

CABINET - MONDAY, 20 MAY 2024
NOTICE OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED ON 21 MAY 2024

Item
Wisbech - Government Long-Term Plan for Towns funding
Purpose
To accept funding from the Government's Long-Term Plan for Towns initiative for the town of Wisbech and make the necessary arrangements for delivery of the project.
Decision
<p>AGREED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the contents of the report relating to the Government's Long-Term Plan for Towns Initiative for the town of Wisbech; • Delegate powers to accept the capacity revenue funding for FY 2024/25 to the Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer; • Appoint Iain Kirkbright as Chair of the Wisbech Town Board; • Notes the proposed Independent Chair's suggested appointments to the Wisbech Town Board as set out within Appendix 4 (selected in accordance with the DHLUC guidance summarised in Appendix 6), such appointments to be made prior to the inaugural meeting and subject to the recommendation at Paragraph 4.3 being agreed. Appointments after this date will be made by the Independent Chair in consultation with the Town Board; • Approve the draft Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct for the Wisbech Town Board, to be adopted by the Town Board at the inaugural meeting in May 2024.
Reason for Decision
To enable the creation of an inclusive and effective Town Board for Wisbech and to support the development of the Long-Term Plan (comprising 10-year Vision and 3-year Investment Plan) for submission before 1 November 2024. DLUHC will assess the plan and once approved will release funding.
Alternative Options Considered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for Levelling Up Funding was made in July 2022. • The projects for inclusion in the Wisbech Levelling Up Funding bid were agreed at Cabinet on 13 June 2022. The Wisbech Levelling Up Fund bid was submitted by the deadline of 6 July 2022 but was unsuccessful. • A Wisbech Masterplan was created as part of the Levelling Up Fund application and was shared with Cabinet on 14 November 2022. This masterplan will be reviewed as part of the Long-Term Plan for Towns submission and will form the initial basis for the development of the 10-year Vision. • Do Nothing – Cabinet could choose to reject the creation of a Town Board and acceptance of the capacity revenue funding, forfeiting the £20m of investment.
Interests
Councillors Boden, Hoy, Tierney and Wallwork declared that they are named members within the report as being on Wisbech Town Board.
Background Documents
<p>Our Long-Term Plan for Towns - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Our Long-Term Plan for Towns (Government Report) Cabinet meetings held on 13 June 2022 and 14 November 2022 Wisbech Master Plan</p>

Item

Whittlesea Station Enhancement Programme
Purpose
<p>To support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delivery of a £3m programme of enhancements at Whittlesea railway station supported by CPCA Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) funding available between April 2024 and March 2027. • Authorise the S151 Officer to enter into a grant funding agreement (GFA) with CPCA for FDC to deliver the enhancement programme for Whittlesea Station. • Support the June 2019 decision of FDC Cabinet relating to the governance of the Whittlesea Station project. Enabling the existing governance arrangements and a Project Board to oversee the development and delivery of the £3m programme. • To give delegated authorisation to the Cabinet member for Transport, Heritage, and Culture to approve associated procurement in accordance with FDC procurement procedures, the terms of the GFA with CPCA and decisions by the Project Board.
Decision
<p>AGREED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the delivery of a £3m programme of enhancements at Whittlesea railway station supported by CPCA Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) funding available between April 2024 and March 2027; • Authorise the S151 Officer to enter into a grant agreement with CPCA for FDC to deliver the enhancement programme for Whittlesea Station; • Reconfirm the June 2019 decision of FDC Cabinet relating to the Governance of the Whittlesea Station project. Enabling the existing governance arrangements and a Project Board to oversee the development and delivery of the £3m programme; and • Give delegated authorisation to the Cabinet member for Transport, Heritage, and Culture to approve associated procurement in accordance with FDC procurement procedures, the terms of the GFA with CPCA and decisions by the Project Board.
Reason for Decision
<p>In January 2024 the CPCA Board approved a funding package of £3m for Whittlesea Station from April 2024 to March 2027. This package was expected to take forward the Outline Business Case and enable detailed design and construction subject to the enhancement projects being determined.</p>
Alternative Options Considered
<p>Fenland District Council has an integrated transport policy as set out in the Fenland Local Plan 2014. This policy sets out an approach which will see enhancements across the district for all modes of transport. Programmes and projects are therefore being developed for all other modes of transport. All options are therefore being considered and taken forward as opposed to alternatives. Fenland District has a substantial transport infrastructure deficit and therefore proposals for all modes of travel are appropriate. The specific projects in the station masterplan for Whittlesea have been developed through ongoing consultation with the local community.</p>
Interests
<p>None.</p>
Background Documents
<p>FDC Cabinet April 2012 – Fenland Rail Development Strategy 2011 – 2031 Meeting of Cabinet on Thursday, 19th April, 2012, 4.00 pm - Fenland District Council Whittlesea Station Masterplan (2013) V:\Assets+Projects\Architech\DWGS\PS469\1 Layout1 (1 (fenland.gov.uk) CPCA Board Meeting October 2017 – Transport Priority Schemes CMIS > Meetings</p>

CPCA Board Meeting March 2018 - Transport Delivery 2018/19

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CPCA Board Meeting January 2019 – Transport Delivery 2019/20 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2019 - 2023

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

FDC Cabinet June 2019 – Fenland Stations Regeneration Project Board

[Agenda Item 9.pdf \(fenland.gov.uk\)](#)

Whittlesea Station SOBC 2022

[Railway Station Masterplans - Fenland District Council](#)

CPCA Board Meeting January 2024 – Item 10 – CPCA MTFP – New capital investment projects appendix E

[CMIS > Meetings](#)

Hereward Community Rail Partnership and Fenland Railways Equality Impact Assessment

[Equality Impact Assessments - Fenland District Council](#)

Item
Wisbech High Street Update
Purpose
To provide a monthly update regarding ongoing construction work at 24 High Street, Wisbech and progress regarding the options for 11-12 High Street, Wisbech.
Decision
AGREED to note the progress in relation to the building of 24 High Street in Wisbech and note the ongoing work regarding the development of a viable option for 11-12 High Street, Wisbech.
Reason for Decision
Not Applicable.
Alternative Options Considered
Not Applicable.
Interests
None.
Background Documents
Previous Cabinet reports.

Additional information regarding these decisions is available from
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The Decisions/Edit Decisions/Call in Deadline at 1700 hours is the expiry date for call-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel of any of the above decisions. These decisions will come into force and may then be implemented on 30 May 2024, with the exception of any that the Overview and Scrutiny Panel calls in.