

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING
HELD AT 4.00PM, ON
MONDAY 22 MARCH 2024
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

To be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.

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Cabinet Members Present:

Councillors Mohammed Farooq (Chair), Bisby, Elsey, Saqib Farooq, Hiller and Howard.

Cabinet Advisors Present: Councillor Harper.

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received from Members.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations interest received from Members.

101. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2024

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 11 March 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

102. PETITIONS PRESENTED TO CABINET

There were no petitions presented to Cabinet.

STRATEGIC DECISIONS

103. PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL LOCAL OFFER FOR CARE LEAVERS

RESOLVED:

1. to agree the Phase 1 proposal to improve and extend the Council's local offer to care leavers included at paragraph 4.35 of this report and that the Phase 1 proposal can be implemented with immediate effect.
2. to note that a Phase 2 proposal to further extend and improve the Council's local offer to care leavers will be submitted for approval by Cabinet as soon as it is completed.
3. to recommend to Council approval of the 100% Council Tax discount for care leavers with effect from 1 April 2024.

PART EXEMPT ITEMS

The Leader proposed that the Cabinet resolve to exclude the press and public be excluded from the meeting when discussing the exempt information at items 6 and 10, on the on the grounds that the items contain exempt information under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed as it relates to the financial or business affairs (past or present) of the Council.

The proposal was seconded by the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Change and was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

104. HILTON HOTEL

RESOLVED to:

1. Consider the information included within the exempt appendix to this report;
2. Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer to continue further due diligence work in respect of the options available for the hotel; and
3. Request the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer to submit a further report to Cabinet setting out the options available in respect of the hotel including the financial and non-financial implications of each option, the routes to be followed to achieve each option, the risks and such other information as may be required for the Cabinet to reach an informed decision on next steps for the hotel following completion of further due diligence.

105. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY DESIGN TEAM SERVICES FOR THE VINE PROJECT IN CENTRAL LIBRARY, PETERBOROUGH

RESOLVED to:

1. Award the contract to Pick Everard Limited for the provision of Multi-Disciplinary Design Team (MDDT) Services over RIBA Stages 1-6 for the Vine in Central Library - at a total contract value of £495,995.51 for the period 22 April 2024 to 16 March 2027 (the period 17th March 2026 when the Vine facility becomes operational to 16th March 2027 covers the RIBA Stage 6 construction defects liability period).
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Economy to take all necessary steps to implement the decision in recommendation 1 including the entering into any of any necessary legal agreements.

106. PROPOSED SALE OF 441 LINCOLN ROAD

RESOLVED to:

1. Agree to the disposal of the freehold of 441 Lincoln Road as set out below, on the terms set out in the exempt annex included at Appendix 1.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Corporate Services in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Governance to take all necessary steps to facilitate the decision in Recommendation 1 including entering into any necessary legal agreements.
3. Note the position relating to the current occupiers and the requirement for the council to support the relocation of all tenants to suitable alternative accommodation.

107. DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD LAND AT HEReward CROSS

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the variation of the Heads of Terms approved by Cabinet on 13th March 2023 for the disposal of the freehold land at Hereward Cross as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and in accordance with the Red Book Valuation.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Director of Law and Governance after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance, following receipt and approval of the Red Book Valuation to take all necessary steps to effect the decision in Recommendation 1 including entering into all agreements. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Director of Law and Governance after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance, to approve any further minor changes to the Heads of Terms provided that the effect of the change is in accordance with the Red Book Valuation

108. HILTON HOTEL

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance proposed the following recommendation that this item be adjourned to the meeting on 22 March 2024, to allow the Council time to consider the third party offer. This recommendation was seconded by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Growth and Regeneration.

The Cabinet **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to this recommendation and the item was deferred to the 22 March 2024 Cabinet meeting.

109. BLUE SKY PETERBOROUGH LIMITED and PETERBOROUGH INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED to:

1. Agree to the dissolution of Blue Sky Peterborough Limited.
2. Agree to the dissolution of Peterborough Investment Partnership and all associated companies following completion of the Good Shed transaction and all necessary due diligence being undertaken to ensure that the Council receives all monies due from the partnership.
3. Delegates authority to the Interim Director of Legal and the Executive Director of Corporate Services to take all necessary steps to implement the decisions in recommendations 1 and 2 including signing of any documents.

Leader
10:00am to 11:17am
22 March 2024

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