



CABINET

Summary of decisions made at the meeting held on Monday 4 December 2023

Agenda Item	Report Title	Decision	Key Decision	Date Forward Plan Published
8	Consideration of a County Deal for Norfolk	<p>The Cabinet, recognising that the change in governance would be a matter for the Full Council, RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council:</p> <p>Recommendation option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) recognise the work carried out during 2023 to consult with the public, inform Members and prepare plans in relation to the 'in-principle' County Deal brought to Council in January this year.b) commend the work undertaken by the Leader and Officers to secure additional benefits for the Norfolk County Deal and resolves that the Deal should be accepted.c) resolve that the election for the Directly Elected Leader should be held alongside the county council elections in May 2025 to enable the widest possible engagement with the electorate.d) agree that the resolution adopting the new governance arrangements must be passed by the Full Council Meeting on 23 July 2024 to facilitate that election date.e) agree on that same date to resolve to change the title by which the elected mayor of the authority is to be known to the alternative title of Elected Leader as the Council agrees that this better represents the role and expectations of an individual regarding the proper leadership of the County.	Yes	02/11/23
9	Norwich Western Link Update	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the continued delivery of the Norwich Western Link project.	Yes	02/11/23

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To delegate to the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services (CES), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, the authority to agree the finalised planning application and submit it to the Local Planning Authority. 3. To recommend to Council, at its January 2024 meeting, an increased budget of £273.9m (compared with the £251.0m included in the OBC Addendum, that was reported to Cabinet on 4 July 2022), and an increase to the local contribution of £22.9m, as set out in Section 6 of the report. 4. Following the resolution of recommendation 3 above to delegate to the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services (CES), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, the authority to approve the Statement of Reasons, which describes the purpose and effect of the Side Roads Order and Compulsory Purchase Order together with the justifications for making them. 5. Following the resolution of recommendations 2, 3 and 4 above, authorise the making, publication and submission, for confirmation by the Secretary of State, of the necessary Side Roads Order required for the project. 6. Following the resolution of recommendations 2, 3 and 4 above, authorise the making, publication and submission, for confirmation by the Secretary of State, of the necessary Compulsory Purchase Order required to acquire the land for the project. 7. To delegate to the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services (CES), the authority to take all appropriate actions necessary to complete a Public Inquiry should this result from the planning application or the making of draft Orders. 		
10	West Winch Housing Access Road – Project update and funding	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the details presented in this report and approve the continued delivery of the West Winch Housing Access Road (WWHAR) project and confirm the financial update within the Capital Programme. 2. To delegate to the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services (CES), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure & Transport, the authority to agree the 	Yes	02/11/23

finalised planning application and submit it to the Local Planning Authority.

3. To delegate to the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services (CES), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure & Transport, the authority to agree and enter advanced agreements with National Grid Gas to divert two major high pressure gas mains.
4. To delegate to the Director of Procurement & Sustainability authority to undertake the necessary procurement processes including the determination of the minimum standards and selection criteria; to shortlist bidders; to negotiate where the procurement procedure so permits; and to terminate award procedures if necessary. The Director of Procurement & Sustainability shall act in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and Public Contract Regulations 2015 and in consultation, as appropriate, with the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services and the responsible Cabinet Member. Note that a further report will be presented to Cabinet to seek delegated approval to award contracts.
5. To approve the £84.47m scheme cost within the capital programme and note the funding sources (see section 6.3 of the report for more details).
6. To agree to a further temporary increase of the Council's contribution by £2.75m until this is reimbursed when DfT (and Homes England) funding is approved. It will be utilised to incur costs associated to the gas main diversion and design work (as set out in section 6.4 of the report).
7. To agree to enter the Homes England funding agreement (providing £14.65m towards the WWHAR local contribution) and for finalisation of the details to be delegated to the Director of Strategic Finance and the Director of Property.
8. Agreement to underwrite Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (BCKLWN) land purchase, as detailed in the confidential section and defer the County Council's capital receipt as part of the collaboration agreement (see section 2.10.6 of the report for more details).
9. To authorise the making of a Side Roads Order ("SRO") under sections 14 and 125 of and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Highways Act

