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## **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 12 July 2022**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 12 July 2022 the following decisions were reached on the items listed in the attached schedule.

**The implementation of any key decisions are suspended until the call-in period has expired without a call-in being validly invoked.**

**Under the Rushcliffe Borough Council Constitution, call-in is available in respect to key decisions only.**

The call-in deadline for any key decisions contained in this Decision Notice is before the end of the working day on Thursday, 21 July 2022. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 21 July 2022.

Any Member of the Council shall be entitled to call for a decision to be suspended. To effect the call-in procedure, the appropriate form should be completed and returned to the Chief Executive by the end of the working day on Thursday, 21 July 2022.

## **CURRENT AND FUTURE PRESSURES IN DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT DELIVERY**

**It was RESOLVED that Cabinet:**

- a) calls upon partner authorities in the County to explore transformational change to support a more equitable distribution of the BCF, which will assist in meeting local need and align with the aspirations to progress a County deal project with pooled resources;
- b) transfers £500,000 from the Support for Registered Housing Providers (RHP) budget (funded through the receipts set-aside from Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT) of housing stock) to support DFG costs;
- c) develops and implements an operational waiting list to prioritise applications in line with budget provision;
- d) amends the current Council DFG Policy to suspend the use of discretionary DFG funding until a review of the national formula is undertaken, or the adoption of an alternative county model to administer DFG applications;

- e) ensures an assessment is undertaken to consider the likely future demand and impact on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and capital resources. The MTFS to be updated for 2023/24; and
- f) makes representations to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUC) to review the Better Care Fund and national DFG formula to achieve a more equitable distribution of resources based on updated health and social care needs to achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The demands on the DFG budget are greater than the funds that Rushcliffe is allocated.

## **ENDORSEMENT OF THE INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND AND LEVELLING UP FUNDING BID**

### **It was RESOLVED that Cabinet:**

- a) endorses the identified priority interventions for Rushcliffe's Investment Plan and the local principles for the allocation of funding;
- b) endorses the identified long list of interventions for Rushcliffe's Investment Plan for year 1 in Appendix B;
- c) delegates sign off of the Investment Plan to the Leader, Chief Executive and S151 Officer, including refinement of projects for year 1 and allocations for years 2 and 3, with both revenue and capital implications reported in future Financial reports to Cabinet and the MTFS to Full Council; and
- d) endorses the submission of the Levelling Up Funding bid with the Capital Programme to be updated accordingly and reported in future financial reports.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

It is a requirement of the UKSPF that an Investment Plan is submitted, which sets out how the lead local authority intends to spend its allocation. This report is seeking sign off of the principles for the Rushcliffe allocation, the long list of projects for year 1 (which requires refinement) and agrees for the Investment Plan sign off to be delegated to the Leader, Chief Executive and S151 Officer.

The report is also seeking retrospective endorsement of the LUF bid, which was submitted to Government by the required deadline of 6 July. A previous report to Cabinet had identified East Leake Health Centre as a possible opportunity for the LUF bid but due the timescales for the delivery of that it is not a realistic option for LUF. Alternative options have been explored and it was agreed to progress with the application for the connectivity on the south of the river to support and enhance the new connection, which will be offered by the construction of the new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the Trent.

## **RATCLIFFE ON SOAR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER**

### **It was RESOLVED that Cabinet:**

- a) approves in draft the Ratcliffe on Soar Local Development Order and Statement of Reasons (Appendix 1), the LDO Design Guide (Appendix 2) and the LDO Parameter Plans (Appendix 3);
- b) approves the draft LDO Statement of Consultation (Appendix 4) and the publication of all supporting documents for the LDO;
- c) agrees that the draft Ratcliffe on Soar Local Development Order (LDO) and LDO supporting documents be published for consultation;
- d) agrees that, in conjunction with the consultation on the Ratcliffe on Soar LDO, views be sought on the decision-making and delegation arrangements for determining LDO Certificate of Compliance applications; and
- e) delegates authority to the Director for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, to make any necessary final minor textual, graphical, and presentational changes required to the draft Ratcliffe on Soar LDO prior to publication for consultation.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The Cabinet in November 2021 agreed that a Local Development Order (LDO) for the Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station site should be prepared. It was also agreed that any decision to approve the draft LDO should be taken by Cabinet.

It is considered that the development proposals for the Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station site, as set out in the draft LDO, are justified and the LDO is in a suitable position to be approved in draft and published for consultation.

## **REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2021/22**

### **It was RESOLVED that Cabinet:**

- a) notes the 2021/22 revenue position and efficiencies identified in Table 1, the variances in Table 2 and approves the carry forwards and appropriations to reserves in Appendix E;
- b) approves the other changes to the earmarked reserves as set out at Appendix B;
- c) notes the re-profiled position on capital and approves the capital carry forwards outlined in Appendix C; and

- d) notes the update on the Special Expenses outturn at paragraph 4.12 and in Appendix D.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To accord with good financial governance and the Council's Financial Regulations.

### **ACQUISITION OF LAND TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF A PERMANENT GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE IN RUSHCLIFFE**

It was **RESOLVED** that **Cabinet** gives approval for officers to undertake negotiations with the landowners of the preferred sites for the acquisition of one site for a Gypsy and Traveller site, subject to meeting the criteria set out in the report, with delegated authority given to the Asset Investment Group.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The Greater Nottingham and Ashfield Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) was published in March 2021 as part of the work being done on the development of the Greater Nottinghamshire Strategic Plan. The study includes an assessment of the future need for sites in Rushcliffe, i.e. this does not include existing provision or sites which may be allocated but not yet implemented, including the provision to be made on the sustainable urban extension at Fairham (four pitches). This identifies that an additional 13 pitches are required between 2020 and 2038.

To ensure that this provision is delivered, the Borough Council are taking a proactive approach to provide this allocation directly rather than relying on developers of new housing sites. As well as ensuring the pitches get delivered this will also mean the management of the site sits with the Council putting it in a better position for ensuring the right support and services for residents.

Yours sincerely,



**Gemma Dennis**  
**Monitoring Officer**