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Meeting: CABINET

Date and Time: Tuesday, 19 March 2019 at 10.00 am

Venue: COUNCIL CHAMBER, CATMOSE

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A G E N D A

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR HEAD OF THE PAID SERVICE

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Regulations, Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this Agenda and/or indicate if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

4) RECORD OF DECISIONS

To confirm the Record of Decisions made at the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19 February 2019.

5) ITEMS RAISED BY SCRUTINY

To receive items raised by members of scrutiny which have been submitted to the Leader (copied to Chief Executive and Governance Officer) by 4.30 pm on Friday 15 March 2019.

REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

6) ST GEORGE'S BARRACKS PROGRESS REPORT

Report No.61/2019
(Pages 5 - 8)

7) RURAL STRATEGY

Report No. 67/2019
(Pages 9 - 12)

REPORTS OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FOR PLACES

8) AWARD CRITERIA - 9 BUCKINGHAM ROAD (KEY DECISION)

Report No. 62/2019
(Pages 13 - 16)

9) HIGHWAYS CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME (KEY DECISION)

Report No. 56/2019
(Report to follow)

10) ANY ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To receive items of urgent business which have previously been notified to the person presiding.

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MEMBERS OF THE CABINET: Mr O Hemsley Chairman

Mr G Brown
Mr R Foster
Mr A Walters
Mr D Wilby
Mrs L Stephenson

SCRUTINY COMMISSION:

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CABINET

19th March 2019

PROGRESS UPDATE ON ST GEORGE'S BARRACKS

Report of the Chief Executive

Strategic Aim:	All	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP19/0718	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Mr O Hemsley, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Rutland One Public Estate & Growth, Tourism & Economic Development, Resources (other than Finance)	
Contact Officer(s):	Helen Briggs, Chief Executive	01572 758201 hbriggs@rutland.gov.uk
Ward Councillors	Normanton - Mr K Bool and Miss G Waller	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet notes the progress update in respect of the St George's Barracks Project.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with a progress report on the St George's Barracks project further to the report of March 2018.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The St George's Barracks project is a significant project for the County Council and the County as a whole. This report provides a summary of progress to date. It includes updates on:

- Housing Infrastructure Fund
- Master planning and viability
- The St George's Advisory Group
- The Officers' Mess project

- The Government's Garden Community Programme
- Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Fund

3 HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

3.1 Work on the HIF submission is now complete and the business case has been submitted. We do not anticipate hearing the outcome of the submission until May 2019 at the earliest. At that point (if successful) we expect that there will be significant work required to review any associated conditions and it is therefore difficult to say when a recommendation will be put before Council for consideration of acceptance of the grant.

4 MASTER PLANNING AND VIABILITY

4.1 Work on the Evolving Masterplan will continue during 2019. This is expected to include further work on:

- Design and layout
- Highways and transport infrastructure

4.2 The Advisory Group has been asked to contribute to this further work and an outline of the work involved is being prepared.

4.3 The work will be more comprehensive if we are successful in obtaining Garden Communities funding. This work will allow us to continue to influence the outcome at the site.

4.4 Cabinet are aware of the recent announcement by the MoD that the Army vacation of St George's will be a year later than originally anticipated. This will not impact on the overall plans for the project.

5 ST GEORGE'S ADVISORY GROUP

5.1 Meetings continue – the last meeting took place on 27th February. Minutes will be available at <https://www.stgeorgesrutland.co.uk/st-georges-advisory-group/> by the date of the Cabinet meeting.

6 THE OFFICERS MESS PROJECT

6.1 Work on the Officers' Mess site is continuing. The work is taking longer than originally anticipated but discussions are on-going with the MOD.

7 THE GARDEN COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

7.1 At its meeting of 18th September 2018 Cabinet approved the submission of an Expression of Interest in the Garden Communities programme.

7.2 This bid has now been submitted. It was supported by the St George's Project Board who had an opportunity to review the submission and the Advisory Board have been briefed.

The bid to join the programme and for revenue support totalling £400k focusses on:

- Support for exemplar design
- Dedicated planning support
- Support to explore a Dementia Friendly community
- Additional support for the Advisory Board
- Specialist Legal advice

7.3 We anticipate hearing if the bid has been successful in Spring 2019.

8 GREATER CAMBRIDGESHIRE GREATER PETERBOROUGH LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (GCGPLEP) – GROWTH FUND

8.1 At its meeting of 16th October 2018 Cabinet supported the submission of an expression of interest to the GCGP Growth Fund. An Expression of Interest was made on behalf of the St George's project. Meetings are now planned with the Cambridgeshire / Peterborough Combined Authority to look at next steps.

