Cabinet – Monday, 6 June 2022 Decision List

Notes:

All decisions in this Decision List which are not identified as RECOMMENDATIONS to Council are capable of being "called-in" under Section 8 of Chapter 4, Part 3 of the Constitution. If not called-in, they will take effect on the expiry of 5 clear working days after the publication of this decision list.

For the avoidance of doubt, the deadline for a call-in request for this decision list will be **Tuesday 14th June**

The officer listed as taking action will generally be the author of the original report unless otherwise notified to the Democratic Services Team.

ACTION BY

6 - Recommendations from Cabinet Working Parties	
Decision	Chris Young
RESOLVED to adopt the following recommendations from the Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Party 23 RD May 2022:	Conservation, Design & Landscape Team Leader
 That, subject to final amendments being delegated to the Conservation Design and Landscape Team Leader, in consultation with the Chairman of the Working Party, Cabinet adopts the six Glaven Valley Village Appraisals for statutory planning purposes and for the Appraisal documents to become material considerations in the planning process. That, subject to the final amendments being delegated to the Conservation Design and Landscape Team Leader, in consultation with the Chairman of the Working Party, Cabinet agrees the proposed boundary changes as recommended in the draft Appraisal documents and that they be published in accordance with the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990. That Cabinet agrees the proposed Local Listings as identified within the draft Appraisal documents. 	
9 - Council Tax Energy Rebate (Discretionary) Scheme	Trudi Grant

To agree the scheme for the Council Tax Energy Rebate (Discretionary) scheme as detailed in Appendix 1.

Benefits Manager

To delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, or their deputy, in consultation with the Assistant Director for People Services and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Benefits, to make amendments to the scheme eligibility criteria and the amount of the discretionary award.

Reason for the Recommendations:

The Government is providing all billing authorities with discretionary funding to support other energy bill payers who are not eligible under the mandatory scheme for the £150 council tax rebate, and to provide carefully targeted "top-up" payments to the most vulnerable households in bands A-D.

It is for each Local Authority to determine agreed guidelines setting out the eligibility criteria for their discretionary funding and have regard to government guidance. It is important to have a written scheme for North Norfolk District Council outlining these and the administration of support payments to provide clarity to individuals.

The delegated authorities would ensure any required technical scheme amendments could be updated promptly where there is revised government guidance providing assurance to the scheme and also clarity to households. Any changes in eligibility criteria or the amount of discretionary awards could be changed quickly to ensure spending of the funding allocation is managed to maximise support to households in need and that the fund is not overspent

10 - Discretionary Hardship & Support Grant

To agree the scheme for the Discretionary Hardship & Support Grant as detailed in Appendix 1.

As this is a new scheme, monitoring and evaluating the impact of the scheme will be particularly important. It is therefore requested that amendments to the scheme, where required, should be delegated to the Assistant Director for People Services.

Trudi Grant Benefits Manager

Reason for the recommendation:

More households are facing extreme crisis situations due to experiencing the highest cost of living increase in 30 years and expecting further rises, and this may now be even higher due to the war in Ukraine. The financial pressures on households have also magnified following the cessation of Covid-19 support, such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), and the Universal Credit uplift.

In this precarious environment, the economic realities mean that many residents are more vulnerable than previously to acute financial shocks and are at risk of falling into crisis. It is more important than ever that we find new ways to support our residents.

As we respond to these challenges, the Discretionary Hardship & Support Grant will provide support to vulnerable households who are in a crisis situation or require support to resettle or remain in the community.

As part of the decision making process we will also be able to connect residents to support which can help them to find financial inclusion through budgeting and debt advice.

11 - Car Park Consolidation Order 2022

Decision RESOLVED

- 1. To introduce the car parking consolidation order (as advertised) on Tuesday 5 July 2022. (Tariff changes will be downloaded to machines overnight of Monday 4 July 2022 after signage changes have taken place).
- 2. To make the order without modification (as above) but with the exception of retaining the restricted use of long stay season tickets on Albert St, Holt and Staithe Street, Wells car parks.

Reason for the recommendations:

To complete the process of introducing changes to car parking tariffs.

Maxine Collis Corporate Programme & Project Delivery Manager

13 - CHANGING PLACES PUBLIC CONVENIENCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME JUNE 2022	
2022	Director for Resources
Decision	
RESOLVED to	
 Agree to the officer proposals for the further Changing Places investments at the locations identified; 	
 Agree to the recommended changes to the capital budget identified within section 10 the report; and 	
 Delegate authority to the Director for Resources to develop and agree governance and reporting arrangements with the Broads Authority and funding providers. 	
Reasons for the recommendations:	
To allocate the grant funding awarded to various schemes across the district to continue with the Council's investment in Changing Places facilities.	
14 - Cromer Pier Infrastructure Works	
Desiries	Sean Kelly
Decision RESOLVED to	Assistant Director Organisational Resources
	RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL
 Approve the award of the contract to the preferred supplier (Supplier A as identified within the exempt appendix) and; 	
 Recommend to Full Council that a capital budget of £1,134,000 is approved to enable the works to be completed, to be funded from capital receipts 	
Reason for the recommendation	
The establishment of the capital budget and completion of the recommended works will enable the Council to continue to maintain the pier structure	
In order to ensure the structural integrity of the pier for the future it is essential that appropriate maintenance is undertaken.	

15 - Freehold sale of Parklands Mobile Home site, Pudding Norton, Fakenham	
Decision RESOLVED	Neil Turvey Estates Surveyor
To approve the sale of the site to Bidder [C] as outlined in the Exempt Appendix A at best consideration and in accordance with s123 of the Local Government Act 1972.	
Reason for the decision:	
The provision and operation of this site does not directly support any of the key themes contained with the Corporate Plan and is not part of the Council's core business. Some of the asset therefore allows the capital receipt generated by the sale of the asset towards the Council's corporate priorities	
18 - Approval of Insurance Contract	
Decision RESOLVED	Lucy Hume Chief Technical Accountant
Cromer Pier Option 3	RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL
 Approve Option 1 in relation to the insurance for Cromer Pier. Approve the Zurich insurance tender. Recommend to Full Council that additional budget provision is made for 2022/23 of £81.2k to be funded from the Delivery Plan Reserve if required at the year end. 	
Reason for the decision:	
The Council's current insurance arrangements are due to expire on 30 June 2022 and it is therefore necessary to enter into a new contract to ensure that the Council continues to have adequate cover in place	