CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2014

DECISIONS

| PRESENT: | Councillor Mackintosh (Chair); Councillor Markham (Deputy Chair); Councillors Bottwood, Hallam, Hadland and Eldred. |

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 12 November 2014. 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: | 13th November 2014 |
| DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN: | 18th November 2014 AT 17:00 HOURS |

**A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - IMPACT OF THE WELFARE REFORM ACT**

Cabinet noted the report.

**7. HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

2.1 Cabinet approved the Housing Asset Management Strategy and associated appendices (at Appendix 1 of the report).

2.2 Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Housing to make such amends as necessary to finalise all documentation in anticipation of the Section 27 application, as part of the creation of Northampton...
Partnership Homes.

2.3 Cabinet thanked all those involved in the process, for their commitment and contribution to the completion of the Strategy.

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8. NORTHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP HOMES

2.1 Cabinet approved the Management Agreement and associated schedules, attached as appendix 1 and delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, to make such amendments as necessary and appropriate to finalise and complete the Agreement.

2.2 Cabinet authorised the Chief Executive to submit an application for approval for the arrangement with NPH for the management of Council homes under section 27 of the Housing Act 1985.

2.3 Cabinet delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, to agree and amend the indicative Total Fee following further work before the ALMO go live date on January 5th 2015.

2.4 Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet member for Housing the authority to finalise the Delivery Plan and Service Level Agreements (SLA’s), which are annexed to the Management Agreement.

2.5 Cabinet thanked all those involved, at NBC and NPH for the constructive way in which negotiations leading up to the setting up of the ALMO and agreeing the Management Agreement have been conducted.

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9. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF NORTHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP HOMES LIMITED

1. Cabinet approved the Articles of Association of Northampton Partnership Homes Limited (appendix 1 of the report)
10. THE NORTHAMPTON ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

1. Cabinet affirmed its continuing support for the Northampton Armed Forces Community Covenant and noted progress to date and proposed future actions.

11. STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF TOWN CENTRE PROPERTY

2.1 Cabinet approved the principle of the acquisition by this Council of the freehold interest in the property, known as “Albion House” shown edged red upon the plan at Appendix 1 of the report.

2.2 Cabinet delegated to the Director of Regeneration Enterprise and Planning the power to approve the terms of the acquisition in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning.

2.3 Cabinet approved the inclusion in the Council’s Capital Programme for 2014/15 of funding of up to £0.5 million to support this acquisition and drawdown from the Invest to Save earmarked reserve to fund the expenditure.

12. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WESTBRIDGE DEPOT

2.1 Cabinet approved (subject to 2.2 below) the principle of this Council entering into agreements that could lead to the disposal of parts of Westbridge Depot, situated within the total area identified edged red upon the plan at Appendix 1 of the report.

2.2 Cabinet directed the Director of Regeneration Enterprise and Planning, working with other relevant professional officers, to prepare a report for the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Enterprise and Planning detailing the benefits, risks, costs & savings and other associated issues connected with a ‘waste to energy’ installation being located at Westbridge Depot.

2.3 Cabinet agreed subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member (detailed at 2.2) of the general principle of supporting a waste to energy operation at Westbridge. Cabinet delegated to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning the authority to agree the terms of any contractual arrangements for the grant of a land option (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning).
13. HIMO INTERIM PLANNING STATEMENT

1. Cabinet considered the representations made to the public consultation exercise held between the 7th August and the 2nd October Houses in Multiple Occupation Draft Interim Planning Policy Statement and Officer responses as shown in the Consultation Statement (Appendix 1 of the report).

2. Cabinet agreed the proposed changes to the Houses in Multiple Occupation Draft Interim Planning Policy Statement as set out in the Consultation Statement.

3. Cabinet approved the adoption of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Interim Planning Policy Statement (IPPS) as set out in Appendix 2 (at the link below)
   http://www.northampton.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/7529/himo-draft-ipps

14. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014

1. Cabinet reviewed the contents of the report and appendices.

2. Cabinet note the changes to the 2014-15 General Fund Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

3. Cabinet approved the realignment of the HRA Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 4.

4. Cabinet approved the Land Charges supplementary estimate amount to settle the claim, £216,152.34, to be funded out of General Fund working balances.

5. Cabinet noted the Supplementary Estimate £20k to develop plans for Abington Museum.