

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2015 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Friday, 5th June, 2015

The end of the call in period is 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th June, 2015 and therefore, the decisions can be implemented on Wednesday, 17th June, 2015

Present:

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

Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor and Portfolio holder for Adult Social Care and Equalities)

Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Joe Blackham	Portfolio holder for Regeneration and Transportation
Councillor Tony Corden	Portfolio holder for Customer, Corporate and Trading Services
Councillor Nuala Fennelly	Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools
Councillor Sandra Holland	Portfolio holder for Housing and the Environment
Councillor Pat Knight	Portfolio holder for Public Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Chris McGuinness	Portfolio holder for Communities and the Voluntary Sector
Councillor Bill Mordue	Portfolio holder for Business, Skills, Tourism and Culture

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

Public Questions and Statements

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

The decision records dated 1st April, 2015 were noted.

DECISION 1.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

5. Approval of Capital Expenditure in relation to the National College for the High Speed Rail Project (K1286)

2. DECISION REFERENCE NO.

K1286

3. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved the allocation of £1.1m of capital corporate resources to meet the capital pre-construction costs for the development of the National College for High Speed Rail. The allocation to be returned to corporate resources once grant funding is secured;
- (2) approved the allocation of an additional £150k from the "Revenue Contributions to Capital Programme" reserve for the additional costs associated with the development of the College which are unlikely to be capital in nature;
- (3) noted the positive progress made on the project to date and the key programme milestones; and
- (4) noted that delegated authority for individual decisions on the High Speed Rail Project was provided in the January 7th Cabinet report to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and Director of Regeneration and Environment.

4. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet were advised that following the previous report to Cabinet in January, a significant amount of work had been undertaken in respect of the key project strands including Governance, curriculum, and design and build.

It was advised that in respect of design and construction of the Doncaster building there was a critical path of pre-construction activity that needed to be completed to ensure the opening of the College by the stipulated dates of September 2017. It was noted that quick progress had been made on college curriculum with the split of 8 specific learning pathways being agreed across the Doncaster and Birmingham sites. The work carried out by the Shadow Board was progressing well and it was anticipated that the Chief Executive would be appointed within the next few weeks.

Cabinet welcomed the report and felt it was really good news for the Borough making Doncaster a major player within the rail industry and forms the catalyst for business location and re-location. Councillor Bill Mordue advised Members that this project was a real game changer for Doncaster and Birmingham which

played on the strengths for each site and it would also enable students to move from one site to the other. It was also advised that schools were excited by the future opportunities that would be available for children who were at leaving school age.

Jo Miller, Chief Executive pointed out that she was the Council's representative and a Governor on the Shadow Board. She stated that the Rail College would be the first manifestation on the HS2 project and if Cabinet were to agree the recommendations, the construction of the project would be a real life maths lesson for the students whilst it's being built. The Chief Executive also stated that key performance indicators would be met through ensuring that spend and labour were targeted and sourced locally.

In conclusion, the Mayor stated that rail engineering was projected to increase through electrification and modernisation with thousands of high value jobs being created over the next two decades. The College will bring significant growth and employment opportunities for Doncaster and the Sheffield City Region. The College would deliver higher levels jobs and create more apprenticeships to ensure aspirations of our children are met.

The Mayor and Cabinet thanked all involved with the project.

5. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

As outlined within the report there was funding currently approved to enable pre-construction related works, surveys and design related professional services, to take place in May and June to the value of £250,000.

Following completion of works to this value, unless other DMBC funding was allocated, work on the project design and development would have to be suspended until formal notification of full Capital Funding is received from BIS, currently anticipated at the earliest in October.

This option would not be feasible as any delays on progressing the pre-construction work per the programme outlined in the report would mean the required opening of the College in September 2017 would not be achieved.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

The Chief Executive reminded members that she was a Governor on the Shadow Board. There were no other declarations.

7. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

8. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment

DECISION 2.

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Order for Hatfield Link Road Project (K1285)

2. DECISION REFERENCE NO.

K1285

3. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet:-

- (1) approved the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Road Order for the DN7 Hatfield Link Road covering the area defined within drawing number 50055/CPO/1;
- (2) delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration and Environment and the Director of Finance & Corporate Service to negotiate and approve a contribution agreement in line with the principles set out in draft Head of Terms detailed in paragraph 28 of the report; and
- (3) noted the progress on the scheme programme and full business case.

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The DN7 Hatfield Link Road Scheme would link the M18 Junction 5 Roundabout with Waggon Way next to Hatfield Colliery. The scheme was a high priority within the Sheffield City Region Investment Fund (SCRIF) enabling capital funding to be drawn down upon completion of business case, design and statutory processes.

Cabinet were advised that the project was an example of success to stimulate growth and was 1 of the 4 major schemes under construction. It was stated that the DN7 project had progressed successfully through working with the private sector and would create 7,000 new jobs which was seen as a good opportunity for this area of Doncaster. Members were also asked to note that the Planning Application to deliver the infrastructure had been received within the required deadline. It was also noted that Full Business Case approval had been received which secured £14.1m to deliver the infrastructure. Although it was noted that the developer had been in regular dialogue with landowners for a number of years it was identified that a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Side Road Order (SRO) would need to be progressed through Cabinet approval. Members were also advised that the contractor had also secured an £8m loan to enable them to stimulate early build.

Councillor Pat Knight stated that this was good news for the area and welcomed the construction of the link road first. She stated that the project would also provide better rail/motorway links for the residents and she was pleased the project was under progress. Councillor Sandra Holland echoed the comments made by Councillor Knight and as Portfolio Holder for Housing and the Environment welcomed the figures quoted in relation to Housing Development.

Councillor Joe Blackham also welcomed the report and stated that he was sure Local Ward Members would embrace this unique opportunity for what was a deprived area of Borough. Although the programme was seen as a long period, meaningful progress had been made and all involved should be applauded for the work carried out to date.

In conclusion, the Mayor stated that this project shows how gaining momentum can bring investment to the Borough which would continue into the future. She stated that 8,600 new jobs will stimulate the economy and housing which is what people need. It had proved that the Council working in partnership with the private sector can deliver for the people of the borough.

5. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There were no other alternatives to be assessed.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

7. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

8. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director of Regeneration and Environment

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker