



MEETING OF THE CABINET
9 AUGUST 2004 - 10.30 AM – 11.31 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor Peter Martin-Mayhew
Councillor Teri Bryant
Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor John Smith

Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal – Leader / Chairman

Chief Executive
Member Services Manager
Director of Finance & Strategic Resources
Head of Planning Policy & Economic Regeneration
Head of Property Services (Design)
Partnership Project Manager
Scrutiny Officer
Public Relations Consultant

Non Cabinet members : Councillors G. Wheat ;
Mrs M. Wheat ; Wilks

CO27. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ray Auger.

CO28. MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12th July 2004 were confirmed as a correct record.

CO29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Teri Bryant declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the non key decision concerning recreation grants, specifically the grant to the Stamford Old Boys Rugby Football Club. This interest was by virtue of Councillor Bryant being on the Governing Board for the Queen Eleanor School on whose premises the Club is now situated.

Councillor Mrs Cartwright declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the non key decision concerning recreation grants, specifically the grant to Aslackby village hall. This interest was by virtue of her being a member of the village hall committee.

Both Cabinet members left the room for the duration of these items.

CO30. SOUTH ROAD DEVELOPMENT SITE, BOURNE

DECISION:

(1) That the land at South Road, Bourne be disposed of as follows:

- (i) Land north of the proposed spine road, for residential purposes, subject to planning permission;**
- (ii) Land south of the proposed spine road, for roadside services and as described within report PLA449;**

(2) That Hodgson & Elkington be appointed as agents with respect to disposal, subject to the negotiation of appropriate terms.

Considerations/Reasons for Decision:

- (1) Report number PLA449 submitted on behalf of the Property Performance Management Group setting out the background to this site and making recommendations with regard to its disposal;
- (2) Consultations with a number of independent commercial property specialists have led to the view that the land situated to the north of the required spine road offers residential development potential, either served from the spine road or more probably via the development taking place on the former Bourne Hospital site. The balance (and larger proportion) of the site is considered suitable to accommodate several distinct roadside activities e.g. pub/restaurant, drive-thru restaurant, and petrol filling station;
- (3) The preferred agent, Hodgson & Elkington & Co. is recommended on the basis of their disposal strategy and proven experience in this particular market sector;
- (4) The proposed sale of the land would generate a capital receipt to be used in future capital schemes;
- (5) Wide marketing of the site would ensure best price is achieved;
- (6) Disposal of the land for the purposes of roadside services is consistent with the planning permission granted. Disposal of part of

the land for residential development will be subject to planning permission which, subject to appropriate consultations, would be likely to be forthcoming. Negotiations with a special purchaser could enable provision to deliver affordable housing in line with the Council's aspirations.

Alternative Options considered and assessed:

- Disposal of the site as a single entity: rejected as the disposal strategy recommended would optimise and control the uses that will be delivered on the site.
- Disposal to a single developer: rejected as this may result in the loss of control over the ultimate range and type of services on the site. The complexity of the recommended strategy and the specialist nature of the market make it essential to put the disposal in the hands of a specialist commercial agent.

CO31. SERVICE PLANS 2004/05

DECISION: To approve the service plans for 2004/05 and allow further development for 2005/06.

Considerations/Reasons for Decision:

- (1) Report number FIN196 by the Director of Finance & Strategic Resources outlining the progress made on the production of service plans to support 32 operational areas of activity;
- (2) Service plans are a vital component part supporting the corporate objectives and strategies. This is the first time such plans have been produced and they will provide a good building block for more complete plans to underpin the delivery of priorities and the longer term budget setting of the Council.

CO32. CAPITAL PROGRAMME & INDIVIDUAL PROJECT UPDATE

DECISION: To develop the Capital Programme issues contained within report FIN195 into a Policy Framework Proposal for recommendation to the Council on 2nd September 2004.

Considerations/Reasons for Decision:

- (1) Report number FIN195 by the Director of Finance & Strategic Resources outlining and commenting upon the capital projects included within the existing 2003/04 programme; identifying future capital requirements i.e. projects not completed during 2003/04 and to be carried forward into 2004/05; capital provisions for maintaining

- existing assets; and capital expenditure required for existing policies;
- (2) The need to look beyond the current financial year to set up broad provisions within the capital programme for the new priorities and provisional sums allocated for a 5 year programme beginning in 2005/06;
- (3) With regard to future capital requirements, the Cabinet is minded not to include them at this stage as none are fully worked through and need to be subject to the priority assessment.

CO33. PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (PSA) ROUND TWO

DECISION: That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader on deciding whether the PSA II bid is signed up to later in the year.

Considerations/Reasons for Decision:

- (1) Report number FIN197 by the Director of Finance & Strategic Resources informing the Cabinet on the preparation of the Lincolnshire PSA Round II that is being co-ordinated by the Lincolnshire County Council;
- (2) South Kesteven did not partake in Round I as the areas considered in the first bid did not link with the Council's priorities and it had been difficult to assess whether any performance grant would be forthcoming;
- (3) Some of the areas under consideration for Round II meet with the Council's own priorities. Delegated authority to decide on participation in Round II is sought dependent upon how the bid develops. It is likely that it will only be possible to sign up for targets that can be delivered by the District (the County Council being the Accountable Body for the bid) and would need to be co-ordinated within those areas of stepped increases in investment.

CO34. A CHECKLIST FOR GRANTHAM AS A SUB-REGIONAL CENTRE

DECISION:

- (1) To approve the draft Checklist for Grantham and a period of consultation be undertaken as outlined in report DCS8;
- (2) Following the consultation, a further report be presented to Cabinet detailing the response to the Checklist.

Considerations/Reasons for Decision:

- (1) Report number DCS8 by the Director of Community Services explaining that further work had been undertaken to establish criteria by which progress can be judged towards developing Grantham as a Sub-Regional Centre;

- (2) The draft Checklist helps to identify the attributes of a Sub-Regional centre and provides a means of monitoring progress against a clear set of aims;
- (3) The Checklist identifies some areas for which the Council has no direct responsibility for provision. The Council can therefore use its influence in terms of community leadership possibly to assist in achieving the full list of items in partnership with the public, private and voluntary sectors. The Council is able to develop planning and regeneration policies to facilitate progress towards achieving sub-regional status for Grantham;
- (4) The process of consultation will enable the Council to test the validity of the Checklist.

CO35. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE COUNCIL OR THE DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY PANELS

DECISION: To endorse the Local Government Finance Settlement Lobbying Strategy as researched and presented by the Capacity & Resources DSP, subject to an amendment at paragraph (3)(iv) to the effect that local MPs be kept informed of the local lobbying campaign.

Considerations/Reasons for Decision:

- (1) Report submitted on behalf of the Capacity & Resources DSP by the Chairman and the Scrutiny Officer following the Cabinet's request that the Panel research an appropriate Lobbying Strategy, including the key issues relevant to South Kesteven;
- (2) Rather than exclude the local MPs as suggested, by keeping them informed of the local lobbying strategy, it is their choice whether to participate or not.

CO36. ITEMS RAISED BY CABINET MEMBERS

(1) Councillor Ray Auger: Portfolio - Environment

Decision: That the vehicle testing fee is excluded from the current vehicle licence fee for Hackney carriages and private hire vehicles and that the fee is reduced by £60 to £160.

[Decision made 09.08.04]

(2) Councillor Mrs Linda Neal: Leader

Decision: To agree the settlement of a claim against the Council made by the purchaser of a former Council building regarding the presence of asbestos in the former Council building.

[Decision made 09.08.04]

Decision: To award 25% District Council grant aid to the following Lincolnshire County Council inspired schemes for the second round of 2004/05 applications:

Aslackby Village Hall: New doors and windows	£875
Folkingham Village Hall: Access and store	£4,000
Heydour Village Hall: New entrance	£511
Ingoldsby Village Hall: Toilet alterations	£1,882
Long Bennington: Floor renewal	£704
Morton Village Hall: Access & toilet alterations	£5,570
South Witham Village Hall: window replacements	£1,000
Thurlby Village Hall: toilet alterations	£4,300
Barrowby parish : New play equipment	£1,847
Billingborough parish: Floodlights	£1,049
TOTAL	£21,738

[Decision made 09.08.04]

Decision:

(1) To defer

- (i) consideration of the level of District Council contribution to the Lincolnshire County Council Capital Grant Aid Scheme for 2005/06 onwards; and
- (ii) the priority settings for the consideration of Recreation Grant pending the outcome of consultation on the Council's non priorities;

(2) to award a 25% District Council grant of £2,375 to Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without Parish Council to support the children's play area fencing project;

(3) to award a 25% District Council grant to a maximum of £4,500 to the Stamford College Old Boys Rugby Football Club for the store room conversion;

(4) to award a £2,500 maximum floodlighting grant to Stamford Tennis Club.

[Decision made 09.08.04]

(3) Councillor John Smith: Portfolio - Economic

Decision: That consultation be undertaken in respect of the Market Deeping Conservation Area Character Appraisal and the proposed alterations to the boundaries of the Conservation Area.

[Decision made 09.08.04]

Decision: To approve the following street names in order to provide postal addresses for an additional phase (Zone 1 Area 2) of the new residential development at Elsea Park Development off South Road, Bourne:

TEASEL DRIVE
SPINDLEWOOD DRIVE
COWSLIP CRESCENT
BLUEBELL WAY
DAISY COURT
POPPY PLACE
HEARTSEASE WAY
SPEEDWELL DRIVE
COPPICE WAY
IRIS GARDENS

[Decision made 09.08.04]

Decision: To accept the lowest tender submitted by ABL Cultural Consulting in the sum of £20,000 to undertake a feasibility study for the proposed Science Discovery Centre in Grantham.

[Decision made 02.08.04]

(4) Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright: Portfolio - Cultural

Decision: To adopt the piece of vacant land at Lime Grove, Caythorpe under the Open Spaces Act 1906 to be subsequently maintained by the Caythorpe Parish Council.

[Decision made 26.07.04]

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF RECORD: 10TH AUGUST 2004

DATE DECISIONS ARE EFFECTIVE:

The decision at minute CO32 is a Policy Framework Proposal and therefore stands referred as a recommendation to Council on 2nd September 2004.

The remaining decisions taken on 9th August 2004 can be implemented on 18th August 2004 unless subject to call in by the Chairman or three members of the relevant Development & Scrutiny Panel.

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