8.2 The bid focusses on support for the creation of the business zone at the site.

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Non-statutory consultation in relation to the High Level Master Plan for St George's has now finished. The analysis of the responses and all of the responses have been shared and are available on our web site. These responses will be considered as part of the work towards completing the Local Plan.

9.2 The St George's Advisory Group will also support on-going engagement with Parish Councils and the sub group work on the Officers' Mess.

9.3 There is significant engagement on-going with the local business community, the education sector and a wider stakeholder group including utilities, neighbouring councils and developers.

10 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

10.1 This is a progress report so this element is not relevant to most of the report.

11 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

- 11.2 Expenditure to date on the St George's project has been fully funded (other than Officer time) by the One Public Estate Programme or contributions from the MOD.
- 11.3 The Officers' Mess report was the subject of Report 54/2018 to Cabinet on 20th March 2018 which identified in detail the financial implications.

12 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no legal or governance implications arising directly from this report.

13 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 A data protection impact assessment has not been completed as there are no data protection implications.

14 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 14.1 Not relevant for a progress report.

15 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 None

16 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 16.1 None

17 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17.1 Progress on the project is in line with the programme.

18 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 18.1 None

19 APPENDICES

- 19.1 None

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CABINET

19th March 2019

RURAL STRATEGY

Report of the Chief Executive

Strategic Aim:	All	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP/080319	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Mr O Hemsley, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Rutland One Public Estate & Growth, Tourism & Economic Development, Resources (other than Finance)	
Contact Officer(s):	Helen Briggs, Chief Executive	01572 758201 hbriggs@rutland.gov.uk
Ward Councillors	All	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet approves Rutland County Council supporting the campaign for a Rural Strategy through the Rural Services Network.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable Cabinet to decide if Rutland County Council should support the campaign for a Rural Strategy led by the Rural Services Network.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Rural Services Network (RSN) is calling on the Government to take the lead, working with other interested organisations, to produce a comprehensive, long-term and funded Rural Strategy. Rutland are members of the RSN and have been regular and active contributors for many years.
- 2.2 The RSN suggests that the Strategy should include the following component parts:
- A thriving Rural Economy
 - A digitally connected countryside

- A place everyone can get around
- An affordable Place to live
- A fair deal on health and social care
- A place to learn and grow
- A settlement (including fair funding for rural services) to support local action
- A rural proofed policy framework

2.3 The RSN argues that rural communities are frequently overlooked in a policy environment dominated by (majority) urban thinking and by urban policy concerns. So called “rural mainstreaming” has often led to policies which are inappropriate in a sparsely populated or rural setting. The result is that communities miss out on the benefits, or experience unintended consequences from policies which are poorly thought through from a rural perspective.

2.4 The RSN also argues that rural economies are widely misunderstood, with their potential to grow and add value to the national economy overlooked. Too often they are conflated with agriculture and land-based industries. Whilst agriculture certainly remains an important consideration, it is today one element within broad-based and diverse rural economies.

2.5 As a consequence of this the RSN is arguing that it is time for a Rural Strategy which:

- raises rural opportunities and challenges the political agenda:
- which is forward looking and ambitious,
- recognises the contribution that rural areas make and those they could make to the wellbeing and prosperity of the nation as a whole.

2.6 The template Rural Strategy that sets out the evidence and rationale for the campaign can be found at https://rsnonline.org.uk/images/publications/rural-strategy-2019/rsn_rural_strategy_online.pdf

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 The purpose of this report is to consider if the Council should sign up to the campaign. Consultation would be undertaken by the Government should the campaign be successful.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 The Cabinet could choose not to sign up to the campaign.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report other than the officer time which will be spent in discussion with the RSN – this is likely to be minimal and will be absorbed within existing work plans and resources

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal or governance implications arising directly from this report.

