

Cabinet – Monday, 5 July 2021 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 **13th July 2021**

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

<p><u>7 - Housing Strategy 2021 - 2025</u></p> <p>DECISION Resolved:</p> <p>To recommend that Full Council adopt the Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2021-25.</p> <p>Reason for the recommendation:</p> <p>To deliver a new Housing Strategy and the other Housing related objectives in the Corporate Plan.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Recommendation to Council</u></p>
<p><u>8 - UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND (CRF) MATCH FUNDING</u></p> <p>DECISION Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To release match funding of £200k for the Fakenham CRF bid and £200k for the North Walsham bid subject to the bids being approved by central government. 2. The match funding element to be released from the Delivery Plan Reserve. 	<p>Director of Resources Duncan.ellis@north-norfolk.gov.uk</p>

3. To recommend to Full Council the establishment of new capital budgets for the North Walsham and Fakenham schemes of £800k each, with each scheme being funded through the CRF bid (£600k) and the balance (£200k) as match funding from the Council

Reason for the recommendations:

To support and strengthen the CRF bids for both Fakenham and North Walsham which in turn will help to realise opportunities to secure UK Government funding into North Norfolk to support investment in projects which meet priorities outlined in the Council's Corporate Plan as they relate to provision of housing, economic growth, environment and climate change and quality of life.

9 - Street Trading Consent Fees

**DECISION
Resolved:**

That Cabinet delegate the ability to waive the fee for a Street Trading Consent application, where the trading is part of an organised event to support the post COVID recovery of a Town/area, for the remainder of 2021 calendar year to the Assistant Director - Environmental and Leisure Services or the Director for Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services, Climate Change and Environment; and the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Growth.

Reason for the decision:

To support Town Centre recovery from the Covid Pandemic by enabling events to take place which encourage increased footfall.

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10 - GREENS ROAD FOOTBALL FACILITY - NORTH WALSHAM

**DECISION
Resolved**

1) That the Council extends the lease with North Walsham Town Football Club for a period

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of 21 years.

2) That, subject to the inclusion in the lease a requirement for an increased rent which covers the cost of the work over an agreed period of time, the Council procures and funds the necessary works to bring the site up to a fit for purpose standard.

Reasons for the recommendations:

The above provides certainty for the club which continues to grow. It also assists the Council in its funding application to the Football Foundation for the potential installation of the 3G pitch

11 - Refurbishment and letting of Cedar House, North Walsham and sale of adjacent land & buildings

DECISION
Resolved:

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- A. To formally withdraw from the current disposal transaction which, after more than six years has not progressed to completion.
- B. To retain the main Cedars building for letting purposes subject to a refurbishment as per the revised specification of works and then to market the premises to let.
- C. That the previously allocated capital funding and the grant secured from Historic England is utilised for the refurbishment as per the revised cost plan.
- D. That options are investigated for the separate use and possible disposal of the remaining parts and that marketing commences for the sale of the surplus site for potential third party development. (A further report being brought to Cabinet if disposal is deemed the most appropriate option).

Reasons for the decision:

The proposed retention and refurbishment of the property and letting for a commercial rent to community organisations or private sector would bring the property back into beneficial use. This would prevent this important Listed Building from being further at risk and would utilise grant funds already secured.

12 - Melbourne Slope former toilets - proposed redevelopment & letting

DECISION

Resolved:

It is recommended that Cabinet should make a resolution to allow the Estates team to continue discussions with the preferred party and to finalise terms and to execute the letting. Should any further material changes be made to either the proposal or the proposed tenant then any decision should be delegated to the s151 officer in consultation with the portfolio holder.

Reason for the decision:

This recommendation is being made in order to provide the Estates team with the remit to progress negotiations with the preferred party and to secure the best deal possible to secure an early lease completion.

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13 - PROPERTY TRANSACTION: LEASE PROPOSAL AT UNIT D, HORNBEAM ROAD,
NORTH WALSHAM AND RENT RECYCLING PROPOSAL

DECISION

Resolved:

- A. To approve the lease terms as described in Appendix A.
- B. Should there be any further negotiations to the offer made, to delegate to the s151 officer, in consultation with the portfolio holder, the ability to vary the terms of the lease and a rental value not exceeding a 10% variation the original lease proposal.
- C. To agree that officers, in conjunction with the Portfolio holder for Assets, develop a financial strategy for a rent recycle scheme and that the strategy is brought back to Cabinet for approval.

Reasons for the recommendations:

Principally to support the financial sustainability and growth of the Council by leasing the premises and generating rental income that is used to support Council services.

To provide a clear and transparent policy on how property rents can be recycled to facilitate regeneration of Council assets.

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