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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Addendum Council – 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

I refer to item number 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 2022**

### **1. Introduction**

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

It also includes details of any reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board, which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC, namely the Board meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

### **2. 9<sup>th</sup> March Cabinet Meeting**

#### **a) Rough Sleeping Initiative Funding Submission for 2022 - 2025 Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Golby (Key Decision)**

Cabinet noted the submission of the funding request from Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities for Rough Sleeping Initiative. Cabinet approved the commencement of a procurement exercise to ensure the continued delivery of Rough Sleeping Initiatives in the Borough into 2025, with an option to extend to 2028 subject to further funding being available. Cabinet approved the proposal to allocate up to 6 x 1 bed, or flatlet type of accommodation to applicants that are included in the Rough Sleeping Initiative project, this would enable the Housing First model to be delivered from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to June 2025, with an option to potentially extend to 2028, subject to funding.

#### **b) HEART Board – Strategic Review Report Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Golby (Key Decision)**

Cabinet noted the summary findings contained within Appendix A of the report presented to Cabinet. The progress to provide on consistent service to deliver DFGs and a Home Improvement Service for the whole County was noted. Cabinet also agreed that 2022 acts as a transitional year to allow Authorities to refresh key aspects of the Partnership, act to strengthen it, and consider how a full-service integration can be achieved. The strategic objectives of the HEART Board were also confirmed. The Cabinet welcomed the Board's intention to draw on the expertise of Foundations to support it to innovate and develop HEART. Cabinet acknowledged the implications of the White Paper for Social Care for arrangements to deliver DFGs. Cabinet supported the recommendation of the HEART Board to continue to build the partnership during 2022, with a view to creating a new legal agreement for a further five-year partnership from April 2023.

#### **c) Building a Better Borough Business and Regeneration – Councillor K. Wilson (Key Decision)**

Cabinet noted the feedback received through the consultation from stakeholders, elected members and the public as shown in Appendix 2 of the report. Cabinet agreed that the Chief Executive be given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader of the Council to produce a public facing document of the corporate plan and mobilise organisational resources to produce a detailed plan for 2022 – 2025 which considers any consultation feedback. Cabinet approved the final draft of the Corporate Plan. Cabinet recommended to Council that the Corporate Plan and subsequent delivery plan be adopted.

**d) Leisure Development – Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH) Update Planning and Regulation – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)**

The Cabinet noted the update report provided by the Director – Public Services and the developed Site Plan and General Arrangement drawings for the scheme at Appendix 1 of the report. Additionally, The Cabinet noted the updated project summary budget as set out in table 8.2 and Appendix 2 of the report, with the funding detailed in section 9.4 of the report. The Cabinet agreed that the budget implications be included within the 2022/23 budget process and Medium-Term Finance Strategy update. Additionally, the Cabinet agreed that a public consultation be undertaken ahead of the planning application being submitted. Cabinet noted the progress and conclusion of the Main Contractor procurement, which is being undertaken via a two-stage process under the Procure Partnerships Framework (£12million+ West Midlands).The Cabinet agreed that delegated authority would be given to the Director – Public Services, in consultation with the Strategic Creditors and Procurement Manager and the Portfolio Holder for Public Services, to develop, implement and commence the leisure operator procurement process. Furthermore, the Cabinet noted the “Invited Application” for capital funding submitted to Sport England, and the early funding received from LUF of £278,000 for use towards the RIBA Stage 4B works. The Cabinet endorsed the ongoing engagement with LUF to remain updated regarding progress of the delivery of the scheme and monitoring and evaluation reporting to release grant funding awarded.

**Other items considered**

- Nuneaton and Bedworth Local Government Boundary Review
- Renaming of Roanne Ringway to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
- Quarterly Review of Strategic Performance Report (Third Quarter 2021 – 2022)

**3. 13<sup>th</sup> April Cabinet Meeting**

**a) Business Continuity Management Approach  
Finance and Corporate – Councillor S. Croft (Key Decision)**

The Cabinet were presented with a proposed refreshed approach of business Continuity for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council. The Cabinet approved the critical service list as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, and agreed the launch of a project review to refresh the Council's BCPs of the services as set out in Appendix 1 of the report. Additionally, the Cabinet noted the proposed approach of 'Plan, Do, Check, Act' of developing BCPs to support the generation of continuous review, testing, revision and improvement.

**b) Abbey Street Development  
Business and Regeneration – Councillor K. Wilson (Key Decision)**

The Cabinet noted the progress of the Abbey Street development, and approved the progression to Phase 2 of the development. Additionally, Cabinet noted the business cases and summary documents for Town Fund projects.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 considered:

- A report seeking approval for the 2022/23 West Midlands Combined Authority consolidated revenue budget; the first year (2022/23) of the indicative WMCA Capital Programme [as set out in Appendices 4, 5 and 6 of the report] and the following policies and strategies, which contained items required by statute:
  - The WMCA Treasury Management Strategy;
  - The WMCA Capital Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement; and
  - The WMCA Pay Policy Statement.

As part of this report, the annual fees for Non-Constituent Authority and observer members were recommended to increase from £25,000 to £30,000.

The WMCA Board meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 considered:

- A report informing the WMCA Board of proposed plans for coordinating a response to the Government's invitation to negotiate a Trailblazer Devolution Deal and invite their feedback and reflections.
- A report providing an update on the Combined Authority's finances as at the end of January 2022.
- A report seeking approval for publication of the WMCA's Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2022-24.

- A report seeking approval in principle for the final Programme for the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement as submitted to Government and noting the progress towards agreeing the terms and conditions for accepting the funding from Central Government.
- A report seeking approval of an Outline Business Case to support the creation of ten Electric Vehicle Charging Area Transit Stations (EV CATS). The EV CATS will comprise of 80 to 100 ultra-rapid 150+kW chargers, with sufficient expansion space to double capacity as the market requires. The EVCATS will be located within the WMCA Constituent Authorities' area but will provide benefit to Non-Constituent Members' geographies in terms of travel to work in to and out of the WMCA Constituent Authorities' area.

## **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