

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER/STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 18 October 2022

PRESENT: Councillor S J Conboy – Chair.

Councillors L Davenport-Ray, S W Ferguson, M A Hassall, B A Mickelburgh, T D Sanderson, S L Taylor and S Wakeford.

APOLOGY: An Apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor B M Pitt.

## 41 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 42 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor S J Conboy declared a non-registerable interest in Minute No. 22/43 as Ward Member for Godmanchester & Hemingford Abbots.

Councillor M A Hassall declared a non-registerable interest in Minute No. 22/43 as Ward Member for Buckden.

Councillor B A Mickelburgh declared an other registerable interest in Minute No. 22/43 by virtue of being a Non-Executive Director of the Huntingdonshire Football Association and his children also being members of the same Football Association.

Councillor B A Mickelburgh declared a non-registerable interest in Minute No. 22/43 as Ward Member for Godmanchester & Hemingford Abbots.

## 43 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY SPEND ALLOCATION

*See Members' Interests.*

With the aid of a report by the Chief Planning Officer (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Cabinet were invited to consider and agree infrastructure projects seeking funding in whole or in part from an amount of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies received to date.

The Executive Councillor for Planning introduced the report, reminding the Cabinet of the decision taken in 2020 which revised the approach to the governance arrangements for allocating Community Infrastructure Levy funding. Under these arrangements Cabinet would consider applications received seeking over £50,000 with any requests of £50,000 or less agreed in line with delegated

powers. Members attention was then drawn to three current projects, namely, Warboys Village Hall, Buckden safe cycle route and Ramsey skate park which were being recommended for an extension of time. Each project considered in this round of funding had been assessed against a number of factors, including, growth, deliverability, risks, benefits, outputs and match funding opportunities.

The Executive Councillor for Planning also reported upon an urgent application in respect of Ramsey Pavilion Hub which had been authorised by the serving Leader of the Council at the time. Attention was then drawn to a proposed amendment to paragraph 4.6 relating to the New NHS Health Facility, Alconbury Weald to include the words “and to show that this is the best value for money to carry out health care provision for the population” at the end of recommendation 1) which had been supported by the Cabinet.

In response to a question raised by the Executive Councillor for Leisure, Waste and Street Scene, the Chief Planning Officer confirmed that delegated authority to approve projects at £50,000 or less were approved by the Leader, Deputy Leader, Corporate Director (Place) and Chief Planning Officer.

Having acknowledged the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance & Growth) and comments made by the Executive Councillor for Customer Services, the Cabinet recognised the need for clearer guidance to be provided to applicants and Members generally around the legalities surrounding project applications and the reasons for decline/approval. The example referred to at the meeting was the declined funding application for street lighting within Great Staughton Ward on the grounds that CIL funding should be used to unlock growth and the obligations of other service providers. In doing so, the Managing Director undertook to bring back further clarity and context on the matter.

Whereupon, the Cabinet

## RESOLVED

- (a) that the information on projects previously allocated or in receipt of funding commitments and the update on their delivery (as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted) be noted;
- (b) that Officer recommendations for projects submitted in this round for over £50,000 Community Infrastructure Levy funding as detailed in Section 4 of the report now submitted be approved subject to the inclusion of the words “and to show that this is the best value for money to carry out health care provision for the population” at the end of recommendation 1) of paragraph 4.6 relating to the New NHS Health Facility, Alconbury Weald;
- (c) that funding bids submitted in this round and the emergency application for £50,000 or less Community Infrastructure Levy and the approvals in line with delegated authority (as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report now submitted) be noted;
- (d) that an extension of time for Warboys Village Hall until 31st December 2023 be approved;

- (e) that an extension of time for Buckden safe cycle project until 31st May 2023 be approved; and
- (f) that an extension of time for Ramsey Skate Park until 31st December 2023 be approved.

Chair