

9 March 2017



**SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**DECISIONS NOTICE**

**WEEK ENDING 10 MARCH 2017**

**(For clarity, where an item is recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply)**

**DECISIONS BY THE CABINET  
CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017**

**The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 17 March 2017 unless the call-in procedure is activated:**

**OPEN CABINET DECISION – FOR EXEMPT ITEM**

**Report Title / Ref No: Land at Thorpeness (CAB 14/17) (exempt)**

**Decision Made by Cabinet:**

- (1) That an under-lease to Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe Parish Council for a term of 30 years to be progressed to be completed if the Heritage/visitor centre project progresses.
- (2) That the intention to do so be documented in support of related funding applications as appropriate.
- (3) That delegated authority is provided to the Head of Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Members with responsibility for Resources and the Green Environment, to allow the finalisation and completion of any documentation resulting from resolutions (1) and (2).

**Reason for Decision:** To facilitate improvement and enhancement of the locality in support of the East Suffolk Business Plan and to increase visitor numbers to East Suffolk outside of the main tourist seasons.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** The request of the Parish Council could be refused; this was not seen to be appropriate given that its proposal would help to enhance the vicinity through the development of a currently under-used area.

**Any Declarations of Interest declared:**

Councillor M Jones declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest, as a member of Aldringham-

Cum-Thorpe Parish Council, and as she is involved in the Heritage Centre project.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None.

#### **OPEN CABINET DECISION – FOR EXEMPT ITEM**

**Report Title / Ref No:** Deben Leisure Centre Redevelopment (CAB 15/17) (exempt)

**Decision Made by Cabinet:**

- (1) That Cabinet agrees the Business Case (including costs) for the redevelopment of Deben Leisure Centre and authorises the Strategic Director to issue appropriate notices to the Council's development partner Rock Merchanting Limited (Trading as Pulse Fitness) to enable it to progress the Project Agreement and issue the New Project Commencement Notice.
- (2) That Cabinet gives delegated authority to the Strategic Director to issue appropriate notices to the Council's operator, Places for People Leisure Management Limited, for temporary closure of the Deben Leisure Centre.
- (3) That Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director, following the redevelopment and in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Customers, Communities and Leisure, to agree variations to the service specification element of the contract with Places for People Leisure Management Limited, insofar as they relate to Deben Leisure Centre, on terms that protect the Council's interests.

**Reason for Decision:** Delivery of key corporate actions within the East Suffolk Business Plan and within the Council's Leisure Strategy. To provide quality leisure and health facilities / services that are accessible and available to residents and visitors of the area for generations to come, whilst ensuring the best interests of the Council are met. To secure the appropriate resources to ensure delivery of the redevelopment of a quality, modern, fit for purpose leisure centre, meeting the needs of local communities and supporting the Council's investment to save aspirations.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** None.

**Any Declarations of Interest declared:**

Councillor G Holdcroft declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, as a very near neighbour of the Deben Leisure Centre, and left the meeting for this item.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None.

## **OPEN CABINET DECISION – FOR EXEMPT ITEM**

**Report Title / Ref No: Felixstowe Pier Plaza (CAB 16/17)**

### **Decision Made by Cabinet:**

- (1) That Suffolk Coastal District Council provides a financial contribution to a maximum of the sum, as discussed at the meeting, or 50% of the cost of the scheme, if less.
- (2) That delegated authority is given to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Members with responsibility for Coastal Management and Resources, to agree the revised scheme for the Pier Plaza as referred to in report CAB 16/17.

**Reason for Decision:** To create a public amenity space which enhances and integrates the setting and approach to both the new Pierhead building and Felixstowe Leisure Centre, whilst being mindful, in the medium term, of the proximity of the Leisure Centre and any potential redevelopment proposals.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** That the Council provides additional funding to that already committed; that the delivery of the scheme is delayed until the future of the Felixstowe Leisure Centre is known.

**Any Declarations of Interest declared:** None.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None.

### **DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL AUTHORISED OFFICERS IN RESPECT OF KEY DECISIONS CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017**

No decisions were taken by individual authorised Officers this week.

### **DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017**

**The following decision has been taken by a Cabinet Member and will come into effect on 17 March 2017:**

**Name of Cabinet Member:** Councillor Richard Kerry **Title:** Cabinet Member for Housing

**Title:** Approval of House Renovation Grant

**Decision made by the Cabinet Member:**

To authorise the approval of House Renovation Grant 16/00050/DRG by the Head of Housing.

**Reason for Decision:**

This property has been assessed to fail the Decent Homes Standard by virtue of the serious dis-repair of the flat and shallow pitch bitumen felt roofs. The works required will cost in the region of £10,500.

The property was purchased by an elderly lady following the death of her husband. She wished to move closer to her son who helps her with the upkeep and maintenance of her home and garden and chose to move to a bungalow as she was having increasing difficulties with the stairs in the home she had shared with her husband. At the time she made her purchase there were few bungalows available and the applicant felt that her mental health would be improved by an expeditious move closer to family.

With the exception of the criteria relating to the length of time an applicant has owned and occupied the property, all other requirements as set out in the Council's Private Sector Renewal Strategy in relation to Renovation Grants, are met by the applicant.

The grant is subject to conditions of future occupation and must be repaid in full should the property be sold or the owner move out within the next 20 years.

**Alternative Options Considered & Rejected:**

Non payment of the grant. The applicant cannot afford to carry out the works (she receives an income related benefit) and accordingly if a grant is not approved the works will not be undertaken. In these circumstances the condition of the roofs will continue to deteriorate and will ultimately allow rainwater to penetrate the fabric of the building creating additional repair issues and poor living conditions. Should house renovation grants still be available in October 2018 the applicant would be in a position to meet all the eligibility criteria to apply for a grant and could do so, though the cost of the works may be higher if the roofs have started to leak.

Moving to another property: Not feasible for her having just moved and no more suitable properties currently available.

**Any Declarations of Interest Declared:** None.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None.

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