

## CABINET

At a meeting of Cabinet held on  
26 May 2021

(Present) **Councillor Baines (Chair)**  
**Councillors Bell, Bond, Bowden, Burns, Charlton,**  
**Gomez-Aspron, Groucutt, McCauley and Quinn**

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### 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### 2 **MINUTES**

\* **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 April 2021 be approved and signed.**

### 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

No declarations of interest from Members were made.

### 4 **ST HELENS BOROUGH LIBRARIES STRATEGY CONSULTATION DRAFT**

A report was submitted which set out the strategic direction of the service for the next five years, ensuring that Libraries continued to support the delivery of the Borough Strategy.

The vision was to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century Library Service that was inclusive, vibrant, valued, sustainable, responsive to customer needs and at the heart of the borough's communities.

The Library Strategy had an agreed set of key priorities that were aligned to national outcomes, the Council's ambitions and wider priorities for the Borough. It provided a clear and ambitious vision, placing Library services as an enabler which supported St Helens Borough's post Covid-19 recovery plans and was core to the delivery of the Locality Place Strategy. Responsibility for delivery of the Strategy would be a shared responsibility between the Council and its partners.

The Cabinet was informed that the decision was a Key Decision and details had been published in accordance with the provisions within the Constitution.

\* **Resolved that:**

(1) **the Draft St Helens Borough Libraries Strategy be approved; and**

(2) **a process of public consultation for a period of twelve week be approved.**

### 5 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

\* **Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item for the reason stated:**

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<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Reason (Under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
6 & 7	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The following Minute was a Key Decision but notice had not been given in the Public Notice of Key Decisions. The Cabinet was able to make a decision in relation to the item as the provisions relating to the General Exceptions in the Council's Constitution had been met.

### **6 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DOMESTIC LIFTS AND CEILING TRACK HOISTS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

A report was submitted which presented Cabinet with a request for a contract extension with the Fusion21 framework and the award of a contract to Prism UK Medical Ltd Service for the provision of the installation and maintenance of domestic lifts and hoist provision in the borough.

\* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the continued use of the Fusion21 framework agreement be agreed for a further 4-year period (with options to extend 1 year + 1 year) from May 2021 to procure the installation and maintenance of domestic lifts and hoists; and**
- (2) **a 4-year contract be awarded (with option to extend of 1 year + 1 year) to Prism UK Medical Ltd Service to commence from May 2021 following a competitive tender exercise of suppliers on the Framework.**

### **7 DECISION OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION GROUP MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2021**

Cabinet at its meeting held on 24 February 2021 approved a revised Land and Property Acquisition Strategy. As part of the Strategy, it was necessary to put in place an Acquisition Protocol which would enable the Council to move quickly in order to take advantage of commercial opportunities. Cabinet recommended to Council an amendment to the constitution for the establishment of a Land & Property Acquisition Group(LPAG) with the necessary level of delegation.

At the meeting of Council held on 3 March 2021, it was agreed to amend the constitution to establish a new Land and Property Acquisition Group and to have delegated to it all relevant powers of the Council in order that it may carry out the aims and objectives of the Land & Property Acquisition Strategy.

The LPAG met on 26 April 2021 and the Minutes of the meeting were attached for Cabinet to note.

\* **Resolved that the Minutes of the Land and Property Acquisition Group held on 26 April 2021 be noted.**