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## Decisions taken under Cabinet authority to take effect on 18 December 2017

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held  
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 5th December, 2017 at  
the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,  
STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

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### Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor	P R Wilkinson	Councillor	S Watson
	Mrs B S Fortune		D A Webster
	Mrs I Sanderson		

### Also in Attendance

Councillor	P Bardon	Councillor	J Noone
	D M Blades		C Patmore
	Mrs C S Cookman		Mrs J Watson
	K G Hardisty		

#### CA.42 **MINUTES**

##### **THE DECISION:**

That the decisions of the meeting held on 7 November 2017 (CA.32 – CA.37), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

#### CA.43 **POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF COMMUNITY ASSET**

Thirsk Ward

##### **The subject of the decision:**

This report sought approval to negotiate to acquire the former Lambert Memorial Hospital and Health Centre in Chapel Street, Thirsk and to investigate the business case for Council acquisition.

##### **Alternative options considered:**

None.

##### **The reason for the decision:**

In accordance with Section 120 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to acquire land by agreement for the benefit, improvement or development of its area.

##### **THE DECISION:**

That:-

- (1) the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate the possible purchase of the Lambert Memorial Hospital;

- (2) an investigation be undertaken of potential uses of the building which would benefit the social and economic wellbeing of Sowerby, Thirsk and the surrounding community;
- (3) authorisation be given to spend up to £15,000 on expert commercial and valuation advice; and
- (4) a further report including an appropriate business case be brought back to Cabinet for a decision on acquisition.

CA.44 **LEEMING BAR STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE**

Bedale Ward

**The subject of the decision:**

This report provided an update on the investigatory work that had been undertaken in order to support a proposed new strategic employment site at Leeming Bar and evidence its deliverability; highlighted the next steps and requested approval for funding to progress these activities and investigated the business case for Council involvement in implementation.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

The Council was preparing a new Local Plan that would, amongst other things, set out its economic growth ambitions to 2035. Once adopted, the Local Plan would be a key tool which would underpin the priorities on the Council's Economic Strategy and the Inward Investment Strategy. This site had been identified as a potential site which could be developed in a phased approach with an initial allocation of 15.8 Ha's in the new Local Plan.

**THE DECISION:**

That:-

- (1) a budget of up to £43,500 be allocated to cover the investigatory services as identified in Section 4.3 of the report and for this to be funded from the Economic Development fund; and
- (2) a further report be brought to Cabinet on the business case for Council involvement in the implementation of the project.

The meeting closed at 10.25 am

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Leader of the Council