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A data protection impact assessment has not been completed as there are no data protection implications.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Not relevant for a progress report.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 None

11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

A fully funded Rural Strategy of the type proposed could provide significant benefits to the County as a whole and ensure that issues of the type that effect Rutland feature more prominently in deliberations by Government when setting policy.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1 None

13 APPENDICES

- 13.1 None

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CABINET

19th March 2019

AWARD CRITERIA - 9 BUCKINGHAM ROAD

Report of the Strategic Director for Places

Strategic Aim:	Safeguarding	
Key Decision: Yes	Forward Plan Reference: FP/150219	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Cllr O Hemsley Portfolio Holder for Rutland One Public Estate & Growth, Tourism & Economic Development, Resources (other than Finance and Communications).	
Contact Officer(s):	Andrew Edwards, Head of Property Services	01572 758391 aedwards@rutland.gov.uk
	Rob Harbour, Deputy Director for Places	01572 720909 rharbour@rutland.gov.uk
Ward Councillors	Cllr Oliver Bird, Oakham South West	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the award criteria as set out in this report
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Rutland One Public Estate & Growth, Tourism & Economic Development, Resources (other than Finance and Communications) and the Director of Resources to appoint a suitable contractor as a result of the tender process up to a contract value of £210k.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain Cabinet approval for the award criteria for the extension of 9 Buckingham Road and delegated authority for the appointment of the contractor to take the works forward.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 On the 20th February 2018 Cabinet considered a report (18/2018) regarding the commuted sums held by the Council from developers totalling £419,291 for the provision of off-site affordable housing.

- 2.2 The report suggested that the first priority is the provision of a larger, affordable general needs rented accommodation of five bedrooms or more delivered through either or a combination of extension, conversion, acquisition or new construction. This is to address issues in households where there are multiple generations in occupation within a single dwelling.
- 2.3 Prior to a bidding process for external grant applications, Cabinet authorised the Chief Executive to allocate funding from within the £420,000 budget to extend a Council-owned property, creating a five or six-bedroomed house in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Rutland One Public Estate and Growth, Tourism & Economic Development and Resources (other than Finance and Communications), subject to feasibility.
- 2.4 A property at 9 Buckingham Road was identified to deliver this objective. This property is already owned by the Council but is used as temporary accommodation. The proposal is to extend this property to provide the additional capacity necessary to accommodate a single large household.
- 2.5 Whilst the report above delegated authority to the Chief Executive to allocate funding, it did not delegate authority to agree the award criteria or appoint a contractor. This report now seeks that authority in compliance with Contract Standing Orders.

3 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 Following Council approval on the 20th February 2018 work has progressed on the development of the scheme. The project will provide a ground floor extension and an extension over the garage to provide three extra bedrooms and wash facilities. The project will also extend existing driveway to accommodate one additional parking space.
- 3.2 A planning application has been submitted (ref 2018/1252/RG3) and was approved by Planning Committee on the 12th February 2019.
- 3.3 A full tender package has been prepared. Subject to the approval of the recommendations in this report the project will be advertised in accordance with RCC procurement rules.

4 AWARD CRITERIA

- 4.1 The estimated cost is currently £191k. However, this will only be confirmed on receipt of tenders and to reflect the position post Brexit the proposal is to add an additional 10% to reflect uncertainty in the market. This would bring the estimated contract sum to £210k.
- 4.2 Consideration has been given to using a construction framework. However, historically they tend to be between 25% and 30% above competitively tendered prices and for this reason this approach has been discounted.
- 4.3 Given this, the works will be procured via a single stage process with the bidders tendering against drawings and specification. The tenders will be evaluated against a set of criteria which is set out below:

Description	Question	% of Mark
Price (P)		70
Quality (Q)		30
Q1	Quality Questions and weightings	
Q2	Understanding of the Contract Documents	10
Q3	Method Statement	5
Q4	Health and Safety	5
Q5	Programme	5
Q6	Experience of personnel assigned to the project	5
	Total	30

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place internally with the Portfolio Holder and officers within the Council.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Since the approval of Cabinet the only other option available is not to proceed with the works.

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The funds have been previously released by Cabinet (Report No. 18/2018). There are no additional financial implications to those previously identified as a result of this report.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Officers are not empowered by the Scheme of Delegation or Contract Standing Orders to set award criteria or award contracts of this value. This report ensures that these works are being procured in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This report seeks approval for award criteria and the eventual award of a contract. There are no Data Protection Implications.

10 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 This report seeks approval for award criteria and the eventual award of a contract. There are no Equality Impact Implications.

11 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 This report seeks approval for award criteria and the eventual award of a contract. There are no Community Safety Implications.

12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 This report seeks approval for award criteria and the eventual award of a contract. There are no Health and Wellbeing Implications.

13 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 There are no organisational implications.

14 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 The proposals set out in this report will allow Rutland County Council to tender the works and appoint a contractor to undertake the works set out in this report.
- 14.2 This approach will ensure that an issue surrounding housing suitable for a Rutland family will be addressed, giving them security in the long term.

15 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 15.1 None

16 APPENDICES

- 16.1 None

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