

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

Wednesday, 11 June 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Mackintosh (Chair); Councillors Bottwood, Eldred, Hadland and Hallam

APOLOGIES:

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Markham.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April 2014 were agreed and signed by the Leader.

3. INTENTION TO HOLD PART OF THE MEETING IN PRIVATE

There were no items to be held in private.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

6. CREATION OF A CREATIVE INDUSTRIES HUB

The Leader submitted a report which sought, in principle, an agreement to redevelop the former Vulcan works for the creation of a creative industries hub in the town's Cultural Quarter. He commented that this would enhance the cultural quarter within the Enterprise Zone and would see the creation of over 200 jobs in the regenerated area.

RESOLVED:

1. That in principle the redevelopment of the former Vulcan Works for the creation of a creative industries hub provided funding is secured from external funding sources, including the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) was agreed.
2. That a detailed business case be developed that demonstrates the viability and long term sustainability of the proposed creative industries hub was agreed.
3. That a funding package be developed to meet the £6.5m estimated cost of redeveloping the Vulcan Works was agreed.
4. That an application for funding, entailing the development of detailed plans and drawings, be made to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and other external funding sources was agreed.
5. That authority be delegated to the Director of Customers and Communities, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to:

- i. Authorise the council's application to the ERDF to obtain funding for the redevelopment of the Vulcan Works, including approval of the business case upon which the ERDF funding application will be contingent.
- ii. Award tenders, in accordance with the Council's procurement policy, for consultancy, construction and other goods and services, required for the successful redevelopment of the Vulcan Works, as set out in this report.
- iii. Put in place governance arrangements for the effective operation and management of the redeveloped Vulcan Works.
- iv. Do all that is reasonably necessary to progress the redevelopment of the Vulcan Works through to completion, provided such actions are generally consistent with the proposal to redevelop the Vulcan Works set out in this report and are in accordance with council policies and procedures.

7. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE CONSULTATION

Councillor Hadland submitted a report and commented that this was the next stage in the adoption of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). He explained that they were now in a position for the Draft Charging Schedule to be issued for a 6 week consultation and a further report would be bought back in October (2014) outlining the results of consultation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the content of the CIL Draft Charging Schedule as set out in the attached report and that the Draft Charging Schedule be published for 6 weeks public consultation be agreed.
2. That a further report be submitted to Cabinet in October outlining the results of the consultation and the next stages.

8. ASSET DISPOSAL PROGRAMME - 2014/15

Councillor Marriot addressed Cabinet and commented that he gave full support to the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Mason echoed the support given by Councillor Marriot.

Councillor Hadland submitted a report and commented that the report looked to approve the disposal of land, some of which was now surplus to requirements. It was noted that the map attached at Appendix 3 was quite dated and clarified that it was a parcel of land behind the Hope Centre that was being disposed of.

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be given to the disposal of the freehold interests in the properties being;
 - (a) Office and premises at 14 Fish Street.
 - (b) Offices at 37 Harborough Road and nearby closed public conveniences.
 - (c) Land at Ash Street(identified edged red upon the plans at Appendices 1-3 of the report)

2. That it delegated to the Director of Regeneration Enterprise and Planning authority to approve the terms of the disposal, in each case, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Enterprise and Planning.

The meeting concluded at 6.06pm