

Record of the decisions of the meeting of the **CABINET** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 6 December 2021 at 11.00 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor T J Bartlett

Councillors: M Bates
N S Kenton
O C de R Richardson
C A Vinson

Also Present: Councillor E A Biggs
Councillor D R Friend
Councillor K Mills
Councillor C D Zosseder

Officers: Chief Executive
Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)
Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial)
Head of Commercial Services
Head of Governance and HR
Head of Investment, Growth and Tourism
Strategic Delivery Manager (Infrastructure)
Project Manager
PR and Marketing Officer
Democratic Services Officer

The formal decisions of the executive are detailed in the following schedule.

Record of Decisions: Executive Functions

Decision Status	Record of Decision	Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	Reasons for Decision	Conflicts of interest (if any) declared by decision maker(s) or consultees (if any)
CAB 57 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 14 December 2021	<u>APOLOGIES</u> There were no apologies for absence.	None.	To note any apologies for absence.	
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CAB 58 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were no declarations of interest.	None.	To note any declarations of interest.	

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CAB 59 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 14 December 2021	<u>RECORD OF DECISIONS</u> It was agreed that the decisions of the meeting held on 1 November 2021, as detailed in decision numbers CAB 48 to CAB 56, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	None.	Cabinet is required to approve the Record of Decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 November 2021.	
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CAB 60 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date	<u>ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY</u> It was agreed: (a) That the Economic Growth Strategy be adopted. (b) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial), in consultation with the Head of Investment, Growth and Tourism and the Leader of the Council, to further amend, edit and adapt the Economic Growth Strategy in the future in response to subsequent review, opportunity and consultation, as required.	None.	Economic growth, investment and tourism are of strategic importance to Dover district. The new strategy will inform and support the Council's corporate objectives, policies and ambitions and	

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CAB 61 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 14 December 2021	<u>CABLE CAR PROJECT UPDATE</u> It was agreed: (a) That the Cable Car Project should not be proceeded with. (b) That the residual funds earmarked for the project be included in the Council's 2022/23 budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan as funding for projects associated with the wider regeneration of Dover.	None.	Following the withdrawal of support from English Heritage, it is recommended that proposals for a cable car linking Dover Castle to Dover town centre should not be progressed.	
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CAB 62 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes	<u>MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR WIMPEY UK LTD IN RELATION TO THE BACKDOOR TRAINING AREA, SHORNCLIFFE</u> It was agreed that the Council should enter into a 10-year management agreement with Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd in respect of the Backdoor Training Area, Shorncliffe.	None.	Following an approach from Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd, Cabinet is requested to agree to enter into a ten-year agreement to manage the Backdoor Training	

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CAB 63 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 14 December 2021	<u>TREASURY MANAGEMENT - QUARTER TWO REPORT 2021/22</u> It was agreed that the report be received.	None.	In order to comply with CIPFA's (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management, Cabinet is updated on the Council's treasury management activities (i.e. in-house and externally managed investments) at least twice yearly. The report provides Cabinet with details of activities for the quarter ending 30 September 2021.	
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CAB 64 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 14 December 2021	<u>PERFORMANCE REPORT - SECOND QUARTER 2021/22</u> It was agreed that the Council's Performance Report and Actions for the Second Quarter 2021/22 be noted.	None.	Monitoring the Council's performance against key objectives is essential to the achievement of those aims and objectives. The Performance Report provides a summary of the Council's performance for the three months to 30 September 2021.	
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CAB 65 6.12.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 14 December 2021	<u>APPOINTMENT OF SANDWICH PORT AND HAVEN COMMISSIONERS</u> It was agreed: (a) That a Selection Panel be established, comprising the Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property, a member of the Corporate Management Team and the Chairman of the Sandwich Port and Haven Commission, to interview applicants for the independent member positions, and make recommendations for appointment. (b) That Mr James Blackmore be re-appointed to serve on the Sandwich Port and Haven Commission (as a DDC-appointed	(a) To appoint two District Councillors as commissioners. (b) Not to reappoint Mr James Blackmore as a DDC-appointed commissioner or to defer the appointment of the second DDC-	Using powers derived from the Sandwich Port and Haven Dover District Council is responsible for appointing eight commissioners to the Sandwich Port and Haven Commission. Six of the eight commissioner positions are due to	

