

**BOROUGH OF POOLE**

**CABINET**

**12 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Present:

Councillor Mrs Janet Walton (Chairman) (Leader of the Council)  
Councillor Mrs May Haines (Vice Chairman) (Deputy Leader of the Council)  
Councillors: Challinor, Iyengar, Potter, Rampton, Mrs K Rampton and White

The Meeting commenced at 7:00pm and finished at 7:18pm.

Also in attendance:

Councillor Farrell

Members of the public present: Approximately 5

CA26.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – AGENDA ITEM 1

There were no apologies for absence.

CA27.17 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) – AGENDA ITEM 2

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

CA28.17 DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – AGENDA ITEM 3

DECISION TAKEN

That the Decisions of the previous Meeting, held on the 11 July 2017, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting

**FOR - Unanimous**

CA29.17 PUBLIC QUESTIONS – AGENDA ITEM 4

There were no public questions.

CA30.17 CORPORATE PEER REVIEW - TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION:  
REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE – AGENDA  
ITEM 5

DECISION TAKEN

That Cabinet :

- (i) notes the Peer Review recommendation, the good progress made towards Town Centre regeneration including securing substantial Government grant funding for Poole, and the new programme team approach proposed to oversee delivery.
- (ii) approves the one-off resource allocation of an average £140k, in each of the next three years, from the Financial Planning Reserve to deliver this approach as set out in Sections 7.7 and 8.4 of the Report.
- (iii) delegates to the Head of Growth & Infrastructure authority to seek agreement from the Board of the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (DLEP) to extend the scope of its existing DLEP Programme Delivery Board to include for both Growth Deal 1 and Growth Deal 3 Town Centre based projects as part of its own overall infrastructure programme control.

**Voting**

**For: Unanimous**

Reason for the Decision

To inform Cabinet of progress being made following the recent Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge Review to help facilitate a step change in future regeneration in the Town Centre and to consider approving a resource to support the future programme, focused on delivering five thousand new homes and economic growth within the extended housing zone.

Part of the Published Forward Plan    Yes

Key Decision            Yes

Portfolio Areas        Planning, Regeneration and Economy

Discussion/Options

Councillor Potter, the Portfolio Holder, introduced this Report explaining that the progression of Town Centre Regeneration was a high priority in the Council's Corporate Strategy.

A Peer Review Challenge Team of senior representatives from other Local Authorities had visited Poole in April 2017 and, amongst other corporate matters, the Team was asked to review the Council's plans for regeneration through its leadership within the Place Theme. The Review had showed that the ambition of the Council in respect of its plans for regeneration were sound, aiming to revitalise Poole Town Centre through better use of several sub-optimal Brown Field sites, in turn assisting in Town Centre employment and the provision of new housing.

The Review Team advised that the Council's overall vision for the Town Centre could be stronger and suggested that the Council needed a stronger vision to formulate a programme of priorities, prioritised actions showing mutual independencies and better emphasising the expected community and economic benefits. The Officers had since reviewed the leadership, capability and resource to identify the Council's shortfall in moving forward with the regeneration plans and, using the Peer Review recommendation as a guide, planned to reorganise a Growth and Infrastructure resource using available funding from various sources. Councillor Potter referred Cabinet to a new more focused way of working proposed for the short to medium term, detailed within the report referring in particular to the Resource Plan at Section 7, where it was planned to establish a Regeneration Team lead by a new post of Regeneration Delivery Manager.

Cabinet was very supportive of the proposals, acknowledging all the hard work that had been put in on encouraging regeneration within the Town was coming to fruition and beginning to take shape. Councillor Challinor felt that community engagement was very important as was excellent communication with partners and within the Town to assist the Council in delivery of its aims.

