

CABINET – TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2024

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday 15 May 2024**

End of the call-in period is **12 noon on Monday 20 May**

These decisions will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present: P Peacock, R Cozens, S Crosby, L Brazier, K Melton, E Oldham, M Spoor, P Taylor,
R Holloway

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
5.	Newark Long Term Plan for Towns Fund (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>a) note the update on the Long-Term Plan for Towns Fund for Newark; and</p> <p>b) recommend to Newark Towns Board a number of Newark & Sherwood District Council priority projects and programs we would wish to be considered by them in the preparation of the Newark LTPfT Fund Investment Plan (TIP2), as detailed at paragraph 2.3 of the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The LTPfT opportunity will allow sufficient funding to unlock a range of outputs and allow the Council to deliver on a range of shared priorities if they are also agreed by the Newark Towns Board and are included in the proposed TIP2.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> The Council do have the option not to accept the opportunity of the Long-Term Town Fund. This has been discounted as an option on the basis that the funding presents another opportunity to work with partners to achieve genuine transformational change for the Newark community, aligning fully with the objectives of a range of partners and the Council's own stated objectives within the Community Plan.</p> <p>The Council also has the option not to promote to the Newark Towns Board any priorities, projects, or programs. This is also discounted on the basis that the Council's priorities and Community Plan has been shaped with many partners and communities and there are a number of projects upon which the Council will lead</p>	Matt Lamb, Director – Planning & Growth

		which could deliver genuine, long-term, and legacy transformational change.	
6.	Newark Towns Fund Update (Key Decision)	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the report; b) for the Newark Gateway/SiSCLog Towns Fund Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. agree to pause the Newark Gateway/SiSCLog Towns Fund project until such time as a viable solution for the relocation of Newark Lorry Park and redevelopment of the Newark Gateway site can be presented back to Cabinet; ii. subject to b)i) above, agree to informing the Newark Town Board of the decision to pause the Newark Gateway/SiSCLog development, noting that the £4.294m of Towns Fund money allocated to this project will be reallocated to existing undelivered Towns Fund projects by Newark Towns Board, as delegated to its Chair and the Council's Section 151 Officer; c) for the Stodman Street Phase 1 (32 Stodman Street) and Phase 2 (St Marks Place) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. subject to approval of the Newark Towns Board Chair and the s151 Officer (in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 of the report), that the Council reallocates the £4.294m as follows: £790,000 towards Stodman Street Phase 1; £310,000 to the Gatehouse and £3.194m of the remaining budget towards a Stodman Street Phase 2, as detailed below; ii. subject to c)i) above, to delegate to the Director - Resources in consultation with the Director - Planning & Growth authorisation to submit a Project Adjustment Form to Government seeking formal authorisation to re-allocate the Newark Gateway/SiSCLog grant to the Stodman Street Phases 1 & 2 and to Newark Castle Gatehouse; iii. approve, subject to c)i) an uplift of the Stodman Street and Newark Castle Gatehouse budgets within the Capital programme by £790,000 and £310,000 respectively; 	Matt Lamb, Director – Planning & Growth

iv. delegate to the Director - Resources and Director - Planning & Growth authority to continue negotiations to establish an appropriate purchase price and funding package for Stodman Street Phase 2 (St Marks Place), subject to c)i) and c)ii) above and subject to a further update to Cabinet on 4 June; and

d) for the A46 Bypass and the existing Newark Lorry Park, a further report will be brought to Cabinet on the implications of the A46 Bypass including the specific short and long term impact to the existing Newark Lorry Park as a result of the Bypass.

Reasons for Decision:

Stodman Street Phase 1 (32 Stodman Street) remains a key priority for this Council (as reflected in successive Community Plans), the Newark Towns Board, and Government and the reallocation of £790,000 of the £4.294m to deliver due to unforeseen market price rises is considered appropriate. The same is true for the Newark Castle Gatehouse project, for which an additional ask of £310,000 is also required.

Stodman Street Phase 2 (St Marks Place) is a key emerging priority for intervention through the emerging Newark Town Masterplan & Design Code and emerging Newark Town Investment Plan 2 (TIP2), as detailed elsewhere on this agenda. It is therefore considered appropriate to reallocate the remaining balance of £3.194m of Towns Fund 1 towards the cost of acquisition.

Options Considered:

The Gateway/SiSCLog scheme is not financially viable at present. A lesser scheme cannot be grant-funded without the relocation of the lorry park. The £4.294m of Towns Fund monies allocated to this Towns Fund project will therefore be retained by government unless recycled by agreement to other Towns Fund projects.

7.	Southwell Leisure Centre Update	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>a) remove the capital allocation of £5.5m to build a new swimming facility at Southwell Leisure Centre;</p> <p>b) retain the £5.5m in the Council’s Capital Programme to be re-allocated to other health and wellbeing schemes in the District;</p>	Sanjiv Kohli, Director – Resources, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
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- c) give delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Services and the Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Performance & Finance to negotiate the surrender of the current lease with Southwell Leisure Centre Trust;
- d) as consideration for the surrender of the lease, approve a capital budget of £247,000 to be paid to Southwell Leisure Centre Trust for repairs to the current main pool and a further £250,000 as a contribution to essential works to the dry side at the Leisure Centre. The total of £497,000 to be funded from the existing remedial works scheme currently in the Capital Programme, with the remaining balance of £75,855 to be removed from the Capital Programme. Any negotiated terms outside of these financial parameters be brought back to Cabinet for approval;
- e) note the £25,000 budget, for design and feasibility of a new leisure facility, approved by Cabinet on 19 December has not been expended to date and will be returned to the Capital Feasibility reserve on termination of the lease; and
- f) note that the £12,300 to be funded from the Change Management Reserve for the engineered solution to safeguard the structure of the current main pool has not been expended and will be retained in the Change Management Reserve on termination of the lease.

Reasons for Decision:

The £5.5m allocated to the capital programme on 19 December 2023 to develop a new swimming facility at Southwell Leisure Centre was conditional on the Council agreeing the transfer of land to the Council from the Trust and the Town Council. Nearly 5 months on from the decision, the transfer of land has not been resolved.

To re-instate the budgets in the Capital Programme, the Capital Feasibility Reserve and the Change Management Reserve.

Options Considered:

One alternative is to progress the scheme by preparing a submission for the Charity Commission; the reasons for not doing this are set out at paragraph 2.6 of the report.

		<p>Another alternative is to continue with the current lease arrangement, either leaving the pool closed for the long-term or repairing it; the reason for not doing this is set out in the report at paragraph 2.7 of the report.</p>	
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A final alternative of last resort would be to close the leisure centre, but this is not considered to be in the best interests of the residents and users of the leisure centre, or the staff working there.