



## CABINET



18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

### NOTICE OF DECISIONS

**Publication Date of this Notice:** - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Deadline Date for Call-in of any decision:** - 8.45 a.m. Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 up to that deadline the Chief Executive shall call-in a decision for scrutiny (except for matters of urgent business and decisions for Council) if so, requested by the Chairman or any three Members of the Scrutiny Committee. If there is no call-in the decision will come into force on that deadline.

#### **PART I**

##### **(Business taken in public)**

##### **Agenda Item 2 (Minute No. 36) - Members' Interests:**

Cllr Fuller and Cllr Palmer each declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 38 Item 4: Construction of new Local Authority Housing Developments, for openness and transparency as each of their homes was in close proximity to one of the schemes.

##### **Agenda Item 3 (Minute No. 37) - Minutes**

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to corrections to show Councillor Palmer was present and Cllrs Palmer and Fuller had made declarations of interest in respect of Minute 27 Item 8 Construction of new Local Authority Housing Developments.

##### **Agenda Item 4 (Minute No. 38) - Construction of new Local Authority housing developments**

Cabinet considered a report to update Cabinet on the progress against previously approved housing development projects at Link Road, Linden Way and Cedar Road.

Cabinet authority was sought to progress schemes to redevelop garage sites in poor condition at Linden Way, Benderloch and Carlton Drive. An outline business case for each scheme was included with the Cabinet report.

Cabinet was asked to note that further investigation was being undertaken of proposed schemes sites within the Borough.

##### **Resolved:**

1. To approve the following recommendations as shown in the attached outline business cases.
  - a. Construct three 1 bedroomed homes at a former Garage site in Linden Way Canvey Island with a budget of £50k allocated to fund initial professional fees and investigation works for the site.

- b. Construct two 3 bedroomed homes at a former Garage site in Benderloch, Canvey Island with a budget of £50k allocated to fund initial professional fees and investigation works for the site.
- c. Construct two 2-bedroom homes on a former garage site at Carlton Drive, Benfleet with a budget of £50k allocated to fund initial professional fees and investigation works for the site.

2. To note progress on schemes at Cedar Road, Linden Way and Link Road.

#### **Agenda Item 6 (Minute No. 39) - Castle Point Regeneration Partnership**

Cabinet considered a report to approve the proposals for the renewal of the Castle Point Regeneration Partnership as the Castle Point Place Partnership.

The report described the background and proposals for new governance arrangements which had been developed by the Partnership to strengthen the partnership and improve the delivery of regeneration and investment in the Borough. These included a Place Delivery Board which was to be chaired by the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and would have as its core membership the Council, Essex County Council and NHS, with other partners co-opted as required.

A vision or place narrative for the Borough was to be developed which would be brought back to Cabinet for approval.

#### **Resolved:**

1. To agree the renewal of the Castle Point Regeneration Partnership and rebranding to the Castle Point Place Partnership, and
2. To agree Cabinet, authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Partnership, to prepare a vision for the Borough for a report back to a future Cabinet.

#### **Agenda Item 7 (Minute No. 40) - Treasury Management Update**

Cabinet considered a report providing Cabinet with an update on the Council's treasury management performance in respect of 2022/23 (full year) and 2023/24 as at the first quarter stage.

#### **Resolved:**

To note the content of the reports previously presented to Audit Committee as summarised in this report.

#### **Agenda Item 8 (Minute No. 41) - Corporate Performance Scorecard Quarter 1 2023/24**

Cabinet considered a report setting out the performance figures for the Corporate Performance Scorecard for Q1 2023/24

#### **Resolved:**

Cabinet to note the report and continues to monitor performance.

#### **Agenda Item 9 (Minute No. 42) - ASELA Update and Cessation of Opportunity South Essex (OSE)**

Cabinet considered a report updating Cabinet following the ASELA Joint Committee held on 28 September 2023. The agenda and reports of that meeting were circulated with the Cabinet agenda.

Cabinet was asked to recommend a decision regarding the Council's membership of Opportunity South Essex (OSE) given changes to the strategic business engagement arrangements with the ending of Government funding of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) next year.

The implications for the Council of cessation were set out in the report as the Council operates as the accountable body for OSE and the employment of the 1FTE. The OSE Board had agreed to underwrite the Council's costs of so doing to a cap of £85,000 which would be met from reserves held by OSE. It was not expected that this cap would be exceeded but if an unforeseen cost materialised which would exceed the cap, it would be necessary to recover the excess pro rata from the constituent authorities and/or the OSE Board.

**Resolved:**

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To agree to withdraw support and financial contributions to Opportunity South Essex with effect from 31 March 2024 with a view to establishing new business engagement arrangements in South Essex from April 2024 in line with the transfer of functions from LEPs to local government.

**Agenda Item 10 (Minute No. 43) - Matters to be referred from/to the Standing Committees**

There were no matters.

**Agenda Item 16 (Minute No. 44) - Matters to be referred from/to Policy & Scrutiny Committees**

There were no matters.

**CONSULTATION**

There were no matters.

**Angela Hutchings**  
**Chief Executive**