

CABINET – TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2023

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 19 December 2023 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday 20 December 2023.**

End of the call-in period is: **12 noon on Wednesday 27 December 2023.**

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

Present: P Peacock, R Cozens, S Crosby, L Brazier, K Melton, P Taylor and R Holloway

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
5.	Corporate Property Overview	<p>AGREED that Cabinet review the report and note the positive impact of the Business Unit on service delivery and financial contribution to the overall budget of the Council.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To inform Members of the wide responsibilities and performance of the Corporate Property Business Unit.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> Not applicable, with the report providing an overview of the Corporate Property Business Unit.</p>	Mark Eyre, Business Manager- Corporate Property
6.	Sherwood Avenue Park (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) formally supports the development of the scheme as set out in the report and appendices, and in line with the cost plan;b) agrees that Section 106 monies from the Arkwood development on Lord Hawke Way are allocated to the scheme;c) approve the Capital Programme budget of £520,400 financed by Section 106, Shared Prosperity Fund, Capital Receipt and Newark Town Council Contribution;d) supports a short period of public consultation in the new year, to ensure the plans align with community feedback and aspirations for the site; ande) subject to no material changes being required from the consultation exercise, the scheme and its packages are formally tendered and the scheme is progressed through to delivery.	Matt Finch, Director- Communities and Environment

		<p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The recommendations align with the Community Plan objectives in relation to health and wellbeing and the environment and in response to resident feedback as evidenced through the latest resident survey, which placed growing emphasis on parks and play areas. It is also in line with the strategy for increased town centre living, whilst the park and all of its proposed improvements are free to access.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> Given the age of the park, its prominence in the town centre and the links to the Council's Community Plan objectives, doing nothing is not deemed to be a viable alternative. Scope does exist to reduce the scope of the intervention, but this is not deemed desirable given the funding package that has been put together and the community desire for improvement that has been expressed to date.</p>	
7.	Infrastructure Funding Statement (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet approve the publication of the Infrastructure Funding Statement, which has been produced in accordance with the legislative requirements, before the end of the calendar year.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To ensure that the District Council is operating in accordance with the requirements of the Community Infrastructure Regulations.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> None. There is a requirement to publish the Infrastructure Funding Statement by the end of the calendar year.</p>	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure
8.	Ollerton Town Centre Update and Purchase of Property (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note and welcome the progress on the Ollerton Town Centre Regeneration Scheme; b) note and welcome the Government announcement that the Ollerton Town Centre Regeneration Scheme, along with Clipstone Mansfield Road development, has been identified to benefit from £19,995,358 under the Levelling Up Fund Round 3 (LUF3); c) delegate to the Director - Resources, in consultation with the Director - Planning & Growth, Business Manager - Corporate Property and Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance & Finance and Sustainable 	Matt Lamb, Director - Planning and Growth

Economic Growth, authorisation to negotiate and purchase in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Acquisitions and Disposals Policy the former Lloyds Bank on Forest Road for the Maximum Offer detailed at paragraph 2.2 of the report and in the Exempt Appendix B;

- d) delegate to the Director - Resources, in consultation with the Director - Planning & Growth, Business Manager - Corporate Property and Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance & Finance and Sustainable Economic Growth, authorisation to negotiate terms for necessary land assembly and lease deals with the Ollerton Regeneration Partners and prospective tenants, subject to completion of a Full Business Case to be presented to a future Cabinet, which includes Town Council Offices, a piece of brownfield land referred to as the Courtalds site and The Forest Centre;
- e) delegate to the Director - Resources, in consultation with the Director - Planning & Growth, Business Manager - Corporate Property and Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance & Finance and Sustainable Economic Growth, authority to agree and enter terms with Government to access the £19,995,358 LUF3 Funds, including any further updates that may be required for the LUF3 projects given the time elapsed between the bid and confirmation of success;
- f) agree additional revenue budget of £150,000 from the change management reserve in 2023/24 to allow acceleration of feasibility design work in advance of receipt of LUF3 funding, with delegation to the Director - Planning & Growth, in consultation with the Business Manager - Corporate Property and Portfolio Holders for Strategy, Performance & Finance and Sustainable Economic Growth;
- g) request a future update to Cabinet, including timetable for submission of a planning application and development of final Business Case; and
- h) request update report(s) following all negotiations to seek approval for future capital budget requirements.

