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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Friday 16th September 2016

Present: Councillor David Sheard (Chair)
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Masood Ahmed
Councillor Graham Turner

Apologies: Councillor Shabir Pandor
Councillor Naheed Mather

Observers: Councillor Mohan Sokhal, Labour - Group Business
Manager

32 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mather and Pandor.

33 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meetings held on 23 August 2016 be approved as a correct record.

34 Interests

No interests were declared.

35 Admission of the Public

It was noted that Agenda Item 11 would be considered in private session (Minute No. 42 refers).

36 Deputations/Petitions

Cabinet received representations from Keith Waddington, Gary Ward and Richard Kaye in respect of Agenda Item 8 (Minute No. 39 refers).

37 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

38 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

39 Initial Strategic Masterplan - Bradley Park

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, Cabinet received representations from Keith Waddington, Gary Ward and Richard Kaye on behalf of Bradley Park Golf Club).

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which set out details of the initial strategic masterplan for Bradley Park, following the Council's commissioning of the work to shape the development of the site. The report advised that the masterplan set out a draft vision for the scope, design and context of development of the site and illustrated how the site had the potential to deliver up to 2000 high quality new homes. The report explained that the new homes were necessary in order to support the ongoing Local Plan process, and also demonstrated that it was possible to retain over 40% of the existing natural environment at the site which could be accessed for the use of leisure and recreation.

Cabinet noted that the masterplan was currently only illustrative of possible options for developing the site over the 15 year timeframe of the Local Plan if the site was to be allocated for housing in the Local Plan. In the event that the site is allocated, each pattern of development would be consulted on with a full range of key stakeholders, following the adoption of the Local Plan.

The report set out an overview of the existing site and the overall vision of the masterplan, which focused upon the creation of a central green corridor and a balance of development across the site, promoting environmental sustainability, high landscape value and the provision of recreational greenspace to serve the local and wider community. A plan illustrating the proposed land use was attached at Appendix A of the considered report.

The report explained that, if approved, the next stage of the process would be to submit the proposed masterplan allocation through the Local Plan process, to continue to determine what facilities may be appropriate for the site in terms of sports provision, to continue dialogue with the adjoining landowner, and to continue

to develop the detailed master-planning of the site including consultation with stakeholders and potential development partners.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the principles of the Initial Strategic Masterplan for Bradley Park be approved.

(2) That the proposed process for developing a strategic approach to sports provision for North Huddersfield, including the Bradley Park site, be approved.

(3) That approval be given to the Council, acting in its role as landowner, using the existing masterplan to support the potential site allocation as part of the Local Plan process, and delegating authority to officers to commission any necessary work to achieve this.

40 Future Direction of Looking local

Cabinet received a report which set out a number of options in relation to the future direction of Looking Local in the context of the Mid-Term Financial Plan. Cabinet noted that Looking Local had been in operation since 2005 and had consistently delivered a financial surplus to the Council, in addition to securing considerable investments from grants, the EU and other funding sources which have directly or indirectly benefited Kirklees. The report advised that due to public sector financial pressures, the core revenue had shrunk considerably over the past two years and that the financial surplus fell short at the end of 2015/2016. As this situation was expected to worsen in 2016/2017, Cabinet were asked to consider future options which were set out within the exempt report at Agenda Item 11, and which detailed the commercial and financial issues.

RESOLVED -

(1) That Option 4, as detailed in Agenda Item 11, be approved.

(2) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Customer and Exchequer Services) and the Assistant Director (Legal and Governance) to hold detailed discussions with the incumbent suppliers and their advisors in order to (i) transfer Intellectual Property Rights and other assets in return for a shareholding in a new company established to run Looking Local (ii) novate and/or assign current contracts in accordance with existing terms and conditions in order to achieve the new arrangements (iii) enter into all relevant contractual agreements with the new entity in order to protect the Council interest in the Company and the benefit of Intellectual Property rights (iv) agree the governance and performance monitoring arrangements including but not limited to a shareholder's agreement which sets out relevant governance arrangements to ensure the Council's shareholding in the new company is adequately protected.

(Cabinet gave consideration to exempt information at agenda item 14 (Minute No. 42 refers) prior to the determination of this item.)

41 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED - That acting under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as specifically stated in the under mentioned minutes.

42 Future direction of Looking Local

(Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that disclosure of the information could adversely affect overall value for money and compromise commercial confidentiality of the incumbent suppliers and therefore the public interest in maintaining the exemption, which would protect the rights of an individual or the Council, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness in Council decision making.)

Cabinet gave consideration to commercially sensitive information as set out within the report prior to the consideration and determination of Agenda Item 9.

RESOLVED - Cabinet received exempt information in relation to Agenda Item 9 prior to the determination of that item.