

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

## **CABINET DECISION SHEET**

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on  
Wednesday, 8th February, 2023 at 3.30 pm in the Assembly Room,  
Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Dark (Chair)  
Councillors R Blunt, H Humphrey, P Kunes, G Middleton  
and S Sandell

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Dickinson  
and A Lawrence

1 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Blunt declared a non pecuniary interest in the Housing Delivery Grant item as a Director of West Norfolk Housing Ltd. He did not speak or vote thereon.

3 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

4 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor A Dickinson, C Joyce and T Parish attended on zoom and M de Whalley attended in person.

5 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

6 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decisions list was noted

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

The Corporate and Performance Panel on 3 October 2022 commented on and supported the Call in of Officer Decisions item.

The Environment and Community Panel on 2 February 2023 had made comments and supported the Local Authority Housing Fund item

The Regeneration and Development Panels commented on and supported the Hunstanton Multi User Hub and Transport Interchange.

## 8 **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council enter a Memorandum of Understanding with DLUHC based on the attached prospectus for the Local Authority Housing Fund (see appendix 2 of the report). Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing People and Communities to agree the final terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with DLUHC.

2. That the Council accept the total sum of £1,719,141 offered to the Council by DLUHC under the Local Authority Housing Fund to deliver the programme understanding the match funding requirements as set out in the report and prospectus attached to the report.

3. That, subject to agreement from West Norfolk Housing Company, the properties be acquired by West Norfolk Housing Company, funded by the grant, debt financing and other available funding

4. That the Council requests that West Norfolk Housing Company works with the Council to deliver the properties through the fund.

5. That the principle of allocating properties acquired through the fund to eligible Ukrainian and Afghan households be agreed. A further report setting out a policy approach will follow separately.

6. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Programme & Project Delivery to

- a. alter the proposed NORA 4 tenure mix, originally agreed by Cabinet on the 4th February 2020 (CAB 106), where necessary, to facilitate the disposal of properties previously identified as Private Rent and/or Open Market Sale, to West Norfolk Housing Company (WNHC) as affordable housing
- b. negotiate the terms of any disposal with West Norfolk Housing Company.

### **Reason for Decision**

The recommendations will ensure that the opportunity presented by the Local Authority Housing Fund to deliver affordable housing in the borough will be fully realised and will help to relieve pressures on the council's homelessness services.

9 **HUNSTANTON MULTI USER HUB AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE**

**RECOMMENDED:**

1. The Council will not proceed with housing on the bus station site in view of external factors affecting the viability of the scheme and the opportunity to pursue a viable alternative, and will remove the project from the Capital Programme;
2. NCC will continue to proceed with the improved library / adult education facility (including the library, toilets, and changing places toilet) on the site enabled with the addition of land owned by the Borough which will include the provision of an area for West Norfolk tourism information (subject to further negotiation);
3. NCC will proceed with the Bus Back Better Grant to improve coastal travel, cycle facilities and sustainability, invest to improve the bus station as a transport interchange and to agree terms with Borough Council for the land;
4. The Borough Council, supported by Norfolk County Council, to negotiate with Homes England in respect of the ACP funding originally allocated to development of this site.
5. The Borough Council will work with all parties on developing a joint strategic approach to regeneration and growth in the wider Hunstanton area through an agreed Masterplan;
6. That the Assistant Director for Property and Projects, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Property and Finance, S151 officer and Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to finalise the legal arrangements for the land.

**Reasons for Decision**

To deliver on the Council's corporate objectives, in partnership with Norfolk County Council, to:

- Protect and enhance the environment, including tackling climate change; delivering on the Council's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2035; and
- Create and maintain good quality places that make a difference to people's lives.

10 **OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS - CALL IN**

**RECOMMENDED:** That Standing Orders 12 and 30 be amended as set out in this report to enable Officer's decisions to be subject to call in.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure the Council's call-in procedure aligns with legislative requirements and best practice.

11 **MINOR UPDATES TO DELEGATED AUTHORITIES FOR REVENUES AND BENEFITS OFFICER DECISIONS**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the updated wording for the two delegated authorities for Officer decisions as shown at 2.1.4 and 2.2.4 is supported and recommended to Council for approval.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure decisions can continue to be made in a timely manner

12 **COUNCIL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the arrangements for council meetings as detailed in section 2 of the report continue and should members wish to change this after the election, Council reconsider the timings.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet approve the appointment of a Senior Democratic Services Officer as detailed in section 3 of the report.

**Reason for Decision**

To respond to the Motion to Council on 23 February 2022 and the arrangements for council meetings as covid restrictions are removed

**The meeting closed at 4.42 pm**