

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 6th June, 2017 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Tuesday 13th June, 2017

The end of the call in period is 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 22nd June, 2017 and therefore, the decisions can be implemented on Friday 23rd June, 2017

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework)

Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities)

Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Nigel Ball	Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Leisure and Culture
Councillor Joe Blackham	Portfolio Holder for Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services
Councillor Rachael Blake	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
Councillor Nuala Fennelly	Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools
Councillor Chris McGuinness	Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment
Councillor Bill Mordue	Portfolio Holder for Business, Skills and Economic Development
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Portfolio Holder for Customer and Corporate Services

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

Public Questions and Statements

There were no public questions or statements made at the meeting.

Decision Records dated 16th May, 2017, be noted.

DECISION 1.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE
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6. Disposal of land at Thellusson Avenue, Scawsby, (former Don View

Residential care home) for the development of new affordable housing.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved the disposal of the land at Thelluson Avenue, Scawsby to JJHT for the delivery of new older people's affordable housing; and
- (2) approved the disposal on a 125 year lease at a peppercorn rent.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet received a report which sought the approval to dispose of land at Thelluson Avenue, Scawsby (former Don View residential care home) for the development of new affordable housing, designed specifically for older people aged 50yrs plus.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, reported that the underpinning policy objective of the Council's Housing Strategy was the provision of good quality affordable housing for all sections of the community, including older people. He stated that the existing evidence base for Doncaster showed that there would be long term growth of the population of older people, and forecasts an increased demand for appropriate housing.

Councillor Jones commented that the proposal within the report will not only deliver 36 new affordable homes, designed specifically for older people, it will also offer increased housing choice for our residents, along with an injection of £3.91m investment into the Borough.

Members were advised that if there was to be little take up for shared ownership, the provision for rented units would be built into the scheme. The Mayor and Cabinet sought assurance that careful consideration would be taken when the Council is looking to reduce the size of some units. It was reported that the scheme was still in its infancy and further work was required in relation to the design of the units. Following the consultation process with Members, it was envisaged that it would be 6 months before the number of 1 and 2 bedroom units would be known.

In conclusion, the Mayor and Cabinet welcomed the report and were pleased that the Council was providing much needed affordable homes for elderly residents within the Borough, along with the £3.91m investment.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 2 – Sell the site for receipt

If the Council was to sell the site, with a view to using the capital receipt to fund additional new homes, the value would only facilitate approx. 3-4 units (typically c£100k per unit). Furthermore, if the site was sold to a private developer, the Council could not guarantee that affordable units, designed specifically for older people, of which there is a need for both within this locality, would be built.

Option 3 – Do Nothing

If it is decided not to transfer the site to JJHT, then it would remain within the Corporate Asset Disposal Programme, and options for its future use/or alternative disposal routes will be determined via the Assets Board.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment.

DECISION 2.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

7. Business Investment Incentive Scheme.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) reviewed the success of the scheme in its current form and financial commitment; and
- (2) approved the continuation of the scheme, in principle, including allocation of reserves, where appropriate, and when current reserves are fully committed.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Councillor Bill Mordue, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Economic Development, presented a report to Cabinet stating that the Business Investment Incentive Scheme is a discretionary Grant funded Scheme, launched in October 2014, aimed at encouraging investment and local job creation through a package of incentives. He stated that the report forecasted positive outcomes for Doncaster and its residents.

It was reported that companies from across the Borough and from all business sectors had benefitted from the scheme, and other local authorities were looking at adopting this initiative themselves. Councillor Mordue stated that the results of the pilot were also responsible for the instigation of the Sheffield City Region Inward Investment fund for larger projects.

The Mayor and Cabinet welcomed the reported stating that the report demonstrated yet another success story for the Borough, highlighting the successful increase in skills within the Borough's workforce. The report clearly demonstrated the success of the scheme, and it was asked whether there was

scope to increase the funds for future years. Steve Mawson, Chief Financial Officer & Assistant Director of Finance, reported that this was being looked at long term regarding the budget and if there was an appetite to see the continuation of the scheme. Careful consideration is given to each project and difficult discussions do take place with companies, not only with regard to funding, but also with regard to design etc. He stated that each project was looked at on its own merits, and that not all bids were automatically accepted under the scheme. It was noted that further discussions would take place over the summer on the future of the scheme.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There were no other alternatives considered or rejected as this is a review report.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker