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** DENOTES KEY DECISION*

CABINET MEETING

At a meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Huyton on Wednesday, 18th July, 2012 the following Members were

P r e s e n t:

Councillors

R J Round JP
Chairman of the Cabinet
(in the Chair)

Ms J E Aston, E Connor, Ms S E Gaffney, Mrs J Harris, K Keith, D Lonergan MRICS, G J Morgan and G A Wright.

(NB:- Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman of the Cabinet, Councillor R J Round JP, introduced and welcomed Mr Peter Lewis who had recently been appointed as the Council's Interim Executive Director (People).)

APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor N F Keats.

15. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 June 2012 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Deputy Chief Executive's representative reported that no declarations of interest had been submitted.

17. A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO THE DISPOSAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL-OWNED SURPLUS LAND (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which sought approval for a new approach to the disposal and development of surplus Council-owned land, which was aimed at delivering housing-led regeneration in accordance with the Council's pledge.

Members were advised that the Council had made a pledge to invest in the development of 426 new affordable homes and to make land available for up to

2,250 additional homes in the Borough. Through a pro-active approach to the disposal of its own surplus land holdings, the Council could itself play a significant role not only in the delivery of such land for housing but also by taking the pledge a stage further by ensuring the delivery of new homes on that land.

In order to achieve this outcome a new approach to the disposal and development of surplus Council land was proposed, based on the establishment of a strategic partnership working with housing developers. As land owner the Council was in a strong position to influence both the quality and pace of development, whilst also deriving an equitable share of financial return. The report outlined the proposed approach which would deliver new homes to agreed standards and timescales in line with the Council's housing strategy and the Council's aspiration to transform the Borough.

RESOLVED – That

- (i) A new approach to the disposal and development of the Council's surplus land, as set out within the report, be approved;
- (ii) the proposed strategic approach to the disposal of land, which could lead to the Council moving from the generation of defined capital receipts received on an up-front basis to receipts being received on a phased basis as land is developed, be endorsed.
- (iii) the commencement of a procurement process to identify a shortlist of developers who would then be invited to engage in competitive dialogue prior to submitting tenders, as outlined at paragraph 3.9.3 of the report, be approved; and
- (iv) authority to approve the detailed land packages be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Portfolio for Regeneration, Economy and Skills, following discussions with the relevant Ward Members.

18. MANAGEMENT OF RISK - 2011/12 OUTTURN REPORT

The Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which:-

- (1) outlined progress during 2011/12 in managing the Authority's strategic risks;
- (2) identified the key issues to be progressed further as a result; and
- (3) sought approval for the Strategic Risk Register for 2012/13.

It was highlighted that whilst progress had been made in managing the Authority's strategic risks during 2011/12 and in enhancing corporate resilience arrangements, the focus on the management of risk to the Authority's priorities had to be maintained to ensure the effective use of resources, maximisation of opportunities and continuation of service delivery, particularly in an environment of change both internally and externally.

RESOLVED – That

- (i) The progress made by Directorates during 2011/12 in managing Knowsley's identified strategic risks as summarised at Appendix A to

the report and the key issues arising as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report be noted;

- (ii) the proposed closure of nine strategic risks, as illustrated in paragraph 4.1 of the report, be approved;
- (iii) the adoption of 13 new strategic risks for 2012/13, as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report, be approved; and
- (iv) the Authority's Strategic Risk Register for 2012/13, as set out at Appendix A to the report, be approved.

19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

20. AWARD OF HIGHWAY FRAMEWORK AND TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which advised Members of the results of a recent procurement process in relation to Highways Minor Works, Highway Constriction Schemes and Drainage Term Maintenance and Framework Contracts. The report set out proposals for the format and the term of each proposed new contract.

Following a rigorous and robust contract evaluation process examining all tender submissions, it was recommended that the Council entered into Term Maintenance Contracts with the top scoring contractors for Lot 1 and Lot 3 and a Framework Agreement with three contractors for Lot 2 for the reasons detailed in the report.

RESOLVED – That

- (i) The Council enters into Term Maintenance Contracts with King Construction for Highways Minor Works (Lot 1) and Drainage Services (Lot 3) for a two year period (with an option of two further 12 month extensions for a maximum total period of up to four years); and
- (ii) the Council enters into a Framework Agreement with each of three contractors (DCT Civil Engineering Ltd, Dowhigh Ltd and King Construction) for Lot 2 (Highway Construction Schemes) for a two-year period (with an option of two further 12 month extensions for a maximum total period of up to four years).

Minutes 15 to 20 received as a correct record on the 15th day of August 2012.

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Chairman of the Cabinet

(The meeting closed at 2.10 pm)