

CABINET – TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2022

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday, 5 October 2022.**

End of the call-in period is **12 noon on Monday, 10 October 2022.**

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

Present: D Lloyd, K Girling, Mrs R Holloway, P Peacock and T Wendels

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
6.	East Midlands Devolution Deal	<p>AGREED to seek Full Council's endorsement of the East Midlands Devolution deal.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To express our support for the East Midlands Devolution Deal.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> There is no requirement for Borough and District Councils to endorse the devolution deal – the agreement is between Government and the four upper tier authorities. Nevertheless, we have contributed to the content of the deal and will have a relationship with the new Mayor and Combined Authority. The deal document respects and recognises the distinct responsibilities of Boroughs and Districts and our endorsement is considered to be an appropriate expression of support for the principle of devolution and the specific content of the East Midlands deal.</p>	John Robinson Chief Executive
7.	Projected General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Outturn Report to 31 March 2023 as at 30 June 2022	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <p>a) note the General Fund projected unfavourable outturn variance of £0.457m to usable reserves;</p> <p>b) note the Housing Revenue Account projected unfavourable outturn variance of £0.524m to the Major Repairs Reserve;</p> <p>c) approve the variations to the Capital Programme at Appendix C; and</p> <p>d) approve the Capital Programme revised budget and financing of £89.944m (£53.787 GF, £36.207 HRA).</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To update Members with the forecast outturn position</p>	Nick Wilson, Business Manager- Financial Services

		<p>for the 2022/23 financial year for the Council's General Fund and Housing Revenue Account revenue and capital budgets.</p> <p>To show performance against the approved estimates of revenue expenditure and income; report on major variances from planned budget performance; and report on variations to the Capital Programme for approval; all in accordance with the Council's Constitution.</p>	
8.	Community Plan Performance for Quarter 1 - 2022/23	<p>AGREED that the Community Plan Performance Report be noted, with the Cabinet considering the Council's performance against its objectives.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To enable the Cabinet to review the Quarter 1 Community Plan Performance report.</p>	Ella Brady, Transformation & Service Improvement Manager
9.	Consultation and Engagement Strategy (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) approve the Consultation &amp; Engagement Strategy and associated Action Plan, considering any recommendations from the Tenant Engagement Board;</li> <li>b) endorse the creation and use of operational guidance for officers to sit below this strategy; and</li> <li>c) request that Policy &amp; Performance Improvement Committee review the impact of this strategy after one year.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To put an appropriate framework in place to ensure decision making is informed by resident views and services are shaped by an understanding of resident priorities and needs.</p>	Ella Brady, Transformation & Service Improvement Manager
10.	Newark Town Fund Update and Lorry Park Options for Relocation (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) note the progress on the Newark Town Fund Programme and associated projects being delivered;</li> <li>b) authorise the Director – Planning &amp; Growth in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance &amp; Finance and Economic Development &amp; Visitor Economy to respond to National Highways Statutory Consultation on the A46 Newark Northern Bypass to outline the strong support for the proposals alongside the need to deliver the Council's aspirations to relocate the Lorry Park, redevelop the Gateway site, and to secure adequate compensation for the impacts of the Bypass proposals;</li> </ul>	Neil Cuttell Business Manager – Economic Growth and Visitor Economy

- c) authorise the Business Manager, Corporate Property, in consultation with the Director – Planning & Growth and Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance & Finance and Economic Development & Visitor Economy, to progress negotiations with landowner(s) for a proposed new Newark Lorry Park site in order to allow terms to be considered as part of development of a Business Case for the Lorry Park relocation; and
- d) authorise the Business Manager, Corporate Property, in consultation with the Director – Planning & Growth and the Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance & Finance and Economic Development & Visitor Economy, to develop a business case (including where appropriate identifying a development partner), and planning applications for a relocated Newark Lorry Park and redevelopment of the Gateway site, supported by additional revenue budget of £200,000 funded from the Change Management Reserve to cover necessary fees.

Reasons for Decision:

A retained but relocated and expanded Newark Lorry Park will continue to offer an important facility to the logistics and transport sector, as reflected by its increase in use and importance in recent years. The relocation will also allow for the delivery of the Gateway site, specifically the SiSCLog proposals as supported by the Government, this Council, and the Newark Towns Board. The proposals support all of the Community Plan objectives given their scale and scope of outputs in continuing to provide opportunities and aspiration for residents and businesses.

Options Considered:

The development of the Newark Town Investment Plan and selection of priority Towns Fund projects was part of a significant assessment process undertaken by the Newark Towns Board, in consultation with a range of partners and industry, including the Council. With respect to the Gateway site and the existing Newark Lorry Park the report explored various options available to the Council as a result of the impact of the A46 Newark Northern Bypass.

11.	Newark & Sherwood Plan Review - Amended Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document Update	<p>AGREED that</p> <p>a) the report be noted; and</p> <p>b) the Chief Executive be requested to call an Extraordinary Full Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2022 to agree publication of the amended Allocations &amp; Development Management DPD.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To update Cabinet on recent national planning guidance and its impact on the publication of the Amended Allocations &amp; Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD) for a period of public representation. To allow the Council to agree to the publication of the Amended Allocations &amp; Development Management DPD in November 2022.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Without this work being undertaken it is considered that the Council would not be able to demonstrate that a sound DPD had been produced in line with National Policy and Guidance and therefore there is no alternative to the course of action proposed. In order to carry out the consultation in 2022, full Council needs to have approved the consultation by the second week of November therefore it would not be possible to wait until the meeting of the full Council in December.</p>	Matthew Norton Business Manager – Planning Policy & Infrastructure
12.	Newark Southern Link Road Project (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <p>a) note the progress on the Newark Southern Link Road (SLR), including the pending receipt of tender returns from contractors to build the remainder of the SLR; and</p> <p>b) subject to the outcome of the tender returns, delegate authority to the Director - Planning and Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance &amp; Finance and Economic Development &amp; Visitors to request Nottinghamshire County Council to provide an appropriate financial contribution to the Newark Southern Link Road (SLR).</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To deliver the Newark SLR, addressing local congestion and unlocking significant growth in delivering the Middlebeck Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) including associated housing, employment, education, and open</p>	Matt Lamb, Director - Planning & Growth

		<p>space in accordance with the Council’s Amended Core Strategy (2019) and Community Plan (2020-2023).</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> A range of options, over many years, have previously been explored to deliver the SLR (in full or in part) and its associated growth and congestion-reduction benefits. The funding package now in place represents the most viable option to accelerate delivery of the full SLR and associated growth.</p>	
13.	Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>AGREED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cabinet support the establishment of a SPF Programme Manager;</li> <li>b) the Council’s base budget be increased to include the new SPF Programme Manager by £72,745 (based on 4% of the grant allocation) or £65,121 (based on 6% of the grant allocation) depending on outcome of the request to increase the top slice percentage; and</li> <li>c) delegated authority be given to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development &amp; Visitors to approve projects and interventions in line with SPF Guidance and the identified priorities.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The selected option will allow the Council to implement a structured programme management approach, providing the necessary capacity and capability in contract management, procurement, commissioning and engagement.</p> <p><u>Options Considered:</u> Use of the allocation of Shared Prosperity Fund for additional capacity through acquiring a consultant on a fixed term contract or recruitment of a part time programme manager.</p>	Neil Cuttell Business Manager – Economic Growth and Visitor Economy