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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Council 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

I refer Item 8 on the Agenda for the Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, and attach a copy of the Cabinet report by Leader of Council marked "to follow" on the agenda.

Yours faithfully,



BRENT DAVIS

Executive Director (Operations)

To: Members of the Council

# **Cabinet Report to Council, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

## **1. Introduction**

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

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 meeting of Friday 15<sup>h</sup> January 2021.

## **2. 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Cabinet Meeting**

### **a) Bedworth Armistice Committee – Peace Podium**

Arts and Leisure – Councillor I. Lloyd)

The Director – Leisure, Recreation and Health submitted a request from Bedworth Armistice Committee that sought permission to construct a new Peace Podium on the grassed area of Rye Piece ringway in Bedworth.

Cabinet agreed that the request be approved per the recommendations of the report.

### **b) Procurement of Supplier Framework – Modular Housing and Consultancy Services**

Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Watkins **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Regeneration and Housing submitted outlining the need for the procurement of two separate contracts -one to deal with the provision of the groundworks and the other to provide the modular homes.

Cabinet approved the procurement of a supplier framework for Modular Housing and consultancy services.

### **c) Feedback following consultation regarding re-development of existing dwellings at Byford Court**

Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Watkins **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Housing and Regeneration submitted a report providing feedback following the consultation regarding the redevelopment of existing dwellings at Byford Court.

Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report printed in the agenda.

**d) Consultation on Planning Policy Documents**

Planning, Development & Health – Councillor J. Beaumont **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Democracy, Planning and Public Protection submitted a report to consult on a number of planning policy documents, namely a Health Impact Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (SDP), an Open Space and Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), and a revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report printed in the agenda.

**e) Infrastructure Funding Statement & Infrastructure Delivery Plan**

Planning, Development & Health – Councillor J. Beaumont **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Democracy, Planning and Public Protection submitted a report to adopt 2019/20 Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) and adopt an updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).

Cabinet approved the recommendations to adopt the two documents as set out in the report printed in the agenda.

**f) Submission to Towns Fund**

Finance and Civic Affairs – Councillor J. Jackson **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Regeneration and Housing submitted a report documenting Nuneaton being one of the 101 nominated towns which had been shortlisted to apply for funding of up to £25m from the £3.6bn Towns Fund. The report outlined the focuses of the Town's Fund and the responsibilities that the Nuneaton Towns Fund Board are responsible for. This included developing and agreeing an evidence-based Town Investment Plan (TIP).

Cabinet endorsed the submission of the TIP as recommended in the report and printed in the agenda.

**g) COVID Business Grants**

Finance and Civic Affairs – Councillor J. Jackson **(Key Decision)**

The Executive Director – Resources submitted a report to update on progress with administering the various COVID grant schemes to businesses.

Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report on the agenda with the following amendments, to enable the Council to make grant payments in line with government guidance:

- a) the progress with administering the Local Restrictions Support Grant and Additional Restrictions Support Grant

- b) the latest update in relation grants for businesses that are still mandated to close due to the borough being placed under tier 3 restrictions are noted.
- c) market rates are to be free from 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and for the whole of the month of January. Options for car parking should be considered when Nuneaton and Bedworth are no longer in Tier 3 of COVID-19 restrictions.
- d) the Additional Restrictions Grant Policy is to be amended as per section 5.10 of the report.
- e) delegated authority is to be given to the Executive Director – Resources to put in place a policy to administer the ‘wet-led pubs’ grant.
- f) given the timescales involved to support businesses affected by COVID-19 and the wider economy, this report be marked not for call-in on the grounds of urgency.

## **13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Cabinet Meeting**

### **a) Leisure Development Update**

Arts and Leisure – Councillor I.K. Lloyd **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Leisure, Recreation & Health submitted a report to provide its first Leisure Development Update following the appointment of the Project Management Team and specialist consultants to enable RIBA Stages 1 to 3 for the Bedworth Hub and Stage 1 for the Pingles Hub to be delivered.

Cabinet resolved that the report be noted.

### **b) Draft General Fund and HRA Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22**

Finance and Civic Affairs – Councillor J. Jackson **(Key Decision)**

The Executive Director – Resources submitted a report of an update on the draft budget position for the General Fund for 2021/22 following the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and a review of the COVID related assumptions included in the draft budget to date.

Cabinet noted The Local Government Finance Settlement and the revised General Fund budget position for 2021/22. Cabinet approved further saving proposals set out at section 5.2 of the report, and that due to the timescales involved in setting the budget for 2021/22, this was marked not for call-in.

