

## CABINET

At a Special meeting of Cabinet held on  
20 October 2021

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

**(Not Present)**            **Councillor Bell**

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### **45     APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bell.

### **46     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

No declarations of interest from Members were made.

### **47     ST HELENS TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION DRAFT**

A report was submitted which sought approval to undertake a six-week public consultation on the draft St Helens Town Centre Masterplan Development Framework.

The draft St Helens Town Centre Masterplan Development Framework had been produced to guide and support the positive transformation of the town centre, ensuring that the development coming forward was of high quality, sustainable and had the people of St Helens at its heart. It set out an ambitious long-term plan for investment in the town centre, outlining physical changes that were proposed to be delivered through implementation of the masterplan.

To accord with the recently adopted Community Engagement Strategy, it was proposed that the draft document be subject to a six-week period of consultation, ensuring that it benefits from views, opinions and feedback from the public, businesses, and visitors.

\*        **Resolved that:**

- (1)     the draft St Helens Town Centre Masterplan Development Framework, attached as Appendix A be approved; and**
- (2)     a process of public consultation for a period of six weeks in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan attached as Appendix B be approved.**

### **48     EARLESTOWN TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION DRAFT**

A report was submitted which sought approval to undertake a six-week public consultation on the draft Earlestown Town Centre Masterplan Development Framework.

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The draft Earlestown Town Centre Masterplan Development Framework had been produced to guide and encourage new development in Earlestown town centre. It set out an ambitious long-term plan for investment in the town centre, outlining physical changes that were proposed to be delivered through implementation of the masterplan.

To accord with the recently adopted Community Engagement Strategy, it was proposed that the draft document be subject to a six-week period of consultation, ensuring that it benefits from views, opinions and feedback from the public, businesses, and visitors.

\* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the draft Earlestown Town Centre Masterplan Development Framework, attached as Appendix A be approved; and**
- (2) **a process of public consultation for a period of six weeks in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan attached as Appendix B be approved.**

### **49 ESTABLISHING A GROWTH DELIVERING PROSPERITY (GDP) TEAM**

A report was submitted which sought approval to establish a dedicated team to accelerate the delivery of the Borough's ambitious growth plans. The Growth Delivering Prosperity (GDP) Team would be responsible for accelerating delivery of the priority place-based growth projects, with a focus on securing shared prosperity outcomes, environmental enhancements and tackling the boroughs existing inequalities.

\* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the establishment of a Growth Delivering Prosperity (GDP) Team within the Strategic Growth Department in accordance with the details set out in the report be approved;**
- (2) **a report to be submitted to a future meeting of Cabinet that will consider the funding mechanisms for the proposed GDP Team across the financial years 2021/22 - 2023/24 as set in Section 9.7 of this report;**
- (3) **a review of the GDP Team model be conducted as part of the budget process for 2023/24 pursuant to the consideration of future years funding mechanisms as may be appropriate following the review; and**
- (4) **the need for a recruitment campaign to promote the opportunity and attract applicants be noted.**

### **50 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

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

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.

### **51 DECISION OF LAND AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION GROUP MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2021**

A report was submitted which set out the urgent decision of the Land and Property Acquisition Group (LPAG) which met on 6 October 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 to take advantage of commercial opportunities. Cabinet recommended to Council an amendment to the constitution for the establishment of a Land & Property Acquisition Group with the necessary level of delegation.

At the meeting of Council 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.

- \* **Resolved that the minutes and urgent decision of the Land and Property Acquisition Group meetings held on 29 September and 6 October 2021 be noted.**

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