



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013

DECISIONS

PRESENT:	Councillor Mackintosh (Chair); Councillor Markham (Deputy Chair); Councillors Eldred, Hallam, Bottwood and Hadland.
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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 11 September 2013. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

These decisions will come into force and then may be implemented on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this list.

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THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:	<u>12th September 2013</u>
DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:	<u>17th September 2013 AT 17:00 HOURS</u>

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests: Councillor Mackintosh declared a personal interest as a Ward Member.
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7. DESIGNATION OF AREA AND FORUM FOR GROWING TOGETHER (NORTHAMPTON EAST) FOR THE PURPOSES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.

1. Cabinet considered the responses received as set out in Appendix 3 of the report to the consultation on the proposal by Growing Together to seek designation of a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum.
2. Cabinet designated the Growing Together Neighbourhood Area as shown in Appendix 1 of the report for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan under Section 61G of the Localism Act 2011.
3. Following the designation of the Growing Together Neighbourhood Area, Cabinet designated Growing Together Neighbourhood Forum under Section 61F of the Localism Act 2011 for a period of five (5) years for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests: Cllrs Bottwood and Hadland declared personal interests in this item as Members of the Parish Council.
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8. DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FOR DUSTON

Cabinet noted the responses in Appendix 3 of the report, and designated the area proposed by Duston Parish Council for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

9. LAND AT MIDSUMMER MEADOW - DEDICATION OF LAND FOR HIGHWAYS PURPOSES

1. Cabinet noted that the University of Northampton had resolved to consolidate its facilities in Northampton on a major new campus to the south of the River Nene on the land area generally known as Avon /Nunn Mills, situated close to the Town Centre.
2. Cabinet confirmed the general support of this Council for this important investment and development within Northampton Waterside Enterprise Zone, subject to the practical minimisation of any detrimental impacts on existing public open space and public amenity as a result of providing a necessary access from Bedford Road, including the construction of a new vehicular bridge.
3. Cabinet approved, in principle, the transfer of land within its freehold and leasehold ownership at Midsummer Meadow, for ultimate dedication for highways and linked ancillary purposes only, of property shown hatched on the attached plan at Appendix 1 - on terms to be agreed (that would include scope to permit minor variation to the extent of that land if genuinely required in the physical construction of public highway). The financial basis of transfer/ dedication would be at nominal consideration, save for any appropriate reserve provisions relating to potential future value that could be generated for the University from ancillary commercial development served by the road access.
4. Cabinet acknowledged and supported the necessary consequential re-modelling of parts of Midsummer Meadow and the adjacent public car park to accommodate (a) the highways engineering changes required to Bedford Road and (b) to construct a new adopted road and a highways bridge across the River Nene.
5. Cabinet authorised the advertisement as necessary of the proposed disposal of public open space in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, in respect of land referred

to above at 2.3 of the report.

6. Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, to agree (a) the precise terms of any transfer/ dedication of land for highways purposes and (b) the grant of any necessary rights or easements whether of a temporary or permanent nature for linked ancillary purposes (e.g. drainage or service conduits).

Agenda	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
Item No	None

10. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY WITHIN NORTHAMPTON WATERSIDE ENTERPRISE ZONE

1. Cabinet approved the principle of the acquisition by this Council of the land interests shown edged red and blue upon the plan at Appendix 1 of the report together with agreeing appropriate terms with third party land owners to vary existing burdens affecting the titles of the land.
2. Cabinet approved the principle of the disposal of the land edged respectively red and blue to Church & Co Limited (or any associated or parent company of the business that manufactures high quality footwear in Northamptonshire) on a basis that (i) minimises any difference in value between the total sums paid to acquire the land interests and to achieve any necessary appropriate variations in burdens affecting the land and the sum received from the end purchaser (ii) minimises any net costs to this Council of completing necessary pre-purchase investigations & surveys, acquisition costs and tax liabilities and (iii) that is consistent with rules relating to "State Aid" provisions.
3. Cabinet delegated to the Director of Regeneration Enterprise and Planning the power to approve the terms of the acquisitions and of the disposal, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Enterprise and Planning, the Council's Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer.

Agenda	Declaration/Conflict of Interests: Cllr Markham declared a personal
Item No	interest as a member of the Hope Charity

11. MAPLE BUILDINGS, ASH STREET - PROPOSED GRANT OF LEASE.

Cabinet approved the principle of the grant of a long lease to Northampton Hope Centre (Registered Charity No. 1015743), for a term of 125 years at a nominal rent, of the building known as Maple Buildings at Ash Street, forming part of the property shown edged red upon the plan at Appendix 1 of the report.

Cabinet delegated to the Director of Regeneration Enterprise and Planning the power to approve the terms of the lease in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Enterprise and Planning, provided that the grant of any lease shall be conditional upon the prior satisfaction of the following conditions:

- a) Northampton Hope Centre satisfying the Council that it is able to attract sufficient external capital funding to make alterations and improvements to the property to enable it to operate effectively and without subsidy from Northampton Borough Council.
- b) This Council being sufficiently satisfied, within six months of the date of this Cabinet meeting, that Northampton Hope Centre has a deliverable and robust business plan in place, setting out a range of positive outputs, with an expected emphasis on supporting Hope Enterprises in their work.

Agenda **Declaration/Conflict of Interests:**
Item No None

12. FINANCE REPORT TO 31 JULY 2013 AND PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2013

1. Cabinet noted the contents of the report.
2. Cabinet approved the following addition to the General Fund Capital Programme 2013/14:

Scheme Reference & Description	Narrative	2013-14 £	Future Years £	Funding Source
2013-14/GF48 Victoria Street Bus Shelters	To provide new bus shelters for coach operators, to match the standards of the new Bus Interchange.	17,500	0	Capital Receipts

3. Cabinet noted the additions and variations approved under delegated authority, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

Agenda **Declaration/Conflict of Interests:**
Item No None

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2012-13

Cabinet recommended to Council that they note the Council's treasury management performance for 2012-13