

MINUTES OF CABINET

6 JULY 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors Poole (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Mrs Crane, Roberts, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Bearne, Brader, Cade, Douglas, Gillias, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, McQueen, Mrs O'Rourke, Picker, Roodhouse and Srivastava were also in attendance.

Note: *Prior to the agenda, a minute's silence was held to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide of the Bosnian War.*

12. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2020 were approved.

13. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Lowe.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

16. CHANGING PLACES – FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND LOCATION APPROVAL

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning approval of funding and location for the provision of a Changing Places facility within Rugby Central shopping centre in Rugby town centre.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) a supplementary General Fund capital budget of £0.060m be approved for 2020/21 to provide a Changing Place facility for community use within Rugby Town Centre to be met from external grant (£0.035m) and borrowing (£0.025m);
- (2) the proposed location of the Changing Places Facility will be located within Rugby Central Shopping Centre (first floor) as detailed within the body of the main report; and

- (3) delegated authority be given to the Property Services Manager in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to enter into any legal agreements to support this recommendation.

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

Communities and Homes Portfolio

17. RENT ARREARS – MOBYSOFT RENTSENSE SOFTWARE

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council entering into a two-year contract with Mobysoft integrating its RentSense ICT software product into the Council's Housing Management system and rent arrears recovery processes.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL THAT -

(1) a budget of £83,850 to be met from a supplementary budget within the HRA be approved; and

(2) a two-year contract with Mobysoft be approved and integrate its RentSense ICT software product into the Council's rent arrears recovery processes.

Environment and Public Realm Portfolio

18. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS GATING ORDERS – DRAFT POLICY

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning a proposed policy for gating orders.

It was noted that paragraph 3.1 of the report should refer to an issue relating to an alleyway in Paddox ward and not Hillmorton, as printed.

Councillor Picker, Chair of the Public Spaces Protection Order Task Group, presented the report to the meeting.

RESOLVED THAT - the Public Spaces Protection Orders Gating Orders Policy, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for adoption, subject to stage 1 of the process for PSPO gating closures including consultation with residents.

Item considered en bloc

19. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning allowances paid to Members during 2019/20.

It was noted that the Chair of Planning Committee had been omitted from Appendix 2 as receiving a Special Responsibility Allowance.

RESOLVED THAT – the allowances claimed by Members for 2019/20, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

20. 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 involve the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

21. TRADING COMPANY RELATED TO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT

Cabinet considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning a trading company related to real estate development and investment.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) the principle of setting up a group company structure based on the management structure and governance arrangements as detailed in the ARK business case be approved (Appendix 2), and delegated authority be given to the Executive Director and/or Monitoring Officer to deal with all legal and governance formalities required in order to implement this, subject to officers producing detailed proposals for a Member led shareholder committee to perform the "shareholder function" in relation to the Holding Company for consideration and if appropriate approval at a future Council meeting (target September 2020);
- (2) the budget of £0.081m for the setting up of the company structure be approved, to be funded from the budget stability reserve and to be repaid from the first council profits made under the company structure; and
- (3) the principle of setting up a Joint Venture development company (JV) with a JV partner as outlined in the ARK business case be approved, subject to the following next steps:
 - (a) officers produce a detailed business plan and Council report for the JV Company (including a selected JV partner) for approval at a future Council meeting (Target September 2020).
 - (b) Council undertake a skills audit to identify Board Directors for the Holding Company and separately for its nominees as Board Directors for the JV Company.
 - (c) financing options for the Trading company are fully explored and included within the future delivery plan report.

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

22. UPDATE ON THE SALE OF LAND AT MARKET QUARTER

Cabinet considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning progress on the sale of land at the Market Quarter.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) the sale of the land at Market Quarter (as shown on Appendix 1), for the sum net receipt as detailed at paragraph 2.3 of the report, be approved;
- (2) the Executive Director be given delegated powers to agree and vary the detailed conditions of contract and the final capital receipt to ensure the sale completion is within required timescales (the capital receipt to be within 5% of the figure in paragraph 2.3 of the report, provided Best Value can be achieved); and
- (3) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to enter into all legal agreements related to the sale.

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

CHAIRMAN