	<p>commissioner) for a term of three years with effect from 21 February 2022.</p> <p>(c) That the second DDC-appointed commissioner position be deferred until the open recruitment process for the independent commissioner positions has been completed in case a suitable candidate is identified through that exercise, and the Leader of the Council be requested to make the appointment.</p> <p>(d) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property, be authorised to make the final appointments for the independent member positions on the Sandwich Port and Haven Commission, having given consideration to the recommendations of the Selection Panel.</p>	<p>appointed commissioner until the open recruitment process has been completed.</p>	<p>expire in February 2022 and Cabinet is therefore requested to approve the recruitment process for the four independent commissioners, and to decide who to appoint to fill the two DDC-appointed commissioner positions.</p> <p>Mr James Blackmore has been re-appointed for a fifth term due to his extensive experience and knowledge of the Sandwich Port and Haven.</p>	
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<p>CAB 66 6.12.21 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions No</p>	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the press and the public be excluded during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule</p>	<p>None.</p>		

Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date Immediate	12A of the Local Government Act 1972.			
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CAB 67 6.12.21 Exempt Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 14 December 2021	<u>DOVER FASTRACK PROJECT UPDATE</u> It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the project update be noted, and that the project be proceeded with, subject to the agreement of each of the following matters. (b) That powers be delegated to the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services, to enter into a deed of variation to the funding agreement with Homes England, such that the Council becomes responsible for ensuring that a bus route can operate from Archers Court Road in Whitfield through to Dover Road, south of Guston, in exchange for increased grant funding of up to £22.9 million. (c) That the second tranche of funding should begin to be drawn down, noting that, should the project fail, the Council will be required to reimburse Homes England for any expenditure from the second tranche and that the Council will be responsible for meeting any overspend beyond the budget agreed with Homes England. (d) That the acceptance of £3 million towards the project from the Department for Transport via Kent County Council be approved. 	None.	Cabinet is requested to agree that the Dover Fastrack project be progressed, including funding arrangements and the appointment of a contractor. The project will see the development of a rapid bus connection between Whitfield, Dover town centre and Dover Priory railway station to support housing developments at Whitfield and the former Connaught Barracks.	

	<p>(e) That powers be delegated to the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services, to enter into an infrastructure delivery agreement with Kent County Council.</p> <p>(f) That powers be delegated to the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services, to instruct Kent County Council to appoint the preferred contractor.</p> <p>(g) That the ownership of necessary land transferred from the Department for Transport at a cost of £1 plus Stamp Duty Land Tax (funded by the project budget) be accepted.</p> <p>(h) That the Council's option at the 'Triangle' be exercised, at a cost of £853,556 excluding the deposit already paid and including Stamp Duty Land Tax (funded by the project budget).</p> <p>(i) That powers be delegated to the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services, to instruct Kent County Council to continue preparing for the possible compulsory purchase of necessary land at Whitfield Phase 1 in parallel with seeking voluntary acquisition.</p>			
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CAB 68 6.12.21 Exempt	<p><u>AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SANDWICH GUILDHALL SQUARE WORKS</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be</p>	None.	Cabinet is requested to agree that the main works to the Guildhall	

<p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 14 December 2021</p>	<p>authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property, to award the contract for the main works element of the project following the final assessment of the tenders.</p>		<p>Forecourt in Sandwich be progressed by authorising the award of the contract. The £1.05 million project will deliver improvements to surfacing, accessibility, layout and street furniture.</p>	
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The meeting ended at 11.42 am.