



## CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2021

## DECISIONS

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Nunn (Chair); Councillor Larratt (Deputy Chair); Councillors Eldred, Hadland, Hallam, J Hill, Hibbert 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, 24 March 2021. 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 Democratic Services 01604 837722.

<b>THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:</b>	<u>Thursday 25 March 2021</u>
<b>DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:</b>	<u>Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 17:00 hours</u>

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<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Declaration/Conflict of Interests:</b>
<b>Item No</b>	None

### **7. REPORT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST REGARDING THE COUNCIL'S LOANS TO NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016) AND FINALISED ACTION PLAN**

Cabinet:

- 2.1 Accepted the final draft Action Plan following the Report in the Public Interest ("the Report") regarding the Council's loans to Northampton Town Football Club (NTFC) (accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016), and
- 2.2 Agreed to forward the final draft Action Plan following this meeting to West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority to allow the successor authority (West Northamptonshire Council) to consider the future

actions and how this is managed and reported on, through its own governance processes and determine them as it sees fit.

- 2.3 Noted that relevant notices will be published and consultations with the external auditor will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

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## **8.VULCAN WORKS - FIT OUT AND ADDITIONAL ROOF WORKS**

- 2.1. Cabinet noted the progress being made on the construction of the Vulcan Works Creative Hub (VWCH).
- 2.2. Cabinet approved the Fit-Out works required to open VWCH and approves the drawdown of £670,000 from the Development Pool for the completion of this work.
- 2.3. Cabinet approved the drawdown of £500,000 from the ringfenced funding in the Development Pool for the additional roofing works which have been undertaken on the project.
- 2.4. Cabinet delegated authority to the Acting Director of Economy and Assets in consultation with the Borough Secretary, the Chief Finance officer and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise to appoint a contractor for the Fit Out works and equipment required to open the Vulcan Works Creative Hub.
- 2.5. Cabinet noted the progress and next steps for the procurement of an operator for the Vulcan Works Creative Hub (VWCH)
- 2.6. Cabinet noted that West Northamptonshire Council will progress with the work set out within this report from 1st April 2021, having been consulted on the report's contents.

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## **9.BIKE PARK - CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT**

- 2.1 Cabinet supported the Hardingstone 9 Bike Park project including the acceptance of the Places To Ride application, subject to the conditions set out in 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 in the report.
- 2.2 Cabinet delegated authority to the Acting Director of Economy and Assets, in consultation with the Borough Secretary, Chief Finance Officer and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise to appoint and enter into a Contract with the successful contractor for the construction works to convert a disused nine hole golf course into a mountain bike centre and general outdoor facility following completion of the tender process. West Northamptonshire Cabinet will receive

further reports to their Executive should these be required.

- 2.3 Cabinet noted the land annexed to this report is currently leased to Delapre Golf Club and that negotiations to release the area of the land are ongoing and subject to contract and approval by West Northamptonshire Council. The appointment of the Contractor will not complete before the land is brought back into Council control.
- 2.4 Cabinet approved a legal budget of up to a maximum of £25,000 if deemed necessary by the Acting Director of Economy and Assets in consultation with and the approval of the Borough Secretary to procure external legal expertise in construction in connection with the works proposed herein to the Bike Park.
- 2.5 Cabinet noted that West Northamptonshire Council will progress with the work set out within this report from 1st April 2021, having been consulted on the report's contents.

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## **10. SIXFIELDS - UPDATE ON THE VARIOUS ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY STREAMS**

- 2.1 Cabinet noted this update report.

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## **11. PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER AVENUE CAMPUS TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- 2.1 Cabinet agreed that the Borough Council would not commit to any agreement to complete this project until due diligence had been completed to the satisfaction of both the Borough Secretary and Monitoring Officer and the Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer and in addition, the Shadow West Northamptonshire Council had given its written consent to the project and its expenditure.
- 2.2 Cabinet noted the contents of Appendix A and Appendix B (attached to this report) and, affirming the decisions that it made on 17 February 2021:
- a) Approved, 'in principle', the redevelopment of the Avenue Campus site (within the Housing Revenue Account) to provide up to 170 affordable homes, subject to satisfactory due diligence and planning approval of the reserved matters application for 112 homes;
  - b) Delegated to the Director of Housing and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, the Borough Secretary, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Finance, the authority to approve the new affordable housing scheme,

subject to planning approval and due diligence and following the outcome of the Council's application for funding from Homes England;

- c) Delegated to the Director of Housing and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing, the authority to determine the rent levels and services charges for the new affordable homes; and
- d) Delegated to the Director of Housing and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing and Northampton Partnership Homes, the authority to develop and approve a Local Lettings Policy that determines how the homes are allocated; and
- e) Noted that, if this development and approval of this affordable housing scheme cannot be concluded by 1 April 2021, this work will need to be concluded by the new West Northamptonshire Council through its governance processes and relevant Officers.

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### **13. SIXFIELDS - UPDATE ON THE VARIOUS ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY STREAMS - PRIVATE**

2.1 Cabinet noted this update report.