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Dear Sir/Madam,

Addendum Council – 19th April 2023

I refer to item 9 on the agenda and attach the Cabinet report that was marked as ‘to follow’.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

Cabinet Report to Council April 2023

1. Introduction

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 8th March 2023 and 12th April 2023.

It also references any reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority [WMCA] Board, which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC, namely the WMCA Board meetings held on 10th February 2023 and 17th March 2023.

2. 8th March 2023 - Cabinet Meeting

a) Procurement and Accounts Payable Strategy 2023 - 2027 – Finance and Corporate – Councillor S. Croft (Key Decision)

The Cabinet agreed approval of the Procurement and Accounts Payable Strategy for the period 2023 – 2027, taking over from the current procurement strategy which expires at the end of this financial year and has been in place since 2017. The new procurement and accounts payable strategy identifies the national supply challenges faced and the importance of procurement and accounts payable within the public sector. The strategy also outlines the vision and aims of the Council, noting links with the Corporate Plan (Building a Better Borough). This strategy shall underpin guidance documentation (such as the Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's)), processes within the function and across each Directorate to assist in the achievement of the key themes and aims set out in the strategy.

b) General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 Q3 – Finance and Corporate – Councillor S. Croft (Key Decision)

Cabinet agreed that the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2022/23 be noted with consideration given to key variances, as the Council required to achieve a balanced budget each year. The proposed fees and charges from 1st April for the Museum listed in Appendix 1 of the report were also agreed.

c) Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring 2022/23 Q3 - Finance and Corporate – Councillor S. Croft

Cabinet noted the forecast outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account for 2022/23 - the Council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year

d) Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 Q3 - Finance and Corporate – Councillor S. Croft

Cabinet noted the forecasted capital outturn position for 2022/23 for the General Fund and HRA, and agreed the addition of five new project budgets on the General Fund be recommended to Council for approval so the Council complies with regulations.

e) **Resource and Waste Strategy Consultation – Public Services – Councillor S. Markham**

Cabinet agreed that the contents of the Warwickshire Waste Partnerships joint consultations back to Government report be noted, to ensure members are kept updated on the direction of future Resource and Waste Management strategies.

f) **Etone Leisure Agreement – Public Services – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved the arrangements to review the agreement with the Matrix Academy Trust at the earliest possible date and that Delegated Authority be given to the Director – Public Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Public Services, to implement the arrangements as set out in the report. Cabinet agreed the recommendations as the approved Council budget 2023/24 requires financial savings within the Leisure Management Contract.

g) **Top Farm – Leisure Update - Public Services – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved that the Land Take option at the Top Farm site (D1) be considered for medium/long term strategic leisure planning as part of the S106 agreement, and that the proposed Leisure Site be identified in any new leisure management procurement process.

3. **12th April 2023 Cabinet Meeting**

a) **Leisure Operator Procurement Update - Public Services – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)**

Cabinet noted the Leisure Operator Procurement update as Leisure is a key strategic outcome for the Council, supporting residents with opportunities for improvements in their health and wellbeing.

b) **Bedworth Civic Hall Update - Public Services – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved a Lease Agreement approach for the Venue and agreed delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance and Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation (in consultation with the Leisure and Health Manager and Portfolio Holder for Public Services) to negotiate the terms of the lease agreement, in order for the Council to proceed with the next stage of the process.

c) **Infrastructure Maintenance Framework - Health and Environment – Councillor J. Gutteridge (Key Decision)**

Cabinet agreed the procurement of a new Infrastructure Maintenance Framework for the Corporate Assets/Parks and Greenspace Service, utilising existing revenue budgets be commenced, and that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director - Public Services to award the procurement of a new Infrastructure Maintenance Framework and enter into a Framework Agreement with multiple contractors. This is to ensure ongoing compliance with Contract

Procedure Rules, Financial Standing Orders and to contribute to the discharge of our duty to comply with Health and Safety legislation.

d) Tree Service Framework 2023-2027 - Health and Environment – Councillor J. Gutteridge (Key Decision)

