

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 MAY 2021

Present:

Councillor Alex Dale (Chair)
Councillor Charlotte Cupit (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mark Foster
Councillor Paul Parkin
Councillor Carolyn Renwick

Councillor Jeremy Kenyon
Councillor Alan Powell

Also Present:

L Hickin	Joint Director of Corporate Resources and Head of Paid Service
J Dethick	Head of Finance and Resources, Section 151 Officer
K Shillitto	Solicitor & Deputy Monitoring Officer
K Apps	Head of Economic Growth, Regeneration & Housing Delivery
M E Derbyshire	Members ICT & Training Officer
A Maher	Senior Governance Officer

CAB/ Apologies for Absence

1/21-

22 There were no apologies for absence.

CAB/ Declarations of Interest

2/21-

22 There were no Declarations of Interest.

CAB/ Minutes of Last Meeting

3/21-

22 RESOLVED - The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2021 were approved as a true record.

CAB/ Urgent Items (Public Session)

4/21-

22 There were no urgent items.

CAB/ Exclusion of Public

5/21-

22 RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 & 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006). [The category of exempt information is stated after each item].

CAB/ Housing Strategy and Economic Development Services Restructure

6/21-

22 The report to Cabinet asked Members to endorse the proposed restructure of the Housing Strategy and Economic Development Services within the Growth and

Economic Development Directorate.

Cabinet heard how the proposed arrangements would enable the Services to work more effectively, provide better strategic housing management and allow work to take place on regenerating the District's town centres and promoting Visitor Economy, in line with the Council Plan 2019-23 objectives.

Cabinet discussed and supported the restructure proposals. Members agreed to recommend to Council that the new arrangements be funded through the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Cabinet endorsed the proposed restructure of the Housing Strategy and Economic Development Services within the Growth and Economic Development Directorate.
- (2) That Council be recommended to approve the change and resultant growth required to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), as specified in the report.

REASONS FOR DECISION - The restructure will enable the objectives set out in the Council Plan for improving housing, creating a Business-friendly District and promoting the Visitor Economy to be more effectively delivered. The restructure will also ensure that specialist expertise can be used to carry out regeneration projects across the District's town centres.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED - The option of not restructuring the Housing and Economic Development services was considered but rejected. The current structure cannot provide the capacity to effectively achieve the Council's Housing and Economic Development objectives.

(Paragraph 1)

**CAB/
7/21-
22** **Update on Clay Cross Town Deal**

The report to Cabinet updated Members on the Clay Cross Town Deal. As part of this, Members heard that the Clay Cross Town Deal Board (CCTDB) and Cabinet would now have to prioritise those projects to go forward into Phase 2 of the Towns Fund process for funding.

Cabinet discussed the report and the actions that would now need to be taken to ensure further progress. Members reflected on the successful grant application and the more than £24 Million which had been secured to help improve Clay Cross and benefit its communities. At the conclusion of the discussion, there was a consensus that the proposed ten priority projects identified in the Clay Cross Town Investment Plan, should be supported and that the necessary action be now taken, so that they can progress to the next stage of the Town Fund process.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Cabinet endorsed the approach taken by the Clay Cross Town Deal Board, as set out in the report.
- (2) That Cabinet endorsed the ten projects identified in the Clay Cross Town Investment Plan as specified in the report and agreed that a full business case for these projects be now prepared.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To ensure that the business case for these projects can be developed in line with the timetable requirements for the allocation of Town Fund grant aid.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED - No other options were considered.

(Paragraph 3)

CAB/ Urgent Items (Private Session)

**8/21-
22**

There were no urgent items.