

Minutes of a meeting of the **CABINET** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Tuesday, 2 September 2014 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

G A Porter (Leader of the Council)

C N Worth (Deputy Leader of the Council) P S Przyszlak (Deputy Leader) C J Lawton
G J Taylor

Junior Portfolio Holders: A Casson, P E Coupland and S-A Slade

The Executive Director (Commissioning and Governance), the Finance Manager (Section 151 Officer), the Democratic Services and Legal Manager, the Economic Development Manager and the Member Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors M G Chandler, R Gamba-Jones, H R Johnson and A R Woolf (Junior Portfolio Holder), together with the Chief Executive and the Executive Director (Place).

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

Community Representatives: Reginald William George Boot (Parish Councils), Councillor Roger Perkins (South Holland Citizens Advice Bureau) and Inspector Jim Tyner (Lincolnshire Police).

18. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2014 were signed by the Leader as a correct record.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

20. QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE RULE 2.4

No questions were raised under Cabinet Procedure Rule 2.4.

21. MATTERS SUBJECT TO CALL-IN

There were no matters subject to call-in.

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

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

23. GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (GLLEP) PROJECTS

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Localism, Economic Development and Big Society and the Economic Development Manager which sought approval of the development of outline business cases for Council led projects for the next funding round of GLLEP Growth Deal and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) bidding, and subject to GLLEP first stage approval, agreement that the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Localism, Economic Development and Big Society, along with the Executive Director (Place), be given delegated authority to approve those projects to be worked up to full business case stage and submitted for funding allocation from the programme. Additionally, approval was sought in order to offer support to partner projects being developed for the benefit of the South Holland District that were identified within the GLLEP Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and/or meet strategic alignment priorities as set out within the SEP. A summary and further details of Council and Partner led project were set in Appendices A and B within the report.

The report was discussed and the following issues were raised:

- Recommendation 3 within the report appeared to suggest that the Rail Freight Interchange was of a higher priority than the other projects listed. It was confirmed that none of the suggested projects were in order of priority. The Leader stated that he was not supporting the Rail Freight Interchange, and that the projects should be listed in order of priority.
- The Spalding Western Relief Road, Phases 2 and 3, met strategic SEP alignment priorities. Could the funding sources be used to fund Phase 1? It was stated that funding for Phase 1 was already in place however, members requested that an update on the schedule for this funding be provided to the next meeting of the Cabinet.
- Spalding Town bus – Some services within the town had recently been withdrawn and some areas of new development were not covered by a service at all. Could this source of funding be used to provide an extended service?

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DECISION:

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| a) That the development of outline business cases for Council led projects i) and ii) below for the next funding round of GLLEP Growth Deal and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) bidding be approved. | MS |
| i) South Holland Business Growth and Employment Project (Crease Drove – Growth Deal). | |
| ii) Grants4Growth Phase 2 (ERDF). | |
| b) That subject to GLLEP approval of the outline business cases, the Portfolio Holder for Localism, Economic Development, and Big Society along with the Executive Director (Place) be delegated authority to approve those projects to be worked up to full business case stage and submitted for GLLEP funding allocation; | JK, MS,
Cllr NW |
| c) That the partner led projects identified within the GLLEP Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and projects i), ii), iii) and iv) below that meet strategic SEP alignment priorities be supported by the Cabinet in priority order. | MS |
| i) Spalding Western Relief Road Phase 2 & 3. | |
| ii) Holbeach Campus. | |
| iii) Peppermint Junction; | |
| iv) Rail Freight Interchange | |
| d) That a potential project to provide an extended Spalding Town bus service be researched to ascertain if it met the criteria; and | MS |
| e) That an update on the schedule for funding of Phase 1 of the Spalding Western Relief Road be provided to the next meeting of the Cabinet. | MS |

(Other options considered:

- *Not to approve the recommendations; or*
- *To approve the recommendations without amendments.*

Reasons for decision:

- *All the projects detailed within Appendices A and B would make a substantial contribution to economic growth and employment in the GLLEP area and within the District over the next 20 years. The Council needed to take a lead role in developing and supporting projects that ensured the District*

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remained a prosperous and vibrant place to live and work for our communities; and

- *The total value of the Council led projects was circa £12.9 million subject to attracting match funding.)*

24. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Due to an unforeseen emergency, it was agreed to close the meeting at approximately 6.50pm and that the outstanding agenda item (Item 7, Financial Performance Quarter 1 2014/15) be referred to full Council on 10 September 2014 for consideration.

(The meeting ended at 6.50 pm)

(End of minutes)

These minutes are published on 5 September 2014. In accordance with the Council's Constitution the DECISIONS detailed above will, unless otherwise stated, come into force and may then be implemented on 15 September 2014 (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 at least one member of the Council and complies with the requirements of Rules 15(b), (c) and (d) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules is served on the Assistant Director Democratic Services requesting that the decision be called-in and the Assistant Director Democratic Services 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 10 September 2014.