

CABINET – TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2023

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 17 January 2023 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday 18 January 2023.**

End of the call-in period is **12 noon on Monday 23 January 2023.**

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

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

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
6.	Update on Disposal of Land at The Greenaway, Rolleston to Arkwood Developments Ltd	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) consider the objections to the proposed land sale and development of the land at The Greenaway, Rolleston; and</p> <p>(b) given on balance no issues are raised of sufficient significance to change the Cabinet’s previous decision, that the disposal to Arkwood Developments Ltd proceed, subject to full planning permission being granted.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The redevelopment of the land will contribute to the Council’s Community Plan objective to create more and better quality homes through our role as landlord and developer.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> Cabinet could decide not to proceed with the sale in light of the objections received, but this is not considered necessary in the circumstances.</p>	Mark Eyre, Business Manager – Corporate Property
7.	Cyber Security Strategy	<p>AGREED that the adoption and wider communication of the Cyber Security Strategy be approved.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To raise awareness of the Cyber Security agenda and obtain buy-in to the implementation plan, providing assurance to our residents, businesses, and external stakeholders.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> Not to adopt a cyber security strategy, but this would be contrary to best practice.</p>	Dave Richardson, Business Manager- ICT

8.	Approval of National Portfolio Organisation - Detailed Plans	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) formally approves the Activity Plan, Investment Principles Plan and Budget for year 1; and</li> <li>b) agrees that in years 2 and 3, responsibility for considering the Plans will sit with the National Portfolio Organisation Board, with authority for approval being delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development &amp; Visitors who will also be a member of the Board.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The proposals will contribute to the creation of vibrant and self-sufficient local communities, working directly with communities and disadvantaged groups to create cultural value. This will help improve the health and wellbeing of local residents through targeted participatory activity, and the plans will support the Heritage &amp; Culture Business Unit to deliver inclusive and sustainable economic growth as it further cements its position as a cultural destination and hub for the town and district.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> The approval of the plans is a requirement of the Arts Council England’s funding agreement.</p>	Carys Coulton-Jones, Business Manager- Heritage, Culture and Visitors
9.	2023/24 HRA Budget and Rent Setting (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet recommend to Council at its meeting on 7 February 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the HRA budget for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A1 to this report be approved;</li> <li>b) an increase of 5% in the 2022/23 rents of all properties in the HRA as at 31 March 2023 be applied from 1 April 2023;</li> <li>c) a rent increase for all relets of 11.1%;</li> <li>d) the 2023/24 service charges, as set out in Appendix C, to this report be approved; and</li> <li>e) that a fund of £300,000 be created, funded by the Newark and Sherwood Homes Transfer Reserve to fund initiatives to support tenants impacted by the increased charges including a tenant welfare fund.</li> </ul>	Suzanne Shead, Director – Housing, Health & Wellbeing and Nick Wilson, Business Manager – Financial Services

		<p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To advise Members of the proposed HRA budget and charges in rent and service charge levels for 2023/24 and for these to be recommended to Council at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> Various modelling was undertaken to assess the impact of different rent levels on the viability of the HRA 30-year business plan to arrive at the recommendations in the report.</p> <p>Consideration was also given to varying the increases between general needs and supported (sheltered and extra care) accommodation but no rationale was found to support this, alongside the equitable nature of any decision to do so.</p>	
10.	Enviro-Crime Enforcement Decision) (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) final approval be given for the Council to procure environmental enforcement services in relation to the management of fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling for a 3-year period;</li> <li>(b) delegated authority be given, following oversight by the Policy &amp; Performance Improvement Committee, to the Director Communities &amp; Environment to agree terms for the contractual arrangement in consultation with the Assistant Director Legal &amp; Democratic Services; and</li> <li>(c) the current pilot be extended for a further five months to allow procurement of a suitable contractor.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To enable effective dog fouling and litter enforcement to be introduced into the District and to support the Community Plan objectives.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> The service could be provided in-house but this was rejected due to the need for Community Protection Officers to undertake a wider range of duties.</p>	Alan Batty, Business Manager - Public Protection
13.	Land at Old Hall Farm, Edingley	Exempt Item	