

CABINET

MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2013

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 3 June 2013. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Graham Aisthorpe-Watts.

1. NORTHSTOWE: DELIVERY AND DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS

Cabinet:

- (a) **AGREED** in principle the Council's support for the A14 Improvement Scheme and **AUTHORISED** officers to proceed to negotiate an Agreement with the County Council for this purpose, subject to a detailed scheme to be reported to Cabinet and Council in due course.
- (b) **NOTED** on-going negotiation on the Section 106 Agreement for Northstowe, including the need to meet the required funding in order to provide the essential requirements for the first phase as set out in Appendix B of the report approved by the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee on 19 March 2013.
- (c) **AUTHORISED** the allocation of up to £3 million funding with the County Council to cover the balance of the estimated funding required for the implementation of the first phase of community facilities, subject to a detailed report being submitted back to Cabinet.
- (d) **AUTHORISED** the allocation of funding of £780,000 in order to underwrite the repayment of the Local Enterprise Partnership loan for the purposes of implementing the Webbs Hole sluice pump project as part of the long-term drainage solution for Northstowe and settlements within the drainage catchment area.
- (e) **AUTHORISED** the allocation of funding of £500,000 for the purpose of funding the maintenance of the Webbs Hole sluice pump for a period of 100 years and **NOTED** that officers would continue to seek to identify a partner to take on this maintenance responsibility.
- (f) **AGREED** that the District Council would take on the responsibility for the operation and practical maintenance of the Webbs Hole sluice pump and related works, to be funded from Section 106 Agreement monies and/or special expenses to be applied in the Internal Drainage Board area, until such time that officers secure a management arrangement with a suitable body as a long-term solution.

- (g) **AUTHORISED** officers to develop Heads of Terms in order to enter into an Agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency and Cambridgeshire County Council for the purposes of establishing a joint venture to invest in and develop the post phase 1 development of Northstowe, to be reported to Cabinet at a future meeting.
- (h) **AUTHORISED** the principle of the allocation of £25 million from the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan approved by Council in February 2013 for the purposes of the District Council's investment in the Joint Venture delivery vehicle.
- (i) **ENDORSED** the principle of supporting a thriving business community and **INSTRUCTED** officers to consider schemes to incentivise businesses to locate and develop in Northstowe from the early days of the development.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered were included within the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: To ensure that Cabinet considers any corporate and financial implications arising from the essential requirements for Northstowe Phase 1 and support from the A14 Improvement Scheme, and: -

- (i) to confirm that Cabinet has no objection to the completion of the Section 106 Agreement, which includes an obligation on the District Council and County Council to secure funding (but not necessarily from their own resources) to ensure that the balance of essential requirements will be provided at the relevant time and such as to ensure that the planning permission will be acceptable in planning terms;
- (ii) to authorise officers to commence consideration of an appropriate investment and delivery vehicle for subsequent phases in partnership with the County Council and the Homes and Communities Agency.

2. CITY DEAL: UPDATE

Cabinet **DELEGATED** to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to continue to work on a full City Deal with the Government and partners, bringing core aspects of the negotiating position to a future meeting of Cabinet, and any final City Deal to full Council for approval.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered were included within the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: To provide a progress report to Cabinet and facilitate consideration of corporate implications arising from the proposed city deal.