

MINUTES OF: THE CABINET (SPECIAL)

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 19th June 2024

**Present: Councillor A Barnes (Chair)
Councillors Lythgoe, McInnes, M Smith and Walmsley**

**Rob Huntington, Chief Executive
Clare Birtwistle, Head of Legal (Monitoring Officer)
Clare Law, Head of People and Policy
Kimberly Haworth, Head of Financial Services
Sean O'Hagan, LUF Programme Manager
Andrew Taylor, Head of Environmental Services**

**Also present: Councillors Cheetham and Neal
14 members of the public (in part)**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A number of written questions had been received. Written responses to be provided followed by a meeting with members of the public at a date to be agreed in the near future.

4. ROSSENDALE LUF REGENERATION PROGRAMME – RAWTENSTALL MARKET STAGE 3 DESIGN APPROVAL

The LUF Programme Manager and Leader/Lead Member for Economic Development outlined the report which asked Cabinet to approve the designs for Rawtenstall Market and to delegate the procurement and appointment of the most economically advantageous relevant construction contracts to deliver Rawtenstall Market.

Cabinet members were invited to comment on the report:

- The recommendation to be amended to read Lead Member for Economic Development and Lead Member for Resources.
- The timeline and cost envelope was challenging but it was great to see this kind of investment in the borough.
- The construction industry has seen significant inflation so this brings some challenges as to what we can do.
- The Council were looking to make the building more economical to run.
- The rear of the market would generally be used as a bin store etc. but further work would be done on this area.
- The towns fund injected into the wider Rawtenstall boundary would be in the sum of £20million over 10 years.

Members were invited to comment on the report:

- There were parking issues with commuters going out of the borough.
- Clarification on SRB funding in the borough.

Resolved:

- 1. Cabinet approved the RIBA Stage 3 design of the Rawtenstall Market in order to proceed with the planning application.
- 2. Cabinet delegated Authority to the Director of Economic Development in consultation with the Corporate Management Team and Lead Members for Economic Development and Resources to procure and appoint the most economically advantageous relevant construction contracts to deliver Rawtenstall Market.

Reason for Decision:

The Delivery of the Capital Levelling Up Fund will support Rossendale to have a Thriving Local Economy and in turn support our Economic Development Aspirations. Approval to move forward with the proposed plans for Rawtenstall Market Place will enable delivery of the programmes within the approved timescales.

Alternative Options Considered:

None.

The meeting concluded at 7.02pm

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