

# **NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **CABINET**

**Wednesday, 10 September 2014**

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

### **1. APOLOGIES**

There were none.

### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 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 on private.

### **4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

There were none.

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **6. ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

#### **6.A MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING (INCLUDING HIMOS)**

Councillor Mason addressed Cabinet and stated that she had been a member of the Scrutiny Panel, stating that she fully supported the report and the recommendations made and noted that it was important for all HIMO's to be located and welcomed the important work that had been undertaken.

Councillor Lane as the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny submitted his report and thanked the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel 2 for their work, including the 14 recommendations contained within the report which he asked Cabinet to consider.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted and a response would be given at a future Cabinet meeting.

### **7. WELLINGBOROUGH ROAD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)**

The Leader submitted a report and elaborated thereon. He explained the importance of working alongside businesses and stated that NBC would be supporting and voting 'yes' for the BID.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the proposal to establish a BID for Wellingborough Road and Abington Square be welcomed.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to:
  - 2.2.1 authorise proceeding to a BID ballot subject to the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003 and the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004;
  - 2.2.2 in the event of a successful BID ballot:
    - a) determine if the Wellingborough Road and Abington Square BID business plan is fit for purpose and decide whether to exercise the Council's power of veto pursuant to section 51 of the Local Government Act 2003 and Regulation 12 of the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004;
    - b) approve the Operating Agreement with the Wellingborough Road and Abington Square BID Company and the entering into of the Operating Agreement; and
    - c) take, when reasonable and appropriate, any incidental actions necessary to assist and support the Wellingborough Road and Abington Square BID during its five-year duration.
3. That the Council will vote 'Yes' in the BID ballot on any hereditaments for which the Council is the rateable occupier within the proposed Wellingborough Road and Abington Square BID area.
4. That in the event of a successful BID ballot, the Council will not exercise its authority to charge the Wellingborough Road and Abington Square BID Company for the collection of its levy.
5. That in the event of a successful BID ballot, the intention to provide £20,000 worth of support per annum to Wellingborough Road and Abington Square BID in the form of in kind assistance or contributions, for its five year duration, subject to its satisfactory performance in accordance with its business plan.

## **8. EXTENSION TO NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY**

Councillor Eldred, as the relevant Cabinet Member, submitted a report to seek the agreement to substantially extend Northampton Museum and Art Gallery.

The Leader expressed the importance between cultural development and regeneration.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be agreed in principle to the extension of Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, in general accordance with the plans at appendix 1 of the report.
2. That, in order to facilitate the extension of Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, it be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, authority to submit applications for funding to external funding bodies and, in doing so, to incur expenditure necessary to the development bids of the necessary standard and quality, funded by monies received from the sale of the statue of

Sekhemka.

3. That, in order to facilitate the extension of Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, it be delegated to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, authority to negotiate the acquisition from Northamptonshire County Council of the Gaol Block of County Hall, coloured purple on the plan attached at appendix 2 of the report, using funds received from the sale of the statue of Sekhemka, at a price that is no more than the independently assessed market value of the property.
4. That, in order to facilitate the extension of Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, once a robust business case has been developed that supports the proposed acquisition, it be delegated to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, authority to negotiate the acquisition from Northamptonshire County Council of the Guildhall Road Block of County Hall, coloured blue on the plan attached at appendix 2 of the report, using prudential borrowing or another appropriate source of funding, at a price that is no more than the independently assessed market value of the property and subject to obtaining appropriate further approvals as necessary.
5. That, in order to progress the extension of Northampton Museum and Art Gallery through to completion, it be delegated to the Director of Customers and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, authority to take all reasonable steps, provided such steps are generally consistent with the proposals set out in this report and are in accordance with council policies and procedures.

## **9. REFURBISHMENT ABINGTON PARK MUSEUM**

Councillor Eldred, as the relevant Cabinet Member, submitted a report and elaborated thereon.

The Leader commented that he was very keen to see Abington Park Museum restored.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be agreed in principle to the development of a proposal for the restoration of Abington Park Museum.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Customers and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, to develop and submit bids to external bodies to secure funding for the restoration of Abington Park Museum.

## **10. LOAN TO UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON (THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD)**

Councillor Hadland, as the relevant Cabinet Member, submitted a report and noted that the development of the new waterside campus was one of the most exciting developments in the town centre and was delighted to offer support to the University.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That a third party loan to the University of Northampton to the value of £46m, under

the Government's initiative through the Public Works Loans Board which provides a concessionary rate of borrowing (the "project rate") for one key infrastructure project nominated by the Local Enterprise Partnership, SEMLEP be approved.

2. That the inclusion of the loan at 2.1 in the Council's capital programme be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader the authority to take all actions reasonably necessary to progress this project.

#### **11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2013-14**

Councillor Bottwood, as the relevant Cabinet Member, submitted a report and elaborated thereon. It was report that noted compliance has been monitored during the year and no breaches of compliance had been recorded.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That it be recommended to Council that the Council's treasury management performance for 2013-14 be noted.

#### **12. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30TH JUNE 2014**

Councillor Bottwood, as the relevant Cabinet Member, submitted a report and elaborated thereon.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
2. That the changes to the 2014-15 General Fund Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report be approved.
3. That the revised General Fund Capital Programme totalling £33.011m, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report be approved.
4. That the intention to vire over-recovered Development Control income budget of £250k into the existing Business Incentive Scheme budget (paragraph 3.2.3.4 of the report) be noted.
5. That the funded supplementary estimate of £50k approved by the Chief Finance Officer. (Para 3.2.3.5 of the report) be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.07pm.