

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **MID SUFFOLK CABINET** held in the King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich on Monday, 4 October 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor:

Gerard Brewster (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:

David Burn
Lavinia Hadingham
John Whitehead

Peter Gould
Harry Richardson

In attendance:

Officers:

Chief Executive (AC)
Strategic Director (KN)
Assistant Director - Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer (EY)
Assistant Director - Assets and Investments (EY)
Assistant Director – Planning and Building Control (TB)
Assistant Director - Environment and Commercial Partnerships (CC)
Service Improvement Advisor (SB)
Senior Governance Officer (HH)

Apologies:

Julie Flatman
Jessica Fleming
Suzie Morley (Chair)

46 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

The following local non-pecuniary declarations of interests were declared:

Councillor Brewster in item 10 as Chair of MSDC (Suffolk Holdings) Ltd.

Councillor Gould in item 10 as Director of MSDC (Suffolk Holdings) Ltd.

Councillor Whitehead in item 10 as Director of Gateway 14.

47 MCA/21/20 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

It was **RESOLVED: -**

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 September 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

48 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

None received.

49 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

None received.

50 MATTERS REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR JOINT AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES

There were no matters referred.

51 FORTHCOMING DECISIONS LIST

The Forthcoming Decisions List was noted.

52 MCA/21/21 CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT (OFF STREET) ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

52.1 The Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Hadingham introduced the report on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Environment, who was unable to attend the meeting. She outlined the main points in the report.

52.2 Councillor Hadingham proposed the recommendations in the report which was seconded by Councillor Richardson.

52.3 Councillor Whitehead stated that the data included in the report was affected by the Covid-19 lockdown periods during the Pandemic. He asked for the advocacy for the length of time the Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Officers spent at car parks in Eye.

52.4 The Assistant Director for Environment and Commercial Partnerships explained that the data covered carparks, which had traffic regulations to warrant visits from the CPE Officers. In relation to the distribution of resources for parking enforcement, she hoped to explore this area further in cooperation with Babergh District Council.

52.5 The Assistant Director for Environment and Commercial Partnerships responded to questions from other Members attending the meeting on issues including the expenditure and penalty charges for the previous years, which illustrated the number of enforcements before and after the introduction of CPE, in the relation to the expenditure. In addition, the travel times for CPE officers would be included in future reports.

52.6 Further questions from other Members attending the meeting included issues around refurbishment of carparking machines in Stowmarket and the related effect on the enforcement data in the previous year.

By a unanimous vote

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That the contents of the report be noted.**
- 1.2 That a Civil Parking Enforcement (off street) report be produced annually each year going forward.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that Members are kept informed of the performance of the Civil Parking Enforcement function.

53 MCA/21/22 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME OCTOBER 2021

- 53.1** The Cabinet Member for Planning, Councillor Burn, introduced the report and detailed the CIL Bids.
- 53.2** Councillor Burn proposed the recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 in the report which was seconded by Councillor Richardson.
- 55.1** The Assistant Director for Planning and Building Control responded to questions from other Members attending the meeting. He confirmed that it was expected that community projects should be deliverable at the time of the CIL applications otherwise the funding could be sitting in the allocation fund for years.
- 55.2** In response to further questions from other Members attending the meeting the Assistant Director for Planning and Building Control informed Cabinet that some ward members and parish councils were proactive in submitting bids for CIL funding and some parish councils frequently submitted enquiries, whilst others submitted very few or none. It was not possible to provide a definite picture. He assured Members that the Council worked closely with those involved in all funding processes.
- 53.3** Members debated the issues including the link between CIL developments and the wellbeing of communities, training and engagement for members, attendance at training sessions and that virtual meetings were more likely to reach a wider audience.

