



Doncaster Council

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 20th March, 2018 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Wednesday 21st March, 2018

The end of the call in period is 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd April, 2018 and therefore, the decisions can be implemented on Wednesday 4th April, 2018

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 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

Apologies:-

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Joe Blackham.

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

Public Questions and Statements

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

Decision Records dated 6th March, 2018, be noted.

DECISION 1.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Approval to enter into funding agreement with Sheffield City Region to be able to draw down SCRIF approved funding for the delivery of Quality Streets (Hall Gate and Silver Street) Scheme.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved the progression to Funding Agreement stage and the subsequent acceptance of £1.35m SCRIF funding (subject to the negotiation of acceptable terms and conditions with the grant sponsor) in relation to Quality Streets;
- (2) delegated negotiating and agreeing those terms and conditions to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer;
- (3) delegated the final design and layout to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Mayor and the Portfolio Holder; and
- (4) approved the removal of the income budget for on-street parking on Hall Gate as this parking provision will be removed as part of the scheme (5.21).

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Councillor Bill Mordue, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Economic Development introduced a report to Cabinet seeking approval to enter into funding agreement with Sheffield City Region to enable the drawdown of SCRIF approved funding for the delivery of Quality Streets.

He reported that the Urban Centre was a vital part of Doncaster's future; it is an important area of the borough requiring significant attention and was a high priority theme of the Doncaster Growing Together Initiative. It was stated that the regeneration of Hall Gate and Silver Street was part of the Council ambitious plans for the future of Doncaster which were aimed at creating a vibrant, thriving and sustainable town centre.

He pointed out that through the delivery of a quality public realm the scheme would improve attractiveness of the area, and attract and support new and existing business growth in the Innovation Quarter. The public realm investment to Quality Streets will re-invigorate the area and reinvent the arrival point from South Parade and the connectivity with Enterprise Marketplace and St Sepulchre Gate.

It was advised that the regeneration of Hall Gate and Silver Street would help to safeguard existing jobs and create new employment opportunities for others. It was also noted that updated financial implications had been supplied for the scheme

which reflect the funding change. However, the change does not alter the cost of the scheme. Members were advised that the scheme would be funded through Sheffield City Region Investment Fund allocation, Doncaster Council Capital Programme and the Local Transport Capital Pot.

Since the production of the report, further progress had been made and it was pleasing to note that Transformation Cities Funding had been received for future use and it was encouraging to see the level of stakeholder engagement throughout the process.

Cabinet welcomed the report highlighting the positive outcomes that the project would bring to Doncaster and its citizens.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 1 – Do Nothing ‘Reference Case’

The reference case would see little or no investment to upgrade and radically change the public realm. The project would not be completed and the highway and footways would remain as is. In recent years there had been a high turnover of businesses operating and an increase in the number of voids. The reference case position would be that this trend would continue with the area falling behind other areas benefiting from regeneration and investment and would enter into a cumulative spiral of decline. There would be deterioration to the public realm with minimal works and repairs.

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. Approval to progress the funding agreement with Sheffield City Region and associated 'Back to Back Agreement' with Network Rail and to accept Sheffield City Region Investment Fund (SCRIF) funding for the delivery of Waterfront West Scheme.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

(1) approved the progression to funding agreement stage and the

subsequent acceptance of £750,000 SCRIF funding (subject to the negotiation of acceptable terms and conditions with the grant sponsor and Network Rail) in relation to the Doncaster Urban Centre Waterfront West project; and

- (2) delegated the negotiation and agreement of the terms and conditions, to the Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Councillor Bill Mordue, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Economic Development presented a report to Cabinet seeking approval to progress the funding agreements with Sheffield City Region and Network Rail to facilitate the drawdown of SCRIF approved funding for the delivery of the Waterfront West Scheme.

Councillor Mordue reported that the Urban Centre was a vital part of Doncaster's future; it is an important area of the Borough which requires significant attention and is a high priority theme of the Doncaster Growing Together Initiative. He pointed out that the Waterfront West Scheme would support the long term regeneration and growth of the Urban Centre and Doncaster's Rail Industry Centre.

Cabinet were advised that £750,000 Sheffield City Region Fund (SCRIF) had been approved towards the £1.5m Friar's Gate Bridge improvement scheme which was being undertaken by Network Rail. It was noted that the re-furbished bridge would have an increased weight and height capacity providing the necessary access for the new £9m Network Rail office accommodation and depot facility at Marshgate.

It was envisaged that the delivery of the bridge improvements and subsequent development of the new office and depot facilities would build on Network Rail's presence in Doncaster and the scheme was one of 5 priority sites that Network Rail were investing in on their East coast routes.

Councillor Mordue stated that the SCRIF investment would support the safeguarding of 600 jobs in Doncaster's Rail Sector, create up to 60 construction jobs and create the potential to attract further jobs in the Rail Sector as future Network Rail projects align to the high grade office and depot facilities. It was further envisaged that the renewal of the bridge would help unlock the wider Marshgate commercial development area opening up opportunities for further private sector regeneration.

Following the introduction of the report, Cabinet were given the opportunity to make comments. Cabinet welcomed the report and gave their support to the project. The Mayor noted paragraph 5,6 and 7 of the report which showed that by working in partnership with Network Rail and with the introduction of the High Speed Rail College it would bring better high paid jobs into the Borough.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 1 – Do not progress the funding agreement nor accept the SCRIF approved funding – if this option was implemented and SCRIF funding was not accepted there was a risk that the project would not be delivered and the benefits outlined in

the report would not be achieved.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker