

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2020

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 4 March 2020. 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 Ian Senior.

1. **PROPOSED ALLOCATION POLICY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FAITH/COMMUNITY LAND IN THE NEW COMMUNITY OF NORTHSTOWE**

Cabinet:

- (a) **Endorsed** the proposed policy which has been developed in conjunction with the faith groups to which it will be applied.
- (b) **Agreed** the application of this policy to growth sites across the district.

Options Considered: Cabinet could:

- a) approve the draft policy for Northstowe Faith/Community land allocation or
- b) recommend changes to the draft policy and/or application assessment format
- c) recommend the draft policy be adopted for the district to cover all growth sites.

Reason for Decision: This Council requires inclusion of provision for faith groups among the range of services and facilities likely to be required in new settlements through policy SC: Meeting Community Needs of its Local Plan (2018). This has resulted in the provision of land at nil consideration and a quantity of floor space being secured at Northstowe for this purpose. Cognisant of its duty towards minority groups, any process by which this Council allocates land or space secured through policy SC4 must be allocated in a fair, transparent and reproducible way. The proposed allocation policy provides such a mechanism and has the support of the faith and community groups thus far consulted.

2. **2019-20 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Cabinet:

Reviewed the Operational Key Performance Indicator (OKPI) results and comments at Appendix A to the report.

Options Considered: Cabinet could:

- a) Recommend any action, including redeployment of resources, required to address issues identified within this report and its appendices.
- b) Request clarification from performance indicator owners on any aspects relating

to performance indicators, results and comments contained within this report and its appendices.

- c) Commission more detailed performance reports from performance indicator owners that drill-down into specific areas relating to the one or more of the performance indicators, results and comments contained within this report and its appendices.

Reason for Decision: These recommendations are required to enable senior management and members to understand the organisation's performance. The information included within performance reports contributes to the evidence base for the ongoing review of priorities and enables, where appropriate, redirection of resources to reflect emerging priorities and address areas of concern.

3. 2019-2020 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

Cabinet:

- a) **Acknowledged** the 2019/2020 revenue budget position against the approved revenue budget shown in Appendices A, B(1) and B(2), the major variances with reasons for these variances and the action being taken to address the underlying issues;
- b) **Acknowledged** the latest position in respect of the Capital Programme 2019/2020 to 2023/2024 and the variances as shown in Appendix C.

Options Considered: None specified

Reason for Decision: To advise the Cabinet of the latest monitoring information in respect of the 2019/2020 revenue and capital budgets, for the period to 31 December 2019.

4. COMMUNAL ROOM REVIEW PROJECT - DECISION REQUIRED REGARDING THE FUTURE USE OF THE LIMES/LIMES CLOSE SHELTERED COMMUNAL ROOM

Cabinet:

Approved the decision to transfer the sheltered community building at The Limes / Limes Close, Bassingbourn to Bassingbourn Parish Council on a long 99-yr full repairing lease with a peppercorn rent for use as a village community hall, with the costs of transfer to be split 50:50 between the district and parish councils, up to a maximum value in total of £18,000 (£9,000 each).

Options Considered: Cabinet could have agreed to:

- a) A 99-year full repairing lease for a peppercorn rent with a cost to the Council of no more than £9,000.
- b) Sell the building to the Parish Council. The Parish Council have indicated this would not be a consideration as they already have a capital project and are not able to take on another one at this time.
- c) Sell to a private developer and raise funds for the HRA.
- d) Develop the site ourselves for social/affordable/market sale housing.

Reason for Decision: The Parish Council is very keen for the village of Bassingbourn to benefit from a village hall and have clear ambition and sensible plans to deliver the

project.

5. INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS: LEGAL AGREEMENTS

Cabinet **recommended** to Full Council:

- (a) Approval of the execution of the Members' Agreements;
- (b) Appoint Councillor Peter McDonald as the Council-nominated Member, and the designated Chief Operating Officer as the Council-nominated Officer, to each Investment Partnership Board;
- (c) Appoint the Head of Commercial Development & Investment as the Officer to represent the Council on each Investment Team; and

Cabinet **agreed** to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any minor amendments to the Members' Agreements prior to submission to Full Council.

Options Considered: As detailed in paragraphs 19 – 21 of the exempt report.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Members Agreements between the Council and each Framework supplier to be adopted.

6. TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT - NORTHSTOWE PHASES I AND 2

Cabinet:

- (a) **Approved** South Cambridgeshire District Council as the project manager of the community-based projects listed in the confidential report;
- (b) **Requested** that officers keep under strict review of the financial position to minimise the exposure to the Council and to present a further report on the matter to a future Cabinet meeting; and
- (c) **Recommended** to Full Council that a Provision be established as set out in the exempt report.

Options Considered: As detailed in paragraphs 44 (a) to (c) of the exempt report.

Reason for Decision: To secure approval for the key role of the Council in project managing the community-based projects in Northstowe and to amend the capital programme accordingly.