

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CULTURE, ADULTS AND HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND WELLBEING CABINET MEMBERS

COMMUNITY HUB PROPOSALS – BRIGG AND AXHOLME NORTH

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to gain approval to implement proposals to create community hub spaces in Brigg and Axholme North.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council has completed investment in the Scunthorpe Central, Riddings and Baysgarth sites, creating integrated and high quality spaces for local communities. These community hubs provide vibrant community spaces, with a wide range of information, advice, leisure, health, wellbeing and lifelong learning opportunities being brought together around our customers and service users. As well as making best use of the council's estate and workforce, the community hubs improve outcomes for people by:

- strengthening individual and community health and well-being
- enhancing resilience and connectivity within the community
- promoting literate communities
- providing access to cultural enrichment
- promoting community prosperity
- enabling progression into employment
- raising aspirations
- ensuring the vulnerable are supported and protected
- improving digital access

As part of the council's ongoing redesign, proposals have been developed to create community hubs for the Brigg and Axholme North areas. The proposals build on learning from the Scunthorpe Central, Riddings and Baysgarth projects and will improve the customer and service user experience, while making efficient use of council assets.

- 2.2 The proposal for Axholme North is to invest in the Market Hall building, reorganising space to create an integrated community hub within the

heart of the town. The relocation of the library function to the Market Hall will facilitate community space and provide a single point of service, including for targeted functions. Continued community based use of the previous setting will be enabled, significantly involving Crowle and Ealand Regeneration Project Ltd and Crowle and Ealand Town Council. Working with Axholme North Leisure Centre the proposal for the Market Hall will significantly enhance the wellbeing offer.

- 2.3 The proposal for Brigg is to invest in The Angel site, creating a community hub with improved accessibility and functionality, providing an integrated point of service for universal and targeted functions. It will enhance the offer around wellbeing, working with Ancholme Leisure Centre. The proposal includes space that has been occupied by Brigg Town Council, with them occupying new space within the community hub. Facilities at Brigg Recreation Ground will be enhanced to support the universal and targeted offer for young people, together with Brigg Children's Centre continuing to provide space for positive activities for young people. The Brigg Community Wellbeing Hub site will be remodelled to meet the priority need for older residents housing, with the Brigg Youth Centre site marketed for small-scale affordable housing.
- 2.4 The proposals for Brigg and Axholme North will enable more community use of spaces, helping communities to be more resilient and to flourish.
- 2.5 Associated work will be implemented throughout North Lincolnshire as part of this proposal to ensure the needs of residents are best met. The creation of a new facility for adults with high needs at the current ELDC site in Ashby will meet needs that cannot appropriately be addressed in community hub settings. This facility will complement adult community wellbeing functions that will take place within community hub settings.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The recommendation is to approve the proposal for Brigg and Axholme North and to proceed in line with the approach described.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Approval to proceed with proposal will ensure the council best meets the needs of the Brigg and Axholme North communities.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

- 5.1 The cost of the works will be met from a specific budget allocation within the latest approved capital programme. When completed, the transformed facilities will enable the council to realise the full benefit of organising what we do around the people and place of North

Lincolnshire. This will release revenue and capital receipt efficiencies that are already accounted for with the council's medium term financial planning.

5.2 Work is ongoing to ensure that redevelopment of sites delivers the best economic and social return. The current Brigg resource centre building and youth centre along with the current Scunthorpe community wellbeing hub sites will be marketed for redevelopment in advance of the remodelling works being completed for the new community hubs. The current Crowle library building will be leased to community based organisations.

5.3 The works will be managed by a Project Team that has been established to deliver investment in our assets and how we do business.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 The proposal will strengthen community resilience by enabling people to support themselves and by providing timely access to services. The community hub proposals support the Council Plan priority of 'enabling communities to flourish'.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 No adverse impacts have been identified. The Integrated Impact Assessment will be reviewed at all stages of development and delivery of the proposals and any adverse impacts that emerge will be reported by exception.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 The outcome of separate consultations with the Brigg and Axholme North communities confirms broad support for the proposals. Suggestions to make the proposals even better have been factored into the proposals wherever appropriate and feasible.

8.2 No conflicts of interest have been declared.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet Members approve the implementation of the community hub proposals for Brigg and Axholme North areas, including associated works as set out in this report.

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