Reasons for Decision:

To allow progression, at pace, the development of the LUF 3 Ollerton Town Centre Regeneration Scheme with the Ollerton Development Partners and prospective

		<p>tenants, including all necessary land deals, such that the Council can provide appropriate updates and implementation timelines to Government in order to access the LUF 3 funding.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> It remains an option to pause, stop, or reduce the scale of ambition of the LUF3 projects in Clipstone and Ollerton. This has been discounted given the desperate need to invest in these communities through transformational proposals such as those forming the Ollerton Town Centre Regeneration Scheme. The Regeneration Partners, including the District Council, remain committed to the project.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning Development - Planning Application Budget</p>	<p>AGREED to increase the Planning Development staffing budget to £1,023,170 based on forecast planning fee income to £1,031,700 from 2024/25.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To enable the Planning Development Business Unit to review resources in order to implement some of the many changes resulting from legislation and the actions identified within the Community Plan – both directly for the service as well as actions for other departments that require our resources.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> There is an option to do nothing but this is not considered viable given the current pressures on the service.</p>	<p>Lisa Hughes Business Manager – Planning Development</p>
10.	<p>Damp and Mould Policy (Key Decision)</p>	<p>AGREED that Cabinet endorse the Damp & Mould Policy for approval as recommended by the Local Influence Network Chairs.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> As detailed in the report, to meet legislative requirements and adhere to guidance and regulations.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> There are no viable alternatives and taking no action would mean failure to meet our regulatory requirement to ensure that we have measures in place to appropriately tackle cases of damp and mould and keep tenants safe in their homes.</p>	<p>Caroline Wagstaff, Business Manager- Housing Maintenance and Asset Management</p>
11.	<p>Building Safety in the Home Policy (Key Decision)</p>	<p>AGREED that Cabinet endorse the Building Safety in the Home Policy for approval as recommended by the Local Influence Network Chairs.</p>	<p>Caroline Wagstaff, Business Manager-</p>

		<p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> The Policy supports the Council's Community Plan to create more and better quality homes through our roles as landlord, developer and planning authority.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> There were no viable alternatives and taking no action would mean failure to meet our regulatory requirement to ensure that we have measures in place to keep tenants safe in their homes.</p>	Housing Maintenance and Asset Management
12.	Southwell Leisure Centre Pool Works (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the progress of works to the dry side; b) approve the continued closure of the main pool; c) approve the additional revenue budget of £12,300 from the Change Management Reserve to fund the engineered solution to safeguard the structure of the main pool as set out in section 2.5(d) of the report; d) note that the learner pool would continue to operate; e) note the continued arrangements to support users of Southwell main pool to swim at other venues; f) approve in principle, the option of developing a new swimming facility (main pool, teaching pool plus associated changing facilities) on land adjacent to the current Southwell leisure centre, as set out in section 2.5(c)(2) of the report subject to detailed feasibility being undertaken and agreement of land transfer with the current landowner(s); a further report being brought back to Cabinet for approval as soon as practicable; g) approve the capital budget of £5.5m financed by borrowing for the estimated build cost of the replacement pools as set out in 2.5(c)(2) of the report noting that reports will be brought to Cabinet on revised estimated costs as the feasibility project progresses; h) approve a revenue budget of £25,000 from the Capital Feasibility Reserve to carry out design works 	Mark Eyre, Business Manager-Corporate Property

		<p>to RIBA Stage1 for a new Leisure Centre which incorporates the new pool building; the design works to be procured on in principle agreement of land transfer to the Council; and</p> <p>i) request officers to work up options, costings and methods of finance for the replacement pools to form part of aspirations for a wider development of a new leisure centre on the site, in conjunction with partners and relevant landowners.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To provide a long-term, value for money solution for the provision of swimming and other leisure centre activities at Southwell.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> The four possible alternative options were detailed in full in section 2.5 of the report.</p>	
13.	CCTV System Review (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that Cabinet approve:</p> <p>a) the CCTV replacement scheme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;</p> <p>b) the recommendation for all CCTV cameras moving forward to become in the full ownership of NSDC as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report;</p> <p>c) the continuation of NSDC's membership in the CCTV partnership;</p> <p>d) the creation of a CCTV Project to undertake a detailed feasibility exercise to provide a full business case on the possibility of bringing CCTV in house; and</p> <p>e) the allocation and draw down of £8,200 from the Capital Feasibilities Reserve to be allocated to the CCTV Revenue Cost Centre.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision:</u> To enhance the Council's management of their CCTV systems in addition to improving and updating our coverage across the district in line with the Community Plan objective of maximise the use and effectiveness of CCTV to deter crime and bring offenders to justice.</p> <p><u>Options considered:</u> To continue with the current CCTV partnership accepting that the Council will continue to share Control Room resources with partners and the service level will remain as now.</p>	Jenny Walker, Business Manager- Public Protection

		To delay the replacement programme until cameras fail beyond economic repair.	
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