

Concurrent Meeting of the Prosperous Communities and Corporate Policy and Resources Committees- 11 June 2019

Subject to Call-in. Call-in will expire at 5pm on 25 June 2019

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Concurrent Meeting of the Prosperous Communities and Corporate Policy and Resources Committees held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on 11 June 2019 commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present:

Councillor Giles McNeill (Chairman)
Councillor Owen Bierley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Liz Clews (from item 4)
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Christopher Darcel
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Stuart Kinch
Councillor John McNeill
Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne
Councillor Jim Snee
Councillor Mrs Mandy Snee
Councillor Robert Waller
Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn
Councillor Trevor Young

In Attendance:

Councillor Lesley Rollings
Eve Fawcett-Moralee
Ian Knowles

Alan Robinson
Elaine Poon
James Welbourn

Executive Director of Economic and Commercial Growth
Executive Director of Resources, Interim Head of Paid Service and S151 Officer
Strategic Lead Governance and People/Monitoring Officer
Local Development Order and Major Projects Officer
Democratic and Civic Officer

Apologies:

Councillor Mrs Tracey Coulson
Councillor Tom Regis

Membership:

Councillor Giles McNeill substituted for Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Stuart Kinch substituted for Councillor Tracey Coulson

1 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Cotton declared an interest in item 4, Development Partner, Growth Programme and Funding Strategy as his partner worked at one of the parties involved in negotiations and could stand to benefit from those negotiations.

Following his statement he left the Chamber and took no part in the debate or the vote.

Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan declared an interest in item 4, Development Partner, Growth Programme and Funding Strategy as the Corringham Road junction was in his Ward. This did not preclude him from taking part in, or voting on that item.

2 PROCEDURE

The Democratic and Civic Officer outlined the procedure for Members, reminding them of the separate vote for Prosperous Communities and Corporate Policy and Resources Members.

3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

4 DEVELOPMENT PARTNER, GROWTH PROGRAMME & FUNDING STRATEGY

Members considered a progress report on the overall growth and regeneration of Gainsborough, alongside:

- The delivery and funding strategy for the proposed leisure scheme within Gainsborough town centre;
- The delivery and funding strategy for a proposed housing scheme, public realm and riverside walkway at Bowling Green Road;
- The delivery of a new junction arrangement at the interchange between Corringham Road and the A631, to improve road safety and to unlock further growth of Gainsborough, including at the Northern Sustainable Urban Extension.

Debate between Members and officers then took place; this led to further information being provided by officers.

As the recommendations required approval from both Prosperous Communities and Corporate Policy and Resources Committees, recorded votes were taken separately, with Prosperous Communities being first, following the resolutions being moved and seconded by both Committees. The resolutions were taken en bloc (by each committee in turn):

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Following an alphabetical roll call, with a total of 15 votes cast in favour and 0 against it was **RESOLVED** by Prosperous Communities Committee to:

1. Note the progress which had been made in securing funds, market interest and a delivery strategy for the redevelopment of the identified sites and key infrastructure improvements in Gainsborough as part of the overall growth and regeneration programme;
2. Approve the delivery strategy for the proposed leisure scheme in Gainsborough Town Centre as outlined in the report; and;
3. Approve the delivery strategy for a proposed housing scheme, public realm and riverside walkway at Bowling Green Road, Gainsborough as outlined in the report.

Following an alphabetical roll call, with a total of 12 votes cast in favour and 0 against it was **RESOLVED** by Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to:

4. Approve Option 1 as the preferred funding strategy to deliver the leisure scheme in Gainsborough Town Centre, including the approval of a Grant Funding agreement to the operator (delegated to the Executive Directors of Resources and Growth in consultation with both the Chairman of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee and the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committees) to be enacted by October 2019;
5. Approve Option 2 as the alternative funding strategy to deliver the leisure scheme in Gainsborough Town Centre in the event that Option 1 cannot be delivered (delegating the finalisation of the financial model to the Executive Directors of Resources and Growth in consultation with both the Chairman of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee and the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committees);
6. Approve the funding strategy for a proposed housing scheme, public realm and riverside walkway at Bowling Green Road, Gainsborough as outlined in Section 4, including the sale of the Council's freehold interest in this site and a Grant Funding Agreement to ACIS and partners (delegating the finalisation of the disposal of the land and Grant Funding Agreement to the Executive Directors of Resources and Growth in consultation with both the Chairman of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee and the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committees);
7. Approve expenditure of up to £1m of the approved Capital Budget for Corringham Road and the A631 Junction in Gainsborough to improve road safety and to unlock the further growth of the town including via the Northern Sustainable Urban Extension as outlined in Section 5 (with £0.5m from the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP) grant and £0.5m from private sector contribution via Section 106 funding (if planning permission is granted) (delegating the finalisation of the Grant Funding Agreement to the Executive Directors of Resources and Growth in consultation with both the Chairman of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee and the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committees);

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8. Approve that the Council underwrites the £0.5m private sector contribution due to Lincolnshire County Council should the trigger date of March 2021 not be achieved;

9. Agree that all delegations granted by this report will be subject to a maximum 10% tolerance to allow for negotiations.

The meeting concluded at 7.32 pm.

Chairman