		<p>1980 to enable the improvement and stopping up of existing highways, to construct new highways and to stop up and provide replacement private means of access where necessary which are essential for the construction of the WWHAR.</p> <p>10. To delegate authority to the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services to consider and make decisions on activities listed in section 2.4.5 of the report.</p> <p>11. To authorise the Interim Executive Director of Communities and Environmental Services to use the Council's powers under Section 203 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 to override any existing rights and covenants on land that would be infringed by or impede the construction, operation or maintenance of the WWHAR.</p> <p>12. To authorise the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services to continue to take all appropriate actions necessary for the purpose of negotiating the terms and conditions for the acquisition by agreement of the land and new rights over land which are needed to allow the construction, operation and ongoing maintenance of the WWHAR.</p>		
11	NCC Apprenticeship Strategy 2023-2025	Cabinet RESOLVED to endorse the proposed Norfolk County Council (NCC) Apprenticeship Strategy (and Operational Delivery Plan) – updated for 2023-2025.	No	N/A
12	Better Care Fund 2023/24	Cabinet RESOLVED to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the BCF plan 2. Delegate the authority to complete and execute the Better Care Fund (BCF) section 75 (s75) agreement to the Interim Executive Director Adult Social Services 	Yes	25/09/23
13	Summary Annual Review of NCC Residential Children's Homes	Cabinet RESOLVED to recommend the approval of the Statements of Purpose for all the Local Authority children's homes to Full Council to comply with the Care Standards Act 2000.	Yes	05/10/23
14	Youth Justice Plan 2023/24	Cabinet RESOLVED to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Norfolk Youth Justice Plan 2023/24 and recommend to Full Council for inclusion on the policy framework. 	Yes	05/10/23

		2. Approve a governance route for approval of the Norfolk Youth Justice Plan 2023/24 as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report.		
15	CES Compliance and Enforcement Policy – Annual Review	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the revised CES Compliance and Enforcement Policy at Appendix A of the report, including its annex documents. 2. To agree to delegate the functions of the Executive for the purposes of the Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023 to the Head of Trading Standards to be read in accordance with B (8) – specific delegations to the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services, Norfolk County Council Constitution (page 205). 	Yes	22/12/22
16	Disposal, acquisition and exploitation of property	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To formally declare Parish Council Allotments, Ashill (3001/100) surplus to Council requirements and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Instruct the Director of Property to dispose of the property to the Parish Council, or (ii) In the event of no satisfactory agreement instruct the Director of Property to dispose of the property on the open market. <p>In the event of a disposal receipt exceeding delegated limits the Director of Property in consultation with the Director of Strategic Finance and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Innovation is authorised to accept the most advantageous offer.</p> 2. To formally declare land and buildings at Ipswich Road Centre, Norwich (4105/017) surplus to Council requirements and instruct the Director of Property to dispose of the property on the best terms possible through a freehold disposal. In the event of a disposal receipt exceeding delegated limits the Director of Property in consultation with the Director of Strategic Finance and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Innovation is authorised to accept the most advantageous offer. 3. To formally declare Additional Land at St Peter’s Farm, Marshland St James (2049/108) surplus to Council requirements and instruct the Director of Property to dispose of the property. In the event of a disposal receipt exceeding delegated limits the Director of Property in consultation with the Director of Strategic Finance and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Innovation is authorised to accept the most advantageous offer. 	No	N/A