By a unanimous vote

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (October 2021) and accompanying technical assessment of the CIL Bids – M21-02, M21-05 M21-06 and M21-08 (forming Appendices, A and B) and which included decisions on this CIL Bid as follows be approved: -**

Local Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
<p>M21-02</p> <p>RICKINGHALL</p> <p>Provision of All Wheel sports area</p>	<p>Amount of CIL Bid</p> <p>£20,148.00</p> <p>Total costs</p> <p>£46,580.00 excluding VAT</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M21-02 for £20,148.00 from the Local Infrastructure Fund</p>
<p>M21-05</p> <p>DEBENHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>Provision of new natural lighting and improving the current ventilation and insulation</p>	<p>Amount of CIL Bid</p> <p>£59,994.00</p> <p>Total costs of the CIL eligible parts of the project</p> <p>£79,992.00 including VAT</p> <p>Total costs of the wider project (including repair and maintenance which CIL cannot fund)</p> <p>£349,022.00</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M21-05 for £59,994.00 from the Local Infrastructure Fund</p>
<p>M21-08</p> <p>FRAMSDEN</p> <p>Provision of Play equipment</p>	<p>Amount of CIL Bid</p> <p>£18,789.20</p> <p>Total costs</p> <p>£59,482.00 excluding VAT</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M21-08 for £18,789.20 from the Local Infrastructure Fund</p>

1.2 Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Elmswell)

M21-06	Amount of CIL Bid	Recommendation to Cabinet
ELMSWELL CHAMBERLAYNE HALL	£19,593.81	to approve
	Total costs	CIL Bid M21-06 for
Provision of Ventilation windows	£26,125.90 excluding VAT	£19,593.81 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

1.2 That this CIL Expenditure Programme which included the position in respect of approved CIL Bids from Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (including Cabinet decisions in June 2021) - (Appendix A Section B) together with details of emerging infrastructure /CIL Bids (Appendix A Section C) be noted and endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies have been collected since the implementation of CIL on the 11th April 2016. The CIL Expenditure Framework was originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted on the 18th March 2019, 20th April 2020 and 23rd and 25th March 2021. The CIL Expenditure Framework requires the production of a CIL Expenditure Programme for each District which contains decisions for Cabinet to make or note on CIL Bids for CIL expenditure. These decisions relating to the expenditure of CIL monies form one of the ways in which necessary infrastructure supporting growth is delivered.

54 MCA/21/23 GATEWAY 14 LIMITED - GUARANTEE OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS UNTIL ADOPTION

54.1 The Cabinet Member for Assets and Investments, Councillor Gould introduced the report.

54.2 Councillor Gould proposed the recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 in the report and this was seconded by Councillor Hadingham.

54.3 The Cabinet Member for Assets and Investments and the Assistant Director for Assets and Investments responded to questions from other Members attending the meeting and confirmed that the Assistant Director was happy to respond to Members' questions about the Gateway 14 project outside of formal meetings, and that arrangements for member briefings would take place.

54.4 In response to Councillor Field's question in relation to interested parties for the Gateway 14 site, the Assistant Director for Assets and Investments informed Cabinet that there had been increased interest after the

announcements of the Felixstowe Freeport had been made. She was confident in a strong demand for the site and a number of detailed discussions were taking place with interested companies.

- 54.5 Councillor Burn enquired if the Assistant Director for Assets and Investments had a sense if there were more interests than the site could deliver, to which the Assistant Director responded that it was difficult to answer. Whilst the development delivery timeline had been anticipated to be a ten-year period, she would consider the demand to be strong if the delivery timeline was reduced to a five-year period.

By a unanimous vote

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 **That the Council agree to act as guarantor in respect of agreements between Gateway 14 Ltd and statutory bodies to deliver the required public works enabling Gateway 14 to be developed.**
- 1.2 **That authority be delegated to the S151 Officer to approve and enter into any necessary agreements for the Council to act as guarantor for Gateway 14 in this respect.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To support the delivery of Gateway 14 and the agreed business goals and objectives.

55 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

As Members had completed their discussion of Item MCA/21/23 Guarantee of Public Infrastructure Works until Adoption, the Chair refrained from going into closed session.

56 MCA/21/23 APPENDIX A - GATEWAY 14 LIMITED - GUARANTEE OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS UNTIL ADOPTION

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11:57am.

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Chair