Cabinet agreed the procurement of a new Tree Service Framework for the Council, utilising existing revenue budgets be commenced and that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director - Public Services to award the procurement of a new Tree Services Framework and enter into a Framework Agreement with contractor(s). This is to ensure ongoing compliance with Contract Procedure Rules, Financial Standing Orders and to contribute to the discharge of our duty to comply with Health and Safety legislation.

e) Co-Mingle Recycling Material Collections - Public Services – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)

Cabinet approved that the recycling collection method be changed from the current dual-stream recycling collection system to a fully co-mingled service, removing the requirement for residents to separate Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) and paper and card material. Benefits to NBBC include cost reductions and improved Health and Safety risk management.

f) Building a Better Borough (BABB) 2022/2025 – Review of Assessment Document for 2023/24 - Business and Regeneration – Councillor K. Wilson (Key Decision)

Cabinet approved the refreshed BaBB Assessment Document for 2023-24 and the redesignated BaBB Delivery Plan 2023-25. Authority to update the Lead Directorate / Officer(s) and Support Directorates columns on both the BaBB Assessment 2023/24 and the redesignated BaBB 2023-25 Delivery Plan, was delegated to the Director for Customer and Corporate Services in order to establish a more effective assessment document in relation to monitoring the Council's corporate objectives.

g) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Inspection - Public Services – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)

Cabinet delegated Authority to the Strategic Director – Public Services, in consultation with the portfolio-holder for Public Services, to award the Contract upon conclusion of the current procurement process, to allow for MOT and Compliance testing of these licensed vehicles.

h) Lily Pad Fountain Seating Plan - Business and Regeneration – Councillor K. Wilson

Cabinet approved the proposed new street furniture, seating, plan and Civic Tree location, Nuneaton town centre (the Scheme) and that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director –Economy and Transformation to complete the necessary legal formalities and implement the Scheme, in order to reduce maintenance costs and anti-social behaviour in the area, and create an open space which can be used for entertainment purposes and ad-hoc seating.

i) Procurement of Website Platform – Finance and Corporate – Councillor S. Croft (Key Decision)

Cabinet agreed that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Economic & Transformation to award a new contract for the Council's website platform via a call-off framework, to ensure that NBBC has a website provision after September 2023. The new contract will be funded from unallocated reserves.

Other items considered

Recommendation from Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP

4. West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)

In terms of items which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC the WMCA Board meeting of 10th February 2023 considered:

- A report to present the final revenue and capital budget for 2023/24 as well as the associated policies as required by statute. A draft budget was presented to, and approved by, the West Midlands Combined Authority Board on 13 January 2023 and there were no changes in the final revenue and capital budget for 2023/24 from the overall financial plans included within the draft budget.
- A report seeking agreement to the final version of the West Midlands Local Transport Plan [LTP] 'Reimagining Transport in the West Midlands' Core Strategy as the first element of the new West Midlands LTP. The report also sought approval to undertake engagement on the draft LTP "Big Moves" documents and use the draft Area Strategy guidance documents to complete the full suite of documents which will form the final statutory LTP.

The WMCA Board meeting of 17th March 2023 considered:

- A report providing an update on the Combined Authority's finances as at 31 January 2023.
- A report setting out the findings of a review on the West Midlands Growth Company. It was noted that the geographical footprint of WMGC post the integration of Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) functions to the WMCA needs to be resolved and that recommendations would be brought forward as soon as possible and include clarifying the future relationship with Warwickshire.
- A report updating the WMCA Board on the £70m Commonwealth Games Legacy Enhancement Fund (CWGLEF) grant funding to be provided by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). WMCA Board approval was given for non-constituent authorities to be eligible to bid into the CWGLEF in relation to (i) the regional Major Events Programme, and (ii) the Community Grants Programme.

5. Conclusion

This report is presented on behalf of Cabinet, and, as always, my colleagues and I are only too happy to take any questions in relation to this report.

Councillor K. Wilson
Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet