

Minutes of a meeting of the **CABINET** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Tuesday, 19 September 2017 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

G A Porter (Leader)
C N Worth (Deputy Leader)
M G Chandler (Deputy Leader)

A Casson
P E Coupland

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C N Johnson

C J Lawton
G J Taylor

Cabinet Support Member: T A Carter

The Executive Director Commercialisation, the Executive Director Place, the Executive Manager Governance, the Place Manager, the Environmental Services Manager, the Head of Finance, the Business Intelligence Officer and the Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of the Chief Executive, the Executive Director Strategy and Governance, and the Strategic Planning Manager, together with the Lincolnshire Community & Voluntary Service and Welland Seniors Forum.

In Attendance: Councillor B Alcock (Chairman, Performance Monitoring Panel), Councillor G R Aley (Chairman, Governance and Audit Committee) and Councillor A M Newton (Independent Group Leader).

15. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were signed by the Leader as a correct record:

- Meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 July 2017
- Meeting of the Priory Road Community Hub Project Sub-Committee held on 20 July 2017.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations if interest.

17. QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION (STANDING ORDERS).

No questions were raised under the Council's Constitution (Standing Orders).

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18. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO CALL-IN.

There were no matters subject to call-in.

19. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING PANELS

There were no matters arising from the Policy Development and Performance Monitoring Panels.

20. PRIDE IN SOUTH HOLLAND (INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON UNTIDY SITES).

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Portfolio Holder for Place and the Executive Director Place which sought approval to recommend to Council the establishment of formal arrangements to continue the Pride in South Holland programme for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. The report also provided an update on Untidy Sites and advised members of structural changes consequent upon the recent Place review.

Members were concerned about the increase in fly tipping within the area, and requested information on how the Authority was dealing with this problem, and details of any prosecutions. It was agreed that this would be provided to all members,.

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Members were keen to investigate the possibility of Government funding to enable clearance and development of sites in appropriate circumstances.

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RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- a) That the contents of the report be noted;
- b) That annual funds of up to £100,000 are released from the Council's reserves to enable the continuation of the Pride in South Holland programme for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019; and
- c) That the Pride in South Holland programme is reviewed during 2018/2019 to consider whether to further extend the period of activity.

(Other options considered:

- *To cease funding the Pride in South Holland programme.*

Reasons for decision:

- *To continue to provide a proactive focus in order to improve the cleanliness and visual quality of the public spaces within South Holland, thus meeting the corporate*

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priority 'To have pride in South Holland by supporting the district and residents to develop and thrive' whilst supporting the national Litter Strategy.)

21. DELIVERING SPALDING'S RELIEF ROAD

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Growth and Commercialisation which updated members on progress, and a series of workstreams relating to the delivery of Spalding's Western Road.

It was clarified that the internal road within the Holland Park development would be provided at the same time as Section 1 of the relief road, thereby bringing forward an alternative route through the development which avoided the town.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- a) That members note and endorse the strategic direction, key milestones and delivery strategy for Spalding's Western Relief Road (SWRR) outlined within the report;
- b) That the Place Manager brings further reports to Council, as appropriate, in order to update members on progress; and
- c) That the Place Manager, in conjunction with both the Portfolio Holder for Growth and Commercialisation and the Executive Director Commercialisation, continues to work with the County Council and key partners to ensure the delivery strategy for the SWRR meshes with the Council's key growth and infrastructure ambitions.

(Other options considered:

- *Do nothing.*

Reasons for decision:

- *The information contained within the body of the report highlights matters that meet with both the Council's and the Government's growth agendas, and additionally highlights matters that meet with the Council's Corporate Priorities and the thrust of the emerging South East Lincolnshire Local Plan.)*

22. LINCOLNSHIRE BUSINESS RATES POOL 2018/19

Consideration was given to the report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance which sought approval for South Holland District Council to be re-admitted to the Lincolnshire Business Rates Pool for 2018-2019

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It was reported that the rates appeals lodged by the power stations were largely resolved. One no longer stood, and the second was awaiting resolution of a minor matter.