		4. To approve the disposal of The Marl Pit Land at Wells Road Fakenham NR21 9HP (Former Fakenham High & Sixth Form Site) (1029/028A) (edged purple on plan) to Fakenham Sports Charity Ltd (company number 03151414 / charity number 1056908) and instruct the Director of Property to oversee the completion of the sale on the agreed terms.		
17	Business Rates Pool – Annual Report 2022-23 and Pooling Decision 2024-25	Cabinet RESOLVED to: 1. Note the performance of the Norfolk Business Rates Pool and endorse the decisions taken by the Pool in respect of the allocation of 2022-23 Pool resources (section 2 of the report); 2. Endorse the use of Norfolk County Council’s share of the 2022-23 retained levy (as shown in Table 2 and section 3 of the report); 3. Approve the use of Norfolk County Council’s share of one-off Business Rates Pool funds in excess of the level originally budgeted (currently forecast as £1.210m) to address current year overspend pressures and make a contribution to the Go Digital funding programme (section 3.3); and 4. Agree that the County Council participate in pooling for 2024-25 in line with the expression of interest submitted for the 2024-25 Norfolk Business Rates Pool (set out in section 4 of the report).	Yes	05/10/23
18	Mid-Year Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2023-24	Cabinet RESOLVED to endorse and recommend to County Council the Mid-Year Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2023-24.	No	N/A
19	Finance Monitoring Report 2023-24 P7: October 2023	Cabinet RESOLVED : 1. To recommend to the Council the increase of £126.541m to the capital programme to address capital funding requirements funded mostly from various external sources as set out in detail in capital Appendix 3 to the report, paragraph 1.4 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £73.300m increase to the West Winch Bypass project, mainly funded through a £74.202m increase in Department of Transport and Homes England funding reflecting the Outline Business Case submission and a £1.05m reduction in NCC Borrowing required to fund this project. The latest forecast is disclosed in a paper elsewhere on the agenda. 	Yes	02/03/23

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £22.882m increase in the Norwich Western Link project following the approval of the Outline Business Case and to reflect the latest forecast reported elsewhere on the agenda. • £11.646m increase in the Long Stratton Bypass project mainly funded through an increase in the Department of Transport grant of £17.717m and a £4.979m reduction in the GNGB supported borrowing required for the project as reported to Cabinet on 6th November. • £18.483m increase in Department for Transport funding for Countywide BSIP schemes • £0.155m increase in external contributions to various Children's Services schemes • £0.07m increase in NCC Borrowing to support the Planning and Advisory Scheme • £0.006m net increase in various other schemes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1a. For planning and monitoring purposes, to incorporate the changes under recommendation 1 into the 2023-24 monitoring position and proposed 2024-25 Capital Programme, subject to any changes as a result of any call-in and Council's ultimate decision making on 30 January 2024. 2. To note the revised current and future 2023-28 capital programme as set out in Appendix 3 of the report including the significant reprofiling undertaken to date. 3. To delegate to the Director of Procurement and the Director of Property to undertake the necessary procurement and tender processes to deliver this revised capital programme in accordance with the delegated authority awarded on 6 March 2023 in the Authority to enact Capital Programme paper - Document.ashx (cmis.uk.com). 4. To recognise the period 7 general fund revenue forecast of a £3.052m overspend (0.62% of net budget), noting also that Executive Directors will take measures to reduce or eliminate potential over-spends where these occur within services; 5. To recognise the period 7 forecast of 97% savings delivery in 2023-24, noting also that Executive Directors will continue to take measures to mitigate potential savings shortfalls through alternative savings or underspends; 6. To note the forecast General Balances at 31 March 2024 of £25.410m. 		
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		7. To approve the appointment of directors to Norfolk County Council owned companies and joint ventures as set out in section 2.2 of the report, as required by the Council's Financial Regulations.		
20	Reports of the Cabinet Member and Executive Director Delegated Decisions made since the last Cabinet meeting:	These would be included in the next Cabinet agenda for noting.	N/A	N/A
21	Exclusion of the Public	Cabinet agreed to exclude the public for discussion of item 22.	N/A	N/A
22	West Winch Housing Access Road – Project update and funding: Exempt appendices A and B	Cabinet discussed and noted the exempt appendices.	N/A	N/A

Call-ins should be submitted to committees@norfolk.gov.uk using the call-in form by no later than 4.00pm on **Monday 11 December 2023**. Further information about the call-in process can be found in [Part 7.4 of the Council's Constitution](#).

In circumstances where a decision is taken by Cabinet but needs to be implemented urgently, the call-in procedures will not apply. These will be identified on the Cabinet agenda and the decision notice.

Any Decisions called-in from those made by Cabinet on 4 December 2023 will be considered at a Scrutiny Committee on 13 December 2023.