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CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 8 September 2022 at 2.30 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Chris Attwell
Kimberly Barrett
Darren Sanders
Lynne Stagg
Lee Hunt
Steve Pitt
Matthew Winnington

101. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Suzy Horton, Councillor Jason Fazackarley and David Williams.

102. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

103. Corporate Plan (AI 3)

Paddy May introduced the report.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval for the updated Corporate Plan and to ask for delegated authority to the Chief Executive to agree any minor changes to the document before publication.

Once approved the plan will be published and cascaded to all Portsmouth City Council staff.

Members noted that the Corporate Plan was set according to the priorities of the people of Portsmouth and addressed how the Council would action those priorities. The plan outlined the Council's mission, vision, strategy, and the actions needed to achieve these and provided clear accountability to ensure the Council delivered for Portsmouth residents.

Councillor Stagg requested an amendment to item 3.3 of the report to replace 'maintain our roads' with the words 'maintain our transport infrastructure' within the Corporate Plan.

Decision - Cabinet

- 1. Approved the updated Council's Corporate Plan 2022 - 23 with an amendment to page 5 of the plan, replacing 'maintain our roads, parks, open spaces and buildings' with 'maintain our transport infrastructure, parks, open spaces and buildings'.**
- 2. Noted that the plan demonstrates the Council's commitment to supporting the achievement of the Vision for Portsmouth that has previously been agreed with partners as well as demonstrating how the Council is delivering for the residents of Portsmouth in these challenging times.**
- 3. Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to make minor changes to the draft document prior to publication.**

104. Tipner West Development (AI 4)

Councillor Vernon-Jackson read out the recommendations for Cabinet and noted the typo on recommendation 2.13 which referred to Appendix G instead of F.

Megan Carter introduced the report and advised that the report detailed the recommendations to progress an option for Tipner West which considered the financial implications and the complex environmental impacts involved in progressing any form of development on the site.

Members noted:

- The vital need for the sea defences to be updated, not only for this development but also to protect existing homes in Tipner and Stamshaw.
- The opportunity the development of this site would provide in terms of homes, prosperity, employment, and protection of the environment as well as providing a net biodiversity gain of approximately 10%.
- That the land is polluted with heavy metals and other chemicals and with rising sea levels these pollutants will leach into the sea. Some form of action must be taken to protect the land and environment.
- The need to avoid undue costs to Council residents and provide a solution that is in the best interests of the people of Portsmouth.
- That the development will be an ongoing project for years to come and will encompass different administrations in the future so it is vital to have continuity and cross-party engagement, which an informed full Council decision will provide.

GVJ highlighted the executive summary and principles.

Members thanked the Director of Finance, the Chief Executive, Megan Carter, Tristan Samuels, and other officers for the thorough and well-constructed report. Thanks, were also given to those out in the field and those who have made representations to the Council. Councillor Steve Pitt was also thanked for his hard work on the project.

DECISION - Cabinet

- 1. Agreed recommendations 2.1 - 2.14 for onward submission to Full Council, with the amendment that recommendation 2.13 should refer to Appendix F and not G.**
- 2. Subject to confirmation of Council agreement of recommendation 2.10, Cabinet**
 - i) Agreed to progress with the design of an option for the land at Tipner West and Horsea Island East that responds to the principles agreed by Full Council (2.10 above), that limits the residual financial burden (i.e after all realistic attempts to attract further funding) to the Council to not more than £10m, and instructs the Director of Regeneration on behalf of PCC as the promoter of the site, to work up an associated planning application and business case;**
 - ii) Agreed further spending of up to £7.7 million from the City Deal funding (as described in 4.1 - 4.10) to prepare the planning application and business plan for the approved option; this expenditure will be subject to criteria and gateways which will be agreed by the Section 151 Officer and Leader of the Council and after consultation with the Group Leaders, prior to expenditure being incurred; and**
 - iii) Agreed that the delivery programme will highlight in advance gateway review points in which updates and supporting information will be provided to Full Council.**

The meeting concluded at 3.05 pm.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leader of the Council

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