



## CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2015

## DECISIONS

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Markham (Chair); Councillor Hallam (Deputy Chair); Councillors Bottwood, Hadland, Eldred, Hibbert and King Bottwood, Eldred, Hadland, Hallam, Hibbert and King.
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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 21 October 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>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015</u>
<b>DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:</b>	<u>27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 AT 17:00 HOURS</u>

### Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Panel - Poverty in the Town

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<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Declaration/Conflict of Interests:</b>
	None

#### **8. CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY PANEL - IMPACT OF THE WELFARE REFORM ACT**

1. Cabinet accepted recommendations included in the Overview and Scrutiny report "Impact of the Welfare Reform Act".
2. Cabinet formally congratulated the Scrutiny Panel for their commitment to evaluating and mitigating the impact of the Welfare Reform Act on the public and council employees, their commitment to improving the customer experience and the high quality and comprehensive report produced and thanked for the time and effort given to produce it

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<b>Item No</b>	None

## **9. SITES IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE**

1. Cabinet noted the progress made to date.
2. Cabinet approved the Council to take a lease of up to 30,000 sq ft of space at Four Waterside on terms to be agreed by the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning and Cabinet Member for Finance.
3. Cabinet delegated authority for the delivery of Four Waterside to the Director of Regeneration and Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning and Cabinet Member for Finance.
4. Cabinet noted the funding source for the lease, if required, would be Business Rates Uplift from the Waterside Enterprise Zone.
5. Cabinet agreed that New Home Bonus monies, if required, could be used to forward fund the development in advance of receiving the Business Rates Uplift through the Waterside Enterprise Zone.

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<b>Item No</b>	None

## **10. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHAMPTON**

1. Cabinet authorised the undertaking of consultation on the introduction of Public Spaces Protection Orders under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report
2. Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Executive and the Director of Customers and Communities to take all actions necessary to undertake the consultation.

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<b>Item No</b>	None

## **11. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL LETTING AGENCY**

1. Cabinet approved the principle of establishing a social lettings agency.
2. Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive the authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to establish a social lettings agency that would operate as part of the Housing and Wellbeing Service, subject to due diligence and the production of a detailed

business case that would be signed-off by the Section 151 Officer.

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<b>Item No</b>	None

## **12. DELAPRE ABBEY RESTORATION PROJECT**

1. Cabinet gave approval for the Council to increase the capital contribution towards the restoration of Delapre Abbey, and approved the funding sources as identified in table 1 of the report. The existing capital contribution during the restoration was £5,650,000. Additional monies of £525,000 would be required to ensure that the project be delivered successfully.
2. Cabinet gave approval for the provision of capped revenue funding to the sum of £150,000 in the form of a grant required by DAPT prior to their operational phase. This would firstly to be funded from any regeneration underspends in the current 15/16 budget, then from the Regeneration Directorate revenue reserves if required.
3. Cabinet gave approval for the provision of revenue funding to the sum of £100,000 in the form of a capped loan facility required by DAPT to ensure that in-year deficits within their Business Plan are cash-flowed in the initial stages of their operation. This would be funded from existing NBC resources, which would be replenished by the repayments received from DAPT.
4. Cabinet approved to cash flow the £812,000 fundraising requirements which form part of the overall Phase 1 works, in the short-medium term which would be the responsibility of DAPT to fundraise prior to opening. The monies would have to be repaid by DAPT from future operational surpluses.
5. Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning and Chief Finance Officer to agree final terms and conditions regarding monies to be given to DAPT for the pre-opening cash flow requirements and operational support monies (within the capped amounts), and to agree the conditions regarding the cash flowing of £812,000 fundraising requirements, as outlined within the report.

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<b>Item No</b>	None

## **13. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB**

1. Cabinet approved the principle of providing a secured loan to NCCC.
2. Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive the authority, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Leader of the Council, to approve

the amounts, up to a maximum of £250,000, and terms of any loan finance arrangements on a basis that takes into full account the matters set out at 3.2 of this report.