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### **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 11 May 2021**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021 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, 20 May 2021. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 21 May 2021.

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 May 2021.

### **NON-KEY DECISIONS**

#### **RUSHCLIFFE EQUALITIES SCHEME 2021-2025**

**It was RESOLVED that** the Equality Scheme 2021-2025 and supporting Action Plan for 2021/22 be approved.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To update the existing Equality Scheme, which ran to the end of 2020, to reflect current circumstances and new actions required, and to ensure that the Council represents its residents by ensuring that services are accessible to all and its employees are treated fairly.

To consider the views expressed by the Communities Scrutiny Group, which have further informed the Equality Scheme, and the development of the Action Plan consultation document, which will continually evolve and develop.

### **COVID 19: UPDATE REPORT**

**It was RESOLVED that** the work of officers of the Council and partners in responding to and supporting the recovery from Covid 19 be noted.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To update the Cabinet on the current impact of Covid 19, how this has changed since the last update in February 2021, and how the Council and its partners are responding to the pandemic.

The report is correct at the time of writing; however, as the Council has experienced, the situation can change quickly. It is important, therefore, that the Council remains flexible and responsive to these new challenges and the report reflects the need to do this.

## **EAST MIDLAND FREEPORT UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

**It was RESOLVED** that:

- a) retrospective approval to the nomination of a Cabinet Member to the Freeport Board be given;
- b) the progress made so far on the Freeport bid and the proposed next steps be noted; and
- c) the approach to working with the site owner and the Freeport and Development Corporation to explore developing a Local Development Order or other suitable Order, to deliver greater planning certainty for the site be endorsed.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

Following the successful bid for the East Midlands Freeport at the beginning of March 2021, further guidance was issued by Government about the next steps for the bid, including the need to confirm governance arrangements by 23 April 2021, to release the first round of seed capital funding.

The guidance for the Freeport governance includes a requirement for all local authorities responsible for statutory powers required for the delivery of the Freeport to be Board members.

This governance arrangement is for the set-up phase of the Freeport and further details on governance, as it moves to delivery phase, will be included in the management case of the outline and full business cases when these are submitted to Government. It is therefore acknowledged that the governance arrangements may change but as far as possible there should be consistency and continuity. This is to help ensure that the Freeport has the full support of those with statutory powers and responsibilities to ensure its successful delivery.

Leicestershire County Council is leading on the development of the business case following the success of the Expression of Interest stage. The other local authorities involved are: Northwest Leicestershire District Council, Derbyshire County Council,

South Derbyshire District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

## **LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY (LAD) PHASE 2 FUNDING**

**It was RESOLVED that** the report be noted, and the following be approved:

- a) the funding allocation has been accepted;
- b) the project is time pressured and must be delivered by the 31 December 2021;
- c) the potential target area for the project is initially focussed on East Leake; however, it may be extended across other areas in the Borough if uptake in East Leake is limited; and
- d) the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme be amended (as stated at paragraph 7.1.5) noting that the net impact on the budget is zero due to funding via external grant.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

Whilst the timeframe is tight and resources to deliver this project are limited, the allocation of funding provides an opportunity to target Rushcliffe's low-income residents currently residing in energy inefficient housing stock and is a project that the Council should make every effort to deliver for the benefit of its residents.

Yours sincerely,



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**Monitoring Officer**