

## Cabinet

Monday, 24 May 2021

### Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 24 May 2021. 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 Jonathan Malton.

#### 1. Liaison Meeting Update

Cabinet:

**Noted** the progress of the liaison meetings

**Options Considered:** Cabinet could have:

Not agreed the progress of the liaison meetings and make amendments as necessary.

- a) **Reason for Decision:** When the additional liaison meetings were agreed at Cabinet in June 2020, it was also agreed to review the meetings within the first year to ensure they were working as intended.
- b) This update paper provides the status of each liaison meeting currently in operation. No changes are proposed.

#### 2. Pioneer Park Licence Agreement

Cabinet:

- a) **Agreed** to accept the Deed of Variation proposed by L&Q, which regularises the licenced area described in the agreement with the actual location of the outdoor gym equipment.

**Options Considered:** Cabinet could have:

- a) Not agreed the Deed of Variation, and directed officers to identify and agree an alternative location for the outdoor gym; requiring further public engagement and Deed of Variation with L&Q and agree accordingly.
  - b) refused to enter into the Deed of Variation as proposed, giving reasons.
- a) **Reason for Decision:** The outdoor gym equipment has been well received by a majority of Northstowe residents, who are anxious to begin using the equipment which is currently closed to public use.
  - b) The Council installed the equipment using its permitted development rights at a location agreed by L&Q, in the most suitable position given the topography

of the site.

- c) The reasons for the original placement (close by other equipment, thereby offering choice to users; subject to passive surveillance; accessible to the network of open spaces; adjacent to community facilities (at Northstowe Community Wing) and within an acceptable distance of neighbouring properties) are all still met in the actual location of the equipment.

### 3. **East West Rail Bedford to Cambridge route alignments and station locations consultation response**

Cabinet:

- a) **Approved** the Council's response to the East West Rail consultation as set out in Appendix A of the report.
- b) **Delegated** authority to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development to make further technical comments in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

**Options Considered:** Cabinet could have:

Not approved the Council's response to the East West Rail consultation as set out in Appendix A of the report.

**Reason for Decision:** The proposed Bedford to Cambridge section of the East West Rail line has the potential to be transformational for the regional economy, allowing sustained growth and geographical expansion of our high value industries such as life sciences, IT and digital. Given that the route has the potential to generate significant social, environmental and economic impacts on the District, it is recommended that the Council responds to the consultation addressing a range of issues.