

# MINUTES OF CABINET

1 MARCH 2021

## PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Poole, Roberts, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Bearne, Brader, Douglas, Gillias, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke, Picker, Roodhouse, Sandison and Srivastava were also in attendance.

## 86. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2021 were approved.

## 87. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

## 88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 1 of Part 2 – GLL Contract Provision – Councillor Mrs O'Rourke (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a member of BETTER).

## 89. QUESTION TIME

The following question was received in accordance with the Council's procedure for public questions. Mr Coleman attended the meeting and asked his question in person.

Mr Brian Coleman asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

"I have, since October 2020, shown interest in the scheme announced in the Rugby Advertiser of a master plan for the re-development of Rugby Town. It specified that consultation with the public would take place in a form and timing to be announced. Could this now be made public please?"

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, replied as follows:

"Allies and Morrison will be leading the Stage 2 Engagement for the Rugby Town Centre Masterplan. This stage will provide an opportunity for the local community and businesses to provide feedback on their priorities for Rugby Town Centre.

It follows on from the one-to-one conversations which were undertaken with technical stakeholders and key partners as part of the Stage 1 engagement. This Stage 2 Engagement will aim to understand the community's thoughts on Rugby Town Centre, and their priorities for the masterplan. This will help to inform the next stage of the masterplanning process which will develop our

emerging vision and objectives into a spatial framework.

The initial community consultation will take place between 8<sup>th</sup> March – 19<sup>th</sup> March. A bespoke webpage will be hosted on the council's website, with an online questionnaire. Anyone wishing to participate in this early stage is encouraged to fill out the questionnaire to take part.

The purpose of this initial community consultation is:

- To introduce the scope and role of the masterplan project.
- To explore how people see the town centre and the barriers to using it more and making it more successful.
- To introduce some of the findings to date and test these.
- To identify the priorities for action.

Promotion of the engagement is currently being undertaken and includes:

- A press release with details about the project, scope of the engagement and how to take part
- Twitter and Facebook posts from Rugby Borough Council and affiliated accounts
- A holding page on the dedicated webpage on the council's website
- Emails sent to groups and individuals who have already registered their interest in the project.

The expected outputs are:

- A themed summary of the responses from the questionnaire.
- A tested set of priorities to steer the masterplan.

There also will be plenty of further consultation opportunities advertised for the community later in the year and we would actively encourage Rugby residents and businesses to take part and help shape the future of our town centre. This will be critical to aid our local recovery from Covid-19 and to help create a place we all feel proud of for the future.”

### ***Environment and Public Realm Portfolio***

#### **90. ADOPTION OF TREE POLICY**

Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the adoption of a tree policy.

**RESOLVED THAT** – consideration of the report be deferred until the next meeting of Cabinet pending further information.

#### **91. ADOPTION OF POLLINATOR FRIENDLY POLICY**

Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the adoption of a pollinator friendly policy.

**RESOLVED THAT** - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Pollinator Friendly Policy, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted.

*Item considered en bloc*

**92. APPROVAL OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES RETURN NNDR 2020/21**

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning this Council’s non-domestic rates return for 2020/21.

**RESOLVED THAT** - the National Non-Domestic Rates Return – NNDR1 2021/22, as at Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

**93. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED THAT** - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

*Growth and Investment Portfolio*

**94. GLL CONTRACT PROVISION**

Cabinet considered the private report of Head of Growth and Investment (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning the contract provision with GLL.

**RESOLVED THAT** -

- (1) the recommendation as detailed in the report be approved; and
- (2) a Cabinet Working Party be established to consider the principles contained within the report.

**95. WORLD RUGBY HALL OF FAME**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning the World Rugby Hall of Fame visitor attraction.

**RESOLVED THAT** –

- (1) the recommendation as detailed in the report be approved; and
- (2) a Cabinet Working Party of all Group Leaders and the Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder be established to consider the principles contained within the report.

**Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.**

*Corporate Resources Portfolio*

**96. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAMEWORK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning the establishment of a framework management agreement.

**RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT –**

(1) Rugby Borough Council enters into a concession contract as detailed in the report for the provision of a framework management agreement; and

(2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Financial Officer to agree the concession contract terms and establishment of future frameworks under the contract.

**Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.**

***Communities and Homes Portfolio***

**97. PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT ROSEWOOD AVENUE, RUGBY**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 4) concerning the proposed sale of land at Rosewood Avenue, Rugby.

**RESOLVED THAT –**

(1) the land as shown at Appendix 1 to the report be sold as detailed on terms as agreed by the Council's Valuer and the purchaser to pay the Council's legal and valuation costs; and

(2) the Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager be authorised to complete the necessary legal formalities.

***Environment and Public Realm Portfolio***

**98. FUTURE RECYCLING OPTIONS: PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Deputy Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 5) concerning a procurement update with regard to future recycling options.

**RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -**

(1) approval be given to additional funding to the Council's approved capital programme, as detailed in the report, for the purposes of delivering the Materials Recycling Facility as an extension to the loan amount previously agreed; and

(2) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Financial Services Manager, the Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager and the Leader of the Council to finalise and agree the detailed terms of the transaction.

***Item considered en bloc***

**99. WRITE OFFS**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 6) concerning write offs.

**RESOLVED THAT** – the schedule of write offs, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

**CHAIRMAN**