

CABINET

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

Agenda Item	Report Title	Decision	Key Decision	Date Forward Plan Published
8	Strategic Tourism: Supporting Visit East of England's Local Visitor Economy Partnership application	Cabinet RESOLVED that Norfolk County Council supports Visit East of England's application to become an LVEP covering Norfolk and Suffolk. This will include contributing an additional £110,000 per annum towards VEE's core costs, ending after five years.	No	N/A
9	Modern Slavery Statement 2022-23	Cabinet RESOLVED A: To consider and agree: 1. The Modern Slavery Statement for the year 2022/2023 (in Appendix A) including the approach to the action plan; and 2. To consider the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) at Appendix B. B: To review the Action Plan (at 4.5) and the progress on modern slavery activity, that there is adequate governance, management of risks and effective communication on this topic with its residents and stakeholders.	No	N/A
10	West Winch Housing Access Road – Project update	 Cabinet RESOLVED To note the details presented in this report, including the results of the public consultation, and approve the continued delivery of the WWHAR project. Delegate to the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services (CES), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure & Transport, the authority to agree the finalised OBC and submit it to the DfT. 	Yes	6/4/23

		 Agree to continue the development of the Planning Application and Side Roads Order and to note that a further report will be presented to Cabinet to seek agreement to submit the applications and will also include details regarding the procurement strategy for the project. To note the proposals for Land Acquisition. To agree to temporarily increase the Council's contribution by £1.05m until this is reimbursed when DfT (and Homes England) funding is approved. 		
11	Disposal, acquisition and exploitation of property: West Winch Landowner Collaboration Agreement	Cabinet RESOLVED 1. For the land at North Runcton / West Winch – Mill Farm Lane, PE33 0LT (2054/100), to delegate authority to the Director of Property and subject to the agreement of final terms: 1.1 To enter into the Landowner's collaboration agreement as set out in Appendix A 1.2 To enter into the Promotion agreement as set out in Appendix A 1.3 To enter into the S106 agreement as set out in Appendix A 2. To delegate to the Director of Property authority to act on behalf of the County Council in meeting the obligations of the landowner and related agreements.	No	N/A
12	Finance Monitoring Report 2023-24 P4: July 2023	Cabinet RESOLVED: 1. To note the addition of £90.724m to the capital programme to address capital funding requirements funded mostly from various external sources as set out in detail in capital Appendix 3, paragraph 1.4 as follows: • £26.474m King's Lynn Sustainable Transport and Regeneration Scheme (STARS) supported by £24.480m external funding and £1.994m NCC Borrowing recommended at Cabinet on 3 July 2023 and approved at Full Council on 18 July 2023 • £16.7m Corporate Property Retrofitting Plan recommended at the 5 June 2023 Cabinet meeting and approved at Full Council on 18 July 2023 • £1.8m external funding allocated to the Estates Decarbonisation programme • £1.250m uplift to the flexible use of capital receipts to fund the Adult Social Care Transformation programme, bringing the total ASC Transformation Programme funded through capital receipts to £2.250m • £0.139m DEFRA funding received for the eCargo Bike Library scheme	Yes	2/3/23

