



## CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2015

## DECISIONS

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Mackintosh (Chair); Councillor (Deputy Chair); Councillors .
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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 4 March 2015. 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.

<b>THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:</b>	<u>2014</u>
<b>DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:</b>	<u>AT 17:00 HOURS</u>

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### **7. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY REPORT - RECOMMENDATIONS - MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING (INCLUDING HIMOS)**

1. abinet accepted the recommendations included in the Overview and Scrutiny for the Management and Regulation of Private Sector Housing (including HIMOs).
2. Cabinet formally congratulated the Task and Finish Group for their commitment to best practice regulation and management of private sector housing, the high quality and comprehensive report produced and thanked for their time and effort given to produce it.

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## **8. THE NORTHAMPTON CULTURAL QUARTER**

- 2.1 Cabinet affirmed its continuing support for the development of the Cultural Quarter and noted progress that had been made with key projects.
- 2.2 Cabinet welcomed the Local Growth Fund announcement from South-East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) that Northampton Borough Council's Vulcan Works project would be awarded funding in 2016/17.
- 2.3 Cabinet, subject to formal confirmation of the Local Growth Fund award from SEMLEP, as per paragraph 2.2 above, agreed that up to the full value of the said award may be borrowed via Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership (NEP), from the Public Works Loan Board, to allow the Vulcan Works project to immediately progress to its construction phase and noted that the loan was to be repaid when SEMLEP's Local Growth Fund award becomes available in 2016/17.
- 2.4 Cabinet agreed that the council makes a cash contribution to the Vulcan Works project of £650,000 from resources available to the 2016/17 capital programme.
- 2.5 Cabinet delegated to the Director of Customers and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, authority to award a contract for detail design work for the refurbishment and expansion of Northampton Museum and Art Gallery and to award other contracts as necessary for completion of the proposed works.
- 2.6 Cabinet affirmed its support for the Museum of Leathercraft and made a commitment to finding a suitable location for it within the Cultural Quarter.

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## **9. GREYFRIARS SITE DEVELOPMENT - PROGRESS REPORT AND PROPOSED WAY FORWARD**

- 2.1 Cabinet noted the current progress being made with the demolition and clearance of the site.
- 2.2 Cabinet approved the commissioning of a "concept plan" for the Greyfriars site within the timescale outlined in the report, in order to help bring the site forward for development.
- 2.3 Cabinet agreed that plans are commenced for a new improved facility for coaches on the west island site of Greyfriars to act as a small

transport hub within the site to complement North Gate and replace the Victoria Street Coach Stop.

- 2.4 Cabinet agreed that a further report be brought to Cabinet in due course.

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### **10. NORTHAMPTON WATERSIDE ENTERPRISE ZONE (NWEZ)**

- 2.1 Cabinet noted the progress made to date.
- 2.2 Cabinet approved an additional budget of £428,971 to bring forward prioritised infrastructure works within the EZ. This was following a request made to the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership EZ Board. This expenditure was forward funded by NBC from the New Homes Bonus Reserve and would be repaid through uplift in business rates.

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### **11. STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS**

- 2.1 Cabinet approved the principle of the acquisition by this Council of the freehold interest in the property in Northampton to bring forward additional housing.
- 2.2 Cabinet delegated to the Director of Regeneration Enterprise and Planning the power to approve suitable terms of the acquisition in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Enterprise and Planning subject to full due diligence
- 2.3 Cabinet approved the inclusion in the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme for 2015/16 of funding up to £750,000 to support the acquisition subject to further investigation, due diligence and production of the business case.