

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CABINET

THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2004

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** I C Bates, Mrs J Chandler, N J Guyatt, D P Holley, Mrs P J Longford, Mrs D C Reynolds,  
T V Rogers and L M Simpson  
**APOLOGIES:** R L Clarke

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p><b>Suggested Executive Responsibilities</b></p> <p>Adopted a schedule of responsibilities for Cabinet Members subject to responsibility for "highways" being incorporated in the portfolio for Waste Management and Street Scene and for "travellers" in the Housing and Young Peoples portfolio.</p>	P Watkins 388002
2	<p><b>Medium Term Plans - Requests for Release of Funds</b></p> <p>The relevant funding is released for the concessionary fares study scheme with the Council's MTP and for the CCTV – Camera Replacement Scheme subject to the Chairman and Executive Councillor for Public Health and Safety being satisfied as to the content of the report referred to in the report.</p>	S Couper 388103
3	<p><b>HOUSING and COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT - PENSION PARTNERSHIP BID TO DEPARTMENT OF WORK AND PENSIONS</b></p> <p>The action taken in submitting the bid to recruit a Welfare Benefits Adviser at each authority in Cambridgeshire to target pensioner take up of pension credit, housing and council tax benefit to the DWP be endorsed.</p> <p>That in the event that the application for funding is approved by the DWP, the grant awarded be released and the Head of Revenue Services authorised to implement the scheme for a period of two years subject to a review six months prior to its expiry.</p>	Ms J Barber 388105
4	<p><b>Highways Agency</b></p> <p>The notice served by the County Council to terminate the Highways Agency with effect from 31st March 2006 is accepted and that the Director of Operational Services is</p>	R Preston 388340

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	<p>authorised to seek early termination of the Agreement to coincide with the termination of Agency Agreements at other Authorities</p> <p>That of five employees will transfer to Cambridgeshire County Council under the TUPE arrangements following the Agency's termination and a report be submitted to a future meeting further evaluating the financial implications of the termination of the Agency consequential service changes and any resulting requirement for MTP bids.</p> <p>Proposals to develop a co-ordinated street-scene approach to the management of complementary services affecting public areas is supported and the Director of Operational Services be authorised, after consultation with the Chairman, to seek to secure a new agreement with the County Council for the discharge of those functions listed in the report submit an update to the Cabinet on the progress of negotiations.</p> <p>That any savings achieved in indirect costs be considered as part of the ongoing base budget review.</p>	
5	<p><b>Procurement Update</b></p> <p>That the progress of the Council's procurement functions to date are noted together with the intention to include a procurement improvement target in the base budget review.</p>	S Couper 388103
6	<p><b>Food Safety Enforcement Plan 2004</b></p> <p>The Plan is endorsed and the Council be recommended to approve the Food Safety Service Plan for 2004/5.</p>	C Lloyd 388290
7	<p><b>St Ives, Hemingfords and Fenstanton Flood Alleviation Scheme</b></p> <p>Noted the acknowledgement by the Environment Agency that St Ives, Hemingfords and Fenstanton section of the River Great Ouse required significant defence works to ameliorate flooding.</p> <p>The Environment Agency is requested to consider as a matter of urgency an increase in the frequency that this section of river is dredged to facilitate the rates of flow in the river.</p> <p>In the event that the increased dredging of the river does not alleviate flooding of the area, the Agency is requested to proceed with the improvement works to the flood bank.</p> <p>That the Agency be requested to note the possibility that in the event of the bund being improved surface water may continue to cause flooding in Victoria Terrace and Greenfields, without the provision of a pumping station and</p>	C Allen 388380

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	<p>in the event of a pumping station being installed no contribution will be made by the Council towards the capital cost and ongoing responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the pumping station.</p>	
8	<p><b>Critical Ordinary Watercourses - Enmainment by the Environment Agency</b></p> <p>Noted the enmainment process for Fox Book and Hen Brook and the potential future enmainment of the three awarded watercourses at Colmworth Brook, Houghton Field Drain and Kingsbrook Drain be noted;</p> <p>Noted that a proposal by the Environment Agency to contract the Council to undertake responsibility for the maintenance of the enmained watercourses be not accepted</p> <p>That the funds associated with the maintenance of the newly enmained watercourses be not transferred from the Council to the Environment Agency.</p>	C Allen 388380
9	<p><b>Growing Success - Corporate Plan Targets</b></p> <p>The Corporate Plan targets for the forthcoming year are noted and that a report be submitted to the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Panels at six monthly intervals detailing the Council's performance against targets set in the Plan and related performance statistics.</p>	I Leatherbarrow 388005
10	<p><b>Customer Survey</b></p> <p>The results of the Customer Satisfaction Survey 2003/04 are noted.</p>	I Leatherbarrow 388005
11	<p><b>QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS</b></p> <p>That the Executive Councillors for Resources, Welfare and IT and for Finance be appointed to represent the District Council on each of the respective working parties to be established within the District and requested a further report be submitted on progress in the adoption of the Charter and the implications of the double taxation.</p>	R Reeves 388003
12	<p><b>Representation on Organisations</b></p> <p>Appointed representatives to serve on a variety of organisations.</p>	Ms C Deller 388007

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13	<p><b>CUSTOMER FIRST - Release of Funding and terms for the Lease of accommodation at Speke House, St Ives</b></p> <p>Agreed that the outline terms for the lease of accommodation for Speke House and the release of the associated revenue budget be approved; and the Director of Central Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Resources, Welfare and IT be authorised to approve the release of funding and terms of the lease.</p>	M Hinton 388196
14	<p><b>Moorhouse Church, Moorhouse Drive, Huntingdon</b></p> <p>The Director of Central Services was authorised after consultation with the Chairman and the Executive Councillors for Resources, Welfare and IT and for Finance to approve detailed terms for the removal of the covenant and for the purchase of the church property.</p>	K Phillips 388260
15	<p><b>Land at Brampton Road, Grafham and land at Holmewood, Holme</b></p> <p>Approved the sale of the land on the terms set out in the report now submitted; and authorised the Director of Central Services after consultation with the Executive Councillors for Resources, Welfare and IT and for Finance to approve the considerations to be received for the disposal of the two areas of land detailed in the report.</p>	K Phillips 388260