



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2016

DECISIONS

PRESENT:	Councillor M Markham (Chair); Councillor Nunn (Deputy Chair); Councillors Bottwood, Hibbert, Hallam, Hadland, Eldred and King .
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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 7 September 2016. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

These decisions will come into force and then may be implemented on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this list.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Emma Powley.

THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:	<u>09th September 2016</u>
DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:	<u>13th September 2016 AT 17:00 HOURS</u>

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - MUSEUM TRUST

Cabinet noted the report.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

B. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - NBC OWNED STREET LIGHTING

Cabinet noted the report.

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	None

7. NORTHAMPTON LOCAL PLAN (PART 2) OPTIONS CONSULTATION

- 1) Cabinet noted the responses received to the issues in the consultation;
- 2) Cabinet agreed the documents and timetable as set out in the report for an Options stage public consultation on the Northampton Local Plan (Part 2); and
- 3) Cabinet noted that the outcome of the Options consultation would inform further consideration and preparation of a Draft Local Plan which would be presented to Cabinet in due course.

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8. EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S REFUGES

- 1) Cabinet noted and supported the action that had been taken by the Borough and District Councils, the County Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner to sustain Northamptonshire's refuges in 2016/17;
- 2) Cabinet approved the Council's contribution of £39,362 (28% of the total) to the bridge funding arrangements and agreed that if this money was not reimbursed through the VAWG funding it would need to be funded from the Council's Revenue Budget 2016/17 or reserves; and
- 3) Cabinet agreed that the Chief Executive would make written representations to the DCLG and the Home Office, highlighting the financial difficulties facing Northamptonshire's refuges and urging Ministers to make an early decision on when, how and to whom the £40million funding for domestic abuse would be awarded to provide an assurance that when funding is awarded it would take into account expenditure that the refuges had already incurred in 2016/17.

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9. REVIEW OF OLDER PERSONS' HOUSING

- 1) Cabinet noted the findings of Northampton Partnership Homes' review of the Council's older persons' housing (as set out in its Older Persons' Housing Strategy in appendices 1 and 2 of the report);
- 2) Cabinet approved the rebranding of the Council's sheltered housing as 'older persons' housing' and authorised changes to the housing allocations policy (as set out in paragraphs 3.2.5 – 3.2.7 of the report) in order to define these properties as being suitable for people aged 55 or over and determine the circumstances in which they may be let to people with disabilities who are under the age of 55 years;

- 3) Cabinet approved the reclassification of its 'general needs' bungalows to 'older persons' housing' when they become vacant and are assessed as suitable for older people, in order that all future lettings are made to people who are either aged 55 years or over or have a disability, required accessible housing and are under the age of 55 years;
- 4) Cabinet approved, in principle, the reclassification (to 'general needs housing') or up to 600 flats and bungalows that are currently designated as 'sheltered housing' but are assessed as being unsuitable for older people, and authorised Northampton Partnership Homes to consult with the affected residents, in three phases, in order to establish their housing preferences and their current and future needs, and to recommend to the Council which schemes should be reclassified and when;
- 5) Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the cabinet Member for Housing & Wellbeing and the Section 151 Officer, the authority to approve the reclassification of the older persons' housing schemes to 'general needs housing' after Northampton Partnership Homes has consulted with the affected residents and following consideration of Northampton Partnership Homes' recommendations; and
- 6) Cabinet noted that it would receive further reports on the implementation of Northampton Partnership Homes' Older Persons' Strategy and the Council's development of a Multi-Agency Older Persons' Housing Strategy that takes into account the views of a wider range of stakeholders, including registered providers, private sector developers and housing providers, health and social care and the voluntary and community sector.

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	None

10. GREYFRIARS: SELECTION OF A DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

- 1) Cabinet noted the progress that had been made to date and the further negotiations to be undertaken with the preferred Bidder following a Cabinet approval;
- 2) Cabinet approved a recommendation for the preferred developer of the Greyfriars site: Developer A;
- 3) Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning and the Chief Finance Officer to conclude negotiations on Head of Terms/Agreement to lease with the preferred bidder in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning;
- 4) Cabinet delegated to the Borough Secretary the approval and

conclusion of relevant and appropriate legal documentation;

- 5) Cabinet approved the continuation of the Cabinet Advisory Group to work alongside the selected developer throughout the development process;
- 6) Cabinet noted that the Director of Regeneration, enterprise & Planning would submit a report to Cabinet to approve the proposed Heads of Terms/Agreement to Lease, whichever document(s) are appropriate.

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11. FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT AGENTS FOR THE RECOVERY OF VARIOUS TYPES OF DEBT

That Cabinet approved the implementation of Revenues and Benefits Enforcement Agency Framework Agreement to address future recovery requirements and enter into a Framework Agreement with Bristow & Sutor, Dukes, JBW and Rossendales.

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Item No	None

12. FINANCE REPORT TO 31ST JULY 2016

- 1) Cabinet noted the changes to the 2016-17 General Fund Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- 2) Cabinet approved the virement of £2.3million of HRA revenue repairs and maintenance budget of the Capital Programme to support the investment in new stock partly funded by the use of 141 Right to Buy receipts.

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Item No	None

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

That Cabinet recommend to Council that they note the Council's treasury management performance for 2015-16 (outturn), and treasury management data for quarter 1 of 2016-17.

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Item No	None

14. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE OUTTURN REPORT 2015/16

That the Corporate Performance Outturn 2015-16 Report be approved.