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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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CABINET

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020

Andrea Woodside

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Chair

Councillor Shabir Pandor

Councillors Attended

Councillor Viv Kendrick

Councillor Musarrat Khan

Councillor Naheed Mather

Councillor Peter McBride

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillor Cathy Scott

Councillor Graham Turner

Councillor Rob Walker

Observers

Councillor Andrew Cooper

Councillor David Hall

Councillor Aleks Lukic

Councillor Andrew Marchington

Councillor John Taylor

1: Membership of Cabinet

To receive apologies for absence from Cabinet Members who are unable to attend this meeting.

All Cabinet Members were present.

2: Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

No interests were declared.

3: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

It was noted that exempt information was provided at Agenda Item 12.

4: Questions by Elected Members (Oral Questions)

Cabinet will receive any questions from Elected Members (via remote access).

In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 2.3 (2.3.1.6) a period of up to 30 minutes will be allocated

Cabinet received questions from Councillors Cooper, D Hall, Lukic, Marchington and Taylor.

Responses were provided by the Leader and/or Cabinet Members.

5: Questions by Members of the Public (Written Questions)

Due to current covid-19 restrictions, Members of the Public may submit written questions to the Leader and/or Cabinet Members.

Any questions should be emailed to executive.governance@kirklees.gov.uk no later than 10.00am on 20 May 2020.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5), the period allowed for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Cabinet received written questions from members of the public.

Responses were provided by the Leader and/or Cabinet Members.

6: Ad Hoc Scrutiny Report - Future arrangements for the Council's Residential Housing Stock

To receive the findings report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Future arrangements for the Council’s residential housing stock.

Contact: Carol Tague - Democracy Manager (Governance & Democratic Engagement)

That (i) the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel (Future Arrangements for the Council’s Residential Housing Stock) and (ii) the responses as set out within the Action Plan at Appendix 3 of the report, be received and noted.

7: COVID-19 - Impact upon Council finances

To receive an update on the impact of COVID-19 upon the Council’s finances, broader local government sectoral impact, national Government financial support to date, and emerging actions taken/required in light of the above.

Contact – Eamonn Croston, Service Director (Finance)

That the report be received and noted.

8: Devolution Deal for West Yorkshire - Review, Scheme and Consultation

To consider a report seeking endorsement of the Governance Review and approval that a public consultation exercise is undertaken on the draft scheme by Constituent Councils and the Combined Authority.

Contact: Julie Muscroft – Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning)

- 1) That the Governance Review at Appendix 1 of the considered report be noted, and that its conclusions be endorsed, including that an Order under S104 and S105 in relation to the changes to the constitutional arrangements considered in the Review, and the delegation of additional functions to the Combined Authority, would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in relation to the Combined Authority’s area.
- 2) That the draft scheme for the establishment of the Mayoral Combined Authority, as attached at Appendix 2 of the considered report, be noted.
- 3) That a public consultation exercise be undertaken on the proposals contained within the Scheme, as attached at Appendix 3 of the considered report.
- 4) That it be agreed that (i) engagement with the Combined Authority with other constituent Councils should progress as set out within the report, pursuant to (1) to (3) above and (ii) the Managing Director of the

Combined Authority shall, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Leader of this Council, be authorised to take any steps to finalise the Scheme and progress the public consultation exercise.

- 5) That the updated timetable and next steps, as set out at Appendix 4 of the considered report (subject to approval by the Constituent Councils and Combined Authority) be noted, including the submission of a summary of the consultation responses to the Secretary of State in August/September 2020 and subsequently consent to any draft Order in September 2020 so that a mayoral combined authority model and associated changes may be adopted and implemented by May 2021, as set out in the Deal.
- 6) That this decision shall be exempt from call-in on the grounds of urgency, as detailed at para 3.6 of the considered report, with the agreement of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

9: 2020/2021 Road Surfacing Programme - Large Schemes over £250k

To consider a programme of road resurfacing schemes for 2020/2021.

Contact: Daniel Smith, Principal Engineer

That approval be given to the large scheme road surfacing programme.

10: The Huddersfield Blueprint – Land Assembly

To consider the options available to the Council for the acquisition of property to help deliver regeneration of one of six key areas in The Huddersfield Blueprint, and a proposed course of action to achieve that.

Contact: Richard Hollinson/Peter Steniulis, Economy and Infrastructure

- 1) That approval be given to the acquisition of the property as illustrated within the exempt location plan and site plan red line boundary, for up to a purchase price as detailed within exempt Appendix A (para. 3.6.3).
- 2) That approval be given to the required capital finding for the property acquisition and the planning consultancy from the Strategic Acquisition Fund in the Council's approved Capital Plan for 2020/21, if external funding is either delayed or not forthcoming.
- 3) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Economy and Infrastructure) and Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning) to negotiate and agree terms for the acquisition of the property as identified within the exempt appendix subject to contract, clean and marketable title free from any encumbrances, structural/condition surveys of the property, and vacant possession.
- 4) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning) to enter into and execute any agreements or instruments relating to the acquisition of the property identified in the exempt appendix.
- 5) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Economy and Skills)

to undertake the strategic and operational management of the property following acquisition, alongside the Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning)

- 6) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Economy and Skills) to apply for planning permission and any other statutory consents that may be required to develop that property in line with the feasibility report within the exempt appendix.

11: Exclusion of the Public

To resolve that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Determined.

12: The Huddersfield Blueprint - Land Assembly

Exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

It is considered that the disclosure of the information would be contrary to confidential terms and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness and transparency in relation to public expenditure in the council's decision making.

An exempt appendix in relation to Agenda Item 10.

(The exempt information was considered and noted prior to the determination of Agenda Item 10.)