CA31.17 FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HOLES BAY SITE (FORMER POWER STATION SITE): REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE – AGENDA ITEM 6

DECISIONS TAKEN

1. That Cabinet approve submission of the Outline Business Case to the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (DLEP) in a bid to secure the £5m for delivery of infrastructure to the Holes Bay Site.
2. That Cabinet recommend to Council:

- (i) Acceptance of the £5m from the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership for delivery of infrastructure at the Holes Bay Site (subject to DLEP approval of the Outline Business Case)
- (ii) Delegation of the decisions associated with the formation of the grant agreement between the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership and Dorset County Council and the Council relating to the £5m for delivery of infrastructure on the Holes Bay Site to the Head of Growth and Infrastructure Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Heads of Financial Services, Legal and Democratic Services and the Chief Executive Officer
- (iii) Approval and delegation of authority to the Head of Growth and Infrastructure Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Heads of Financial Services, Legal and Democratic Services and the Chief Executive Officer to spend £5m on delivery of infrastructure at the Holes Bay Site
- (iv) Delegation of approval to the Head of Growth and Infrastructure Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Heads of Financial Services, Legal and Democratic Services and the Chief Executive Officer, to form a legal agreement with the owners and/or development partners of the former power station site to facilitate payments to them for the delivery of infrastructure with a ceiling of £5m Public Sector funding as outlined in Appendix A.

### **Voting**

**For: Unanimous**

### **Reason for the Decision**

To seek Cabinet approval for the acceptance of the £5 million from the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership for delivery of infrastructure at the Holes Bay Site and to seek Council approval for the necessary delegations and acceptance of the Business Case to ensure the delivery of infrastructure for the purpose of making the Site financially viable for development.

**Part of the Published Forward Plan**    Yes

**Key Decision**        Yes

**Portfolio Areas**    Planning, Regeneration and Economy

### **Discussion/Options**

Councillor Potter, the Portfolio Holder, introduced this Report, seeking Cabinet approval for the acceptance of £5 million from Dorset Local Enterprise

Partnership to unlock the important Holes Bay Site by delivery of the necessary infrastructure.

Planning applications had been received for this Site on Friday 8 September 2017. Councillor Potter congratulated the Leader of the Council, Poole's Member of Parliament and the Officers for all their hard work in successfully achieving the funding for the delivery of infrastructure to help with the viability with this Site.

CA32.17 COUNCIL BUDGET MONITORING 1 APRIL 2017 – 30 JUNE 2017: AGENDA ITEM 7

DECISIONS TAKEN

1. That Cabinet:

- (i) Note the contents of the Report
- (ii) Approve the capital virements, as detailed in Paragraph 7.3 of the Report
- (iii) Note the recommendations requiring Council approval in this Report

2. That Council:

Approve the capital virements detailed at Paragraph 7.4 of the Report

**Voting**

**For: Unanimous**

Reason for the Decision

To consider the Council's performance against budget for the period 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017.

Part of the Published Forward Plan    Yes

Key Decision            Yes

Portfolio Areas        All

Discussion/Options

Councillor Mrs Haines, the Portfolio Holder, introduced this Report explaining that the General Fund Revenue forecast at June was for a balanced position. Councillor Mrs Haines then invited Portfolio Holders to address their areas.

#### Health and Social Care

Councillor Mrs Rampton, the Portfolio Holder, referred to the construction of the Council's new residential care home at Figbury Lodge, noting that, although £10 million was quoted in this Report as the construction fee, she corrected this figure as the original, indicative estimated cost detailed in all previous reports was £10.5 million. Officers were in the process of evaluating tenders received for both care home construction and care service provision and it was likely that a proportion of the Capital Budget currently programmed for 2017/18 would need to be re-profiled for the next Financial Year.

#### Place Theme

Councillor Potter, the Portfolio Holder, referred to car parking income and the loss of car parking income at the Multi-storey Car Park due, in part, to the rescheduling of Multi-storey Car Park works which had enabled additional enhancement work to be undertaken alongside Legal and General's 18-month programme of improvement works at the Dolphin Shopping Centre. He advised that a review of all car parking income/charges was to be undertaken by the Transportation Advisory Group in November.

With regard to the Capital Programme, attention was drawn to the successful Government Grant bid from the Department for Transport's Challenge Fund to progress Highways re-surfacing schemes.

#### CA33.17 CABINET FORWARD PLAN- AGENDA ITEM 8

Cabinet noted the extract from its Forward Plan.

#### CA34.17 URGENT BUSINESS – AGENDA ITEM 9

There was no urgent business.

**CHAIRMAN**