

CABINET

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2014

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 8 May 2014. 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. SOUTH CAMBS LTD: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cabinet:

- (a) **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council approval of the re-appointment of Stephen Hills as Director of South Cambs Ltd for a further 12 months alongside his role as Director of Housing for the Council.
- (b) **NOTED** the potential for conflicts of interests to arise due to the requirement in company law for a director to act in the best interests of the company.
- (c) **AUTHORISED** Stephen Hills to take whatever action is necessary in order to fulfil his duties as a Director.
- (d) **AGREED** to Stephen Hills continuing to act as a Director of the company despite potential conflicts.
- (e) **AGREED** to indemnify Stephen Hills under the Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004 in relation to him acting in his capacity as director of the company.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in paragraphs 22 and 23 of the report.

Reason For Decision: Reasons for this decision are set out in paragraphs 4 to 7 of the report.

2. **A14 IMPROVEMENTS: RESPONSE TO HIGHWAYS AGENCY CONSULTATION**

Cabinet **AGREED**:

- (a) the response to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme set out in paragraphs 15-17, 20-22, 26-28, 32, 34, 38-39, 41 and 43-47 of the report, subject to a number of amendments as reflected in the minutes.
- (b) that delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning and New Communities in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Northstowe, to finalise the response to the Highways Agency in line with the amendments agreed and comments raised at the meeting, as reflected in the minutes.

Other Options Considered: An alternative option would be not to respond to the consultation, but given the importance to the district this was not recommended. The Council could have made a different response, or add additional comments.

Reason For Decision: Improvements to the A14 are important for the delivery of the growth agenda, the economy and to improve journey times and road safety for the travelling public. The road has a significant impact on the environment and economy of the district and it was therefore recommended that the Council responds to the consultation, addressing a range of issues and following up the response to the previous consultation made in October 2013.

3. **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND LINTON AND HILDERSHAM AREA DESIGNATION**

Cabinet:

- (a) **APPROVED** the process for supporting the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plans, as set out in the report at paragraphs 10 and 12 (producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan) and paragraph 14 (area designation), and the proposed consultation methods to be used drawn from those set out in Appendix A as appropriate to each case.
- (b) **APPROVED** the application to designate Linton and Hildersham as a Neighbourhood Area.
- (c) **AGREED** that future decisions on Neighbourhood Planning matters be delegated to the Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the report at paragraphs 24 to 26.

Reason For Decision: Neighbourhood planning was introduced by Government in 2012 to empower local communities to make planning decisions to guide the future development of villages and neighbourhoods. The recommendations were intended to firm up what process should be followed locally and approve the first step which could lead to a neighbourhood plan for Linton and Hildersham, as well as providing clarity on decision-making.

4. SOUTH CAMBS LTD UPDATE: TRANSFER OF LEASEHOLD GENERAL FUND PROPERTIES

Cabinet **AGREED** the recommendations as set out in the report, which was exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the exempt report.

Reason For Decision: Reasons for the recommendations are set out in the exempt report.