- £44.452m DfT funding allocated to various Highways improvement and maintenance schemes including £4.6m for the West Winch Bypass, £3.5m for the Norwich Heartsease Fiveways Junction, £3m for the Costessey – Bowthorpe Mobility Hub. Further details of the various Highways projects budgets impacted are listed in Appendix A.
- (£0.092m) net reduction in various other schemes
- 2. To recommend that the Council approves the addition of a net £8.94m to the P6 capital programme on 26 September 2023 for the following schemes as set out in Capital Appendix 3, paragraph 4.2-4.4 as follows:
 - £10m new capital loan for the Norse Group Project One replacement and integration of its HR and Finance systems as set out in Appendix 3, note 4.2
 - £3.4m uplift to the Great Yarmouth O & M Campus project to fund the cost pressures identified in the latest forecast including inflationary cost pressures and additional drainage, decontamination and remedial works identified as set out in Appendix 3, note 4.3.
 - £1.05m temporary uplift to the NCC Borrowing contribution to fund the West Winch Housing Access Road project up to the end of November 2023, as set out elsewhere in the agenda
 - Offset by £5.515m reduction in the Adult Learning capital programme following the decision to pursue alternative more accessible venues for the delivery of the Adult Learning programme and dispose of the Wensum Lodge site.
- 3. Subject to Cabinet approval of recommendation 1, and following Council approval of recommendation 2, to delegate:
- 3.1. To the Director of Procurement authority to undertake the necessary procurement processes including the determination of the minimum standards and selection criteria (if any) and the award criteria; to shortlist bidders; to make provisional award decisions (in consultation with the Chief Officer responsible for each scheme); to award contracts; to negotiate where the procurement procedure so permits; and to terminate award procedures if necessary.
- 3.2. To the Director of Property authority (notwithstanding the limits set out at 5.13.6 and 5.13.7 of Financial Regulations) to negotiate or tender for or otherwise acquire the required land to deliver the schemes (including

temporary land required for delivery of the works) and to dispose of land so acquired that is no longer required upon completion of the scheme.

- 3.3. To each responsible chief officer authority to:
 - (In the case of two-stage design and build contracts) agree the
 price for the works upon completion of the design stage and direct
 that the works proceed; or alternatively direct that the works be
 recompeted.
 - approve purchase orders, employer's instructions, compensation events or other contractual instructions necessary to effect changes in contracts that are necessitated by discoveries, unexpected ground conditions, planning conditions, requirements arising from detailed design or minor changes in scope.
 - subject always to the forecast cost including works, land, fees, and disbursements remaining within the agreed scheme or programme budget.
 - That the officers exercising the delegated authorities set out above shall do so in accordance with the council's Policy Framework, with the approach to Social Value in Procurement endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting of 6 July 2020, and with the approach set out in the paper entitled "Sourcing strategy for council services" approved by Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting of 16 July 2018.
- 4. To recognise the period 4 general fund forecast revenue of a **balanced position**, 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 4 forecast of 95% 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.
- 7. To note the expenditure and funding of the revised current and future 2023-28 capital programmes including the significant reprofiling undertaken to date and the increase in the capital programmes of £90.724m in P4.

		 8. To approve the appointment of directors to Norfolk County Council owned companies and joint ventures as set out in section 2.3, as required by the Council's Financial Regulations. 9. To note the update regarding financial arrangements in place with the Norse Group as set out in Appendix 3 – section 4.2 and to: 9.1. Recommend to Full Council the amendment to the Annual Investment and Treasury Management Strategy 2023-24 adopted by Full Council on 21 February 2023 to increase the treasury management investment limit for Norse Group to £25.000m in order to maintain the existing level of cash flow facility available to the company. (See also Appendix 2, paragraph 1.12) 9.2. Approve the timetable for adoption of amendments to the Annual investment and Treasury Management Strategy 2023-24 as set out paragraph 2.4.3 below. 9.3. Recommend to Full Council to approve the addition of £10.000m to the capital programme to provide for a capital loan facility for the Norse Group 9.4. Delegate to the Director of Strategic Finance to agree the details of the £10.000m capital loan to the Norse Group for the implementation of a Finance and HR system (Project One) subject to the provision of appropriate security, the completion of financial and legal due diligence, and compliance with subsidy control requirements. 10. To approve the recommended NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care 		
		10. To approve the recommended NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Norfolk County Council receivables and payables outstanding balances resolution arrangement described in Appendix 5.		
14	Exclusion of the Public	Cabinet RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting		
15	Disposal, Acquisition & Exploitation of Property: Exempt Appendix	Cabinet did not discuss the exempt appendix, however agreed and noted its contents.		

Call-ins should be submitted to <u>committees@norfolk.gov.uk</u> using the call-in form by no later than 4.00pm on **Monday 11 September** 2023. Further information about the call-in process can be found in <u>Part 7.4 of the Council's Constitution</u>.

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 September 2023 will be considered at a Scrutiny Committee on 20 September 2023.