

CABINET

**MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 23RD MAY, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Maher (in the Chair)
Councillors Atkinson, Cummins, Fairclough, Hardy,
John Joseph Kelly, Lappin and Moncur

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Veidman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Decision Made:

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

**4. APPROVAL FOR HOMES ENGLAND GRANT IN RESPECT OF
ENABLING WORKS**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources in relation to the offer of grant funding from Homes England to the Council through their Accelerated Construction Programme to support development on the Meadow Lane/St John Stone site in Ainsdale.

Decision Made: That

- (1) the grant of £623,210 from Homes England to the Council for the Meadow Lane/St John Stone site, and the conditions attached to this offer be approved;
- (2) a fully funded supplementary capital estimate of £623,210 be approved in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules; and
- (3) the Head of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regulation, Compliance and Corporate Services be granted delegated authority to appoint a suitable Client Agent to manage the project and a suitable contractor to undertake the infrastructure and site preparation works for the Meadow Lane/St John Stone site in accordance with the Council Contract Procedure Rules be approved

Reasons for the Decision:

The Council's Financial Regulations require that Cabinet authorise the acceptance of external funding over £500,000, and supplementary capital estimates in excess of £250,000 up to and £1,000,000.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The Council could refuse the offer of the Grant funding from Homes England. This would however undermine the financial viability of the development of the site, and risk delays to housing construction being undertaken.

5. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Decision Made:

That the report in relation to Appointment to Outside Bodies be deferred to the next meeting of the Cabinet.

6. RETIREMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE MARGARET CARNEY

The Leader of the Council and Members of the Cabinet thanked the Chief Executive, Margaret Carney, for all her exceptional work and support over the last ten years and wished her well for a long, happy and healthy retirement.