

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Remote Meeting using Microsoft Teams on TUESDAY, 23 MARCH 2021

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chairman)

Councillors R Ashman, R D Bayliss, T Gillard, N J Rushton and A C Woodman

Officers: Mrs B Smith, Mr J Arnold, Mr A Barton, Mrs T Bingham, Mr D Bates, Miss E Warhurst, Mr P Wheatley and Mr T Delaney

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

105. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

106. AMENDMENTS TO THE TEST AND TRACE DISCRETIONARY POLICY

Councillor R Bayliss presented the report, which sought Cabinet approval for changes to the nationally funded Test and Trace Discretionary Policy, in line with changes made by other local authorities in the Leicestershire Revenues and Benefits Partnership. The intention of the changes were to widen eligibility and therefore increase take-up of the scheme before its expiration in June 2021. The proposals in the report were welcomed by Members.

It was moved by Councillor R Bayliss, seconded by Councillor N Rushton and

RESOLVED THAT CABINET:

- 1) Approves revision to the discretionary scheme by way of the following changes
 - Removal of the non-dependent restriction
 - Increase the capital limit to £2,000
- 2) Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Housing and Customer Services in conjunction with the relevant Portfolio Holder to make further revision to the discretionary scheme as required for the duration of its existence.

Reason for decision: The original discretionary scheme was approved under the emergency decision making powers of the Chief Executive and did not include further delegation. The report seeks authority to revise the scheme to increase the number of eligible claimants.

107. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor T Gillard, seconded by Councillor N Rushton and

RESOLVED THAT:

In pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Reason for decision: To enable the consideration of exempt information.

Chairman's initials

108. NEEDHAM'S WALK COALVILLE

Councillor R Blunt presented the report, which presented a proposal to Cabinet for the future use of land at Needham's Walk in Coalville. Members welcomed the report and its contents.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor R Ashman and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations set out on pages 7 and 8 of the agenda be agreed.

Reason for decision: The Regeneration of Coalville is a priority in the Council Delivery Plan.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.17 pm