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At a meeting of Cabinet held on
6 October 2021

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

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

36 MINUTES

* **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 September 2021 be approved and signed.**

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No declarations of interest from Members were made.

38 PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

A report was submitted which informed Cabinet that each year, one of the roles of the Director of Public Health was to write an Annual Report. The focus of this year's Report was the Covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of the 2020/21 Report was to capture the key events of the pandemic and make recommendations for the future.

At the end of each of the chapters there were recommendations, some of which were for St Helens, such as to focus on how to reduce inequalities and to build on the St Helens Together legacy. Other recommendations were for the national system; such as for Public Health to be a key part of the emergency response going forward and the potential for more of the health protection to be delivered at the local level.

* **Resolved that the Public Health Annual Report be noted.**

39 REFRESH OF CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

A report was submitted which sought Cabinet's approval of proposed changes to the Contract Procedure Rules.

Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) form part of the Council's Constitution and provided the governance structure to commission or procure works, goods, and services in a way that was compliant with legislative and regulatory responsibilities. They clearly outlined roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority, that ensured procurement practices are fair, transparent and achieve value for money.

The current CPRs, had been amended periodically to respond to changes within the Council, such as structure changes, as well as incorporate updates to legislation and regulations. This had led to them becoming lengthy and increasingly complex.

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The new CPRs had been made more concise to make it easier for users to use, with relevant detail being removed and incorporated into new guidance and training. The rules had also been reorganised to align with the procurement processes and practices, making it simpler for users to understand each stage of the process and the associated rules. In addition, some elements of the rules had been revised to incorporate best practice to reduce administration, retain assurance, and embed social value.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the revised Contract Procedure Rules be approved;**
- (2) **Council be recommended to adopt the revised Contract Procedure Rules for inclusion in Part 4 of the Constitution; and**
- (3) **the Executive Director, Corporate Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Governance, be delegated authority to update the Contract Procedure Rules with any future regulatory or legislative changes.**

40 ST HELENS TOWN DEAL – UPDATE AND PROJECT CONFIRMATION DOCUMENTS

A report was submitted which informed Cabinet of an update and project confirmation documents for the St Helens Town Deal.

The St Helens Town Deal and the related Town Investment Plan was submitted to Government at the end of January 2021. Non-binding Heads of Terms for the subsequent award of £25m and the requisite submission of Project Confirmation Documents had been agreed by the Town Deal Board, for which respective Cabinet endorsement and approval were now sought.

Future tasks involved the development of Full Business Cases (FBCs) for each project under proposed delegation and utilisation of the Town fund capacity resource to provide a dedicated programme management resource.

The report sought endorsement to the non-binding Heads of terms for the award of £25m and approval to the requisite submission of Project Confirmation Documents that had been agreed by the Town Deal Board. Full Business Cases (FBCs) shall then be developed for each project under proposed delegation and utilisation of the Town fund capacity resource to provide a dedicated programme management resource.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the Heads of Terms for the Town Deal award of £25m be endorsed;**
- (2) **the submission of the Project Confirmation Documents at Appendix B be approved following endorsement by the Town Deal Board at its meeting on the 22 September 2021;**
- (3) **the business case development of the Town Deal projects be delegated to the Executive Director, Place Services, in**

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consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning;

- (4) it be noted that each business case will be brought for future Cabinet approval on a project-by-project basis, in accordance with the Councils Financial Procedure Rules; and
- (5) the 5% Towns Fund capacity resource be utilised to provide programme management and to assist in the preparation of the Full Business Case for each Town Deal project.

41 APPROVAL OF TRANSPORT GRANTS

A report was submitted which sought approval to accept the funding awards from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and Department for Transport to deliver on the priorities set out in the Borough Strategy. It also sought delegated authority to award contracts for these measures (following completion of appropriate procurement processes), and to commence public consultation processes in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transportation and Environment.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) receipt of the "Pool 1" Transport Pipeline revenue pre-development funding from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, comprising:
 - £821,000 for St Helens North Housing Access design; and
 - £701,000 for St Helens Multimodal Interchange designs be approved;
- (2) receipt of the Capability Fund allocation from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority of £284,000 revenue grant be approved;
- (3) receipt of the Traffic Signals Specific Maintenance Grant from the Department for Transport of £500,000 capital funding be approved;
- (4) submission of the Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 allocation from the Combined Authority be noted;
- (5) the Executive Director, Place Services in consultation with the Executive Director, Corporate Services, be delegated authority to award contracts to the successful bidders for completion of the works associated with the above funding, following completion of statutory procurement processes; and
- (6) the Executive Director, Place Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport be delegated authority to commence public consultation on design proposals for the above projects.

Councillor Gomez-Aspron MBE here entered the meeting and during discussion on the following item declared a personal interest.

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42 **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT AWARD**

A report was submitted which informed Cabinet on the progress of the sustainable transport and green infrastructure contract award and the recent procurement undertaken for the construction contract and to recommend acceptance of the tender for the construction works to the contractor who provided the most economically advantageous bid for this work to be undertaken.

The report outlined investment into two projects to deliver the LCR Sustainable Urban Development Strategy. The projects were improvements to Gerrards Bridge and Canal Greenway and Sankey Valley to Colliers Moss Greenway.

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 contract for the construction of St Helens Council Sustainable Transport and Green Infrastructure works be awarded to the successful Tenderer; and**
- (2) **the Executive Director, Place Services in consultation with the Executive Director, Corporate Services be delegated authority to enter this construction contract.**

43 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under Local Government Act 1972)</u>
44	Information relating to an individual in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(a).

44 **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT AWARD**

These Appendices were information on the previous report which supported the recommendation.