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Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 8 December 2020

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 8 December 2020 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, 17 December 2020. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 17 December 2020.

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, 17 December 2020.

CHAPEL LANE DEVELOPMENT

It was RESOLVED that

- a) firm D be appointed as the preferred contractor for the full development, subject to external funding being secured;

Or

- b) if external funding for the office is not secured, the tender be accepted for the leisure centre and community hall build only, with a further report to be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting, to seek a way forward regarding the office element of the development prior to accepting tender for the full development.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council to progress with the redevelopment of the Chapel Lane site in accordance with the project timeline.

EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT

It was RESOLVED that:

- (a) the submission of a Freeport proposition paper to Government for the East Midlands, to include the Ratcliffe on Soar power station site, be endorsed, in principle; and
- (b) the Leader would provide a commitment of the Council's support and agreement to the proposed Freeport for those areas for which Rushcliffe has statutory responsibility, including planning and business rates, to support the delivery of the proposal. As the Ratcliffe on Soar power station is not currently an allocated site within the Local Plan and the whole site is washed over by the greenbelt, the letter will give the Council's support for the Freeport bid in this context, whilst not fettering its discretion and statutory duties as the local planning authority.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

The Freeport for the East Midlands has the potential to attract investment and spur local and regional economic growth as well as enhancing international trade, to promote new jobs and associated infrastructure, to benefit local residents and communities. It should also mean, developed alongside proposals for the Development Corporation, accelerated delivery of a soon to be largely redundant site at the Ratcliffe on Soar power station.

DRAFT PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

It was RESOLVED that the draft Planning Enforcement Policy be approved, for the purposes of public consultation, to last for a period of six weeks, prior to the Policy being referred to Council for adoption.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure that the Council adheres to its Corporate Strategy 2019-2023, which includes a new corporate priority of 'The Environment'. The enforcement of planning controls is an important aspect of protecting the natural, built and historic environment. Furthermore, there is a need for the Policy to set out clearly the approach the Council will take when investigating alleged breaches of planning control.

COVID 19: PROGRESS AND RESPONSE

It was RESOLVED that

- a) the work of the officers of the Council and partners in responding to and supporting the recovery from Covid-19 be noted; and
- b) the terms of the Covid Business Grants Support Policy be noted.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To update the Cabinet on the work undertaken by the Council in responding to and supporting recovery due to the Covid-19 pandemic, to reflect on the work that has been accomplished, and to consider the future and the priorities for the Council over the next one to two years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sull', written in a cursive style.

Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer