



Cabinet decision notice

The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **15 December 2020**. Decisions will (unless called-in) become effective at 5pm on 22 December 2020.

Agenda item no. 8

Q2 Performance Report 2020-21

(a) Decisions

The report detailed the performance of the key performance measures reported through the Corporate Performance Framework for 2020/21. Latest performance outturns and targets for the quarter 2 period were reported alongside trend and benchmarking information, where available.

**RESOLVED: That: (i) the report be NOTED; and
(ii) action to improve performance where required be taken.**

(b) Reasons for decisions

The Corporate Performance Framework is reported on a quarterly basis to Cabinet to ensure there is understanding, ownership and accountability for performance outturns, including actions to improve performance where appropriate.

(c) Alternative options considered

None arising directly from this report.

(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations

None

Agenda item no. 9

Buckinghamshire Local Development Scheme

(a) Decisions

The Council is required to publish a local development scheme setting out what local plans it intends to prepare, their scope and timetable for preparation. Appendix A of the report set out the Buckinghamshire Local Development Scheme, indicating that the Council would

prepare the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan and the Buckinghamshire Local Plan.

RESOLVED: That the Buckinghamshire Local Development Scheme included at Appendix A of the report be AGREED.

(b) Reasons for decisions

To enable the Buckinghamshire Local Plan to be progressed and to meet the statutory requirement to prepare a Local Development Scheme.

(c) Alternative options considered

The alternative option considered was to progress the preparation of the Local Plan under the current legislation. This may enable more progress to be made earlier on in preparing the Plan based on current legislation and national policy/guidance. However, the timescales previously set out for such a Plan in the report to Cabinet in July 2020 would mean that the process would almost certainly be overtaken by the introduction of the new planning system, including new legislation and revised national policy and guidance. The Planning White Paper indicates that it expects to see “new style” local plans to be in place by the end of the current parliament (i.e. December 2024). As such that early work would be abortive, costly and would ultimately significantly delay bringing forward a new local plan.

(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations

None

Agenda item no. 10 to 12

Potential submission of a bid for the acquisition of the Friars Square Shopping Centre, Aylesbury

(a) Decisions

Cabinet considered in detail a report on the proposed acquisition of Friars Square Shopping Centre, Aylesbury, for regeneration purposes.

RESOLVED: That: (i) Authority be delegated to the Director of Property and Assets in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property and Assets and the Service Director for Corporate Finance (s151 Officer), to formally submit a bid for the acquisition of Friars Square in accordance with the draft heads of terms set out in the confidential annex considered at Part 2 of the agenda;

(ii) Authority be delegated to the Director of Property and Assets in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property and Assets, and the Service Director for Corporate Finance (s151 Officer), to enter into a lock out agreement with the vendor; and

(iii) Authority be given to the Director of Property and Assets in consultation with the

Cabinet Member of Property and Assets, and the Service Director for Corporate Finance (s151 Officer), to commission the further required due diligence on the acquisition and to finalise the offer and the heads of terms, the arrangements for financing and to exchange contracts and complete on the acquisition for the long leasehold interest in the Centre.

(b) Reasons for decisions

To consider the potential submission of a bid for the acquisition of the Friars Square Shopping Centre, Aylesbury, for regeneration purposes.

(c) Alternative options considered

If the council decided not to bid, the Centre was likely to be sold either to any existing alternative interest or if it goes to market, the independent advice suggests that there would almost certainly be good interest and a sale would happen. The intentions of a different owner would be unknown to the council and master planning the area and delivering the plan, would almost certainly take longer and be more complex.

(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations

Nick Naylor, Cabinet Member for Transport, and Katrina Wood, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, declared interests in relation to their Outside Organisation appointments as Board Members of Aylesbury Vale Estates.

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