The benefit of being in the Pool was that local authorities could retain 60% of growth. However, any reduction in business rates (such as some public bodies obtaining a charitable exemption) would be a risk to the Pool and would not be protected by the current 'safety net'. Officers confirmed that as authorities entered the Pool, they would be looking forward to assess and identify any potential risks

DECISION:

- a) That the re-admittance of South Holland District Council to the Lincolnshire Business Rates Pool for 2018-19 and subsequent years be approved; and
- b) That delegated authority be given to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Finance, to confirm the arrangements with the other Lincolnshire local authorities.

(Other options considered:

- *To not join the Lincolnshire Business Rates Pool.*

Reasons for decision:

- *The projected figures for the Lincolnshire Business Rates Pool present SHDC with a potentially significant financial gain, since the rates appeals lodged by the power stations had been largely resolved.)*

23. LONG SUTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Growth which invited members to formally designate the Long Sutton Neighbourhood Plan area.

Attached at Appendix A to the report was a map detailing the submitted Long Sutton Neighbourhood Plan area boundary, which included the whole parish of Long Sutton.

DECISION:

That the Neighbourhood Plan area, as submitted by Long Sutton Parish Council, and set out in Appendix A to the report, be confirmed.

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(Other options considered:

- *Do nothing*

Reasons for Decision:

- *As highlighted within the report, the Neighbourhood Plan area proposed is considered to be appropriate and there are no issues that should affect the confirmation of the Plan area.*
- *The alternative option to 'do nothing' would prevent the Neighbourhood Plan from moving forward).*

24. QUARTER 1 FINANCE REPORT 2017/18

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Executive Director Commercialisation (S151) which provided information on Quarter 1 (to 30 June 2017), and forecast full year financial position of the Council. Detailed information was provided in Appendix A to the report.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance reported that there was currently a small underspend however, the Quarter 2 figures would show a more informed position.

DECISION:

That the report and appendices be noted.

(Other options considered:

- *To do nothing.*

Reasons for decision:

- *To provide members with information on the overall financial position of the Council.)*

25. QUARTER 1 2017-18 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Director Strategy and Governance which provided an update on Council performance for the period 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017.

The Quarter 1 2017/18 Performance Report, attached at Appendix A to the report, provided councillors and residents with information about how the Council was delivering its services and how it was progressing against its Corporate Priorities.

Quarter 2 showed increased levels of performance in the majority of indicators. Two areas of concern were noted:

- **Housing Void Figures** – The service was currently undergoing a major redesign (as part of the ongoing Place Review) with the process of void management an integral part of the

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redesign.

- Sickness – Breakdown of short and long term sickness was now reported, which would provide more context to understand where the days lost to sickness were marginally higher and largely due to longer term illnesses.

DECISION:

That the report be noted.

(Other options considered:

- *Do nothing;*

Reasons for decision:

- *No recommendations are made. The report is presented for consideration in order that members are aware of how the Council is delivering its services and how it is progressing against its Corporate Priorities.)*

26. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE LEADER DECIDES ARE URGENT.

There were no urgent items.

(The meeting ended at 10.50 am)

(End of minutes)

These minutes are published on Tuesday 19 September 2017. In accordance with the Council's Constitution the DECISIONS detailed above will, unless otherwise stated, come into force and may then be implemented on Wednesday 27 September 2017 (i.e. after the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication of these minutes), unless during that period a notice which is signed by either a Ward Representative (in relation to a matter in their ward) or two members of the Performance Monitoring Panel or any three members, and complies with the requirements of the Council's Constitution is served on the Executive Manager Governance requesting that the decision be called-in and the Executive Manager Governance approves the request for call-in. Where a decision is called-in it will firstly be considered by the Performance Monitoring Panel on a date to be fixed.

Any FINAL DECISIONS and any URGENT DECISIONS take effect immediately.

Any RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL detailed above will be submitted for consideration to the meeting of the full Council on Wednesday 20 September 2017.