### **c) Dog Control Public Space Protection Order – Consultation**

Planning, Development & Health – Councillor J. Beaumont **(Key Decision)**

The Director – Democracy Planning & Public Protection submitted a report to consider a statutory public consultation in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for a Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) based on the PSPO that existed until July 2020 with minor amendments at Bailey Park, Bedworth.

Cabinet resolved that a statutory consultation be undertaken.

d) **Future High Streets Fund**

Finance and Civic Affairs – Councillor J. Jackson (**Key Decision**)

The Director – Regeneration and Housing submitted a report to update and inform Cabinet on the allocation of the Future High Street Fund. The Council was awarded a provisional allocation of 69% of its preferred option, equating to £13, 362, 736.

The Cabinet approved the final scope of projects within the provisional allocation funding envelope as summarised in Section 4 of this report. Also it was agreed that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director – Resources to submit the Technical Updates by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Additionally, subject to recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 as set out in the report, the report was marked not for call in due to the urgency in relation to Government’s timescales involved for submission of the technical updates.

**3. 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

a) **Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire**

Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Watkins (**Key Decision**)

The Director – Regeneration and Housing submitted a report, Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire, a Strategy developed in partnership by Warwickshire County Council and the 5 District and Borough housing authorities.

Cabinet resolved to note and adopt the Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire Strategy. To note and not adopt the Strategy, and provide feedback on areas of concern within the document for consideration prior to the document being endorsed by Warwickshire County Council’s Health and Wellbeing Board.

b) **Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)**

Central Services and Refuse [Councillor Jill Sheppard] (**Key Decision**)

The Executive Director – Operations and the Executive Director – Resources submitted a joint report outlining the evolution of the Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility [MRF] Project over the course of the last 18 months and seeking approval for additional capital financing to be provided by the Borough Council, by way of a commercial loan, to the company being established to build and operate the Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility [MRF] in Coventry (“AssetCo”).

Cabinet resolved:

An additional capital loan of up to £1.1m be approved to allow the new Sub-Regional MRF to be built and become operational, giving a total loan facility from the Borough Council to “AssetCo”, on commercial market terms, of up to £4.4m.

To approve the inclusion of an additional up to £1.1m million in the Council’s approved General Fund capital programme for 2021/22 for the purposes of delivering the new Sub-Regional MRF as an extension to the loan amount previously agreed by Council at its meeting of 11th September 2019.  
That the additional Capital Programme provision be included in the General Fund Capital Programme for 2021/22 when it is considered by Council on 15th February 2021

That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director - Resources and the Executive Director – Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Civic Affairs and the Cabinet Member for Central Services and Refuse, to finalise and agree the detailed terms of the financing transaction with AssetCo. The authority under this delegation shall also include:

- The authority to enter into the Service Level Agreement with AssetCo committing the Borough Council’s waste tonnage for 25 years.
- The authority to enter into the Loan Agreement and ancillary security documents with AssetCo for a commercial loan up to £4.4m over a repayment period of 25 years.

### **Other items considered**

- a) General Fund Revenue and Capital Programme Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring
- b) Changing Place Briefing Note Update  
Recommendation from EOSP
- c) Transforming Bedworth Cross Party Working Group Membership  
Finance and Civic Affairs – Councillor J. Jackson – Finance and Civic Affairs
- d) COVID Data Update  
Finance and Civic Affairs – Councillor J. Jackson – Finance and Civic Affairs
- e) COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan 2020-22  
Recommendation from IOSP
- f) Town Centre Re-Development and Project Update  
Recommendation from IOSP

- g) PSPO – Alcohol  
Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Watkins – Housing and Communities

#### **4. West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)**

The WMCA Board meeting of Friday 15th January 2021 considered the latest Financial Monitoring Report for the current financial year. The overall year to date position at the end of November showed a £0.912m favourable variance from budget.

It also considered the draft budget for 2021/22 key headlines of which are as follows:

- All existing policies and services continue to be delivered at no extra cost to constituent authorities
- No increase in constituent fees or levy for 2021/22
- Productivity and efficiencies to enable a cash flat position to be delivered
- No Mayoral precept for 2021/22
- Increased additional funding into the region to assist in the delivery our priorities
- A draft capital delivery plan for the West Midlands Combined Authority that provides £605.2 million of direct capital investment for the West Midlands region in 2021/22.

#### **6. 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 J.A. Jackson  
Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet