

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

Wednesday, 14 October 2020

**PRESENT:** Councillor Nunn (Chair); Councillor Larratt (Deputy Chair); Councillors Eldred, Hadland, Hallam, J Hill, Hibbert and King

### **APOLOGIES:**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

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

There were none.

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

Councillor Anna King declared an interest in Item 8 (Capital Update for Leisure) as a Director of Northampton Leisure Trust and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

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

There were no issues arising from Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

#### **7. FURTHER UPDATES TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

Councillor Hill as the relevant Cabinet Member submitted his report outlining further updates to the Local Development Scheme (LDS), which was the project management scheme for the Local Plan Part 2. The update was required for two reasons. Firstly, the Round 2 consultation period had been extended for two weeks to allow time for organisations to sign off responses during the holiday period (3.2.2). Secondly, the introduction of new Use Class E from 1 September 2020 had impacted the wording of policies in the emerging Local Plan and time had been needed to address these (3.2.3).

The revised timings for submission of the Local Plan Part 2 (expected to be January/February 2021) were set out in Appendix 1.

### **RESOLVED:**

Cabinet:

2.1 Approved the new Northampton Borough Local Development Scheme and brought it into immediate effect.

#### **8. CAPITAL UPDATE FOR LEISURE - FIXED PLANT AND MACHINERY RENEWAL FOR DANES CAMP, MOUNTS BATHS AND LINGS FORUM**

*Having declared an interest as a Director of Northampton Leisure Trust, Councillor Anna King left the meeting for the duration of this item.*

Councillor Hadland as the relevant Cabinet Member submitted his report. Cabinet had approved a budget in May 2020 to complete urgent repairs to leisure centres. The current report outlined the detail. Repairs were being scheduled for minimum disruption and a contractor (CJR) had been appointed to co-ordinate the works. In view of the anticipated limited life of Lings Forum, a payback period for repairs of no more than 5 years had been set. The first tender process would focus on replacement of the failed Mounts Baths boilers, allowing the hired-in boilers to be removed.

**RESOLVED:**

Cabinet:

- 2.1 Delegated authority to the Acting Director of Economy and Assets, in consultation with the Borough Secretary, Chief Finance Officer and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise to appoint the contractors for the work to the fixed plant, machinery and associated building elements of Danes Camp, Mounts Baths and Lings Forum following the completion of the tender processes.
- 2.2 Approved a legal budget of up to a maximum of £25,000 if deemed necessary by the Acting Director of Economy and Assets in consultation with and the approval of the Borough Secretary to procure external legal expertise in construction in connection with the works proposed herein to the Leisure Centres.

The meeting concluded at 6:10 pm