The meeting closed at 3.56 pm**