

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2005

DECISION SHEET

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

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	Young Persons Housing Strategy 2005 - 2007 Agreed to recommend that the Young Persons Housing Strategy 2005 – 2007 be approved by full Council.	J Collen 388220 S Plant 388220
2	Review of the Housing Register and Nominations Policy Agreed to endorse and adopt the proposed amendments to the Council's Housing Register and Nominations Policy.	J Collen 388220 S Plant 388240
3	COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY Agreed to recommend to full Council that the draft Community Safety Strategy for 2005 to 2008 be approved.	Ms S Hansen 388341
4	Equality and Inclusion Strategy and Race Equality Scheme Agreed that the Director of Central Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor with responsibility for Equality be authorised to make amendments of detail to the strategy, inter alia, in the light of the review of the Council's corporate plan and best value performance plan.	I Leatherbarrow 388005 L Clewes 388032
5	East of England Plan - Consultation on the Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England Subject to endorsement by full Council, the Cabinet agreed that representations be made to made to the Regional Assembly to reflect the points detailed in the report as	Ms C Bond 388435

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	<p>submitted and that specific mention be made to the absence of a reference to the Fens, Broads and other wetland areas in the Eastern Region and also to the need for future investigations in relation to any potential future development of Alconbury airfield.</p>	
6	<p>Local Development Scheme</p> <p>Endorsed the draft Local Development Scheme for submission to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Authorised the Head of Planning Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy to make changes to the draft LDS to reflect, inter-alia the availability of an adequate supply of land for housing and the present position in relation to the Council's proposed arrangements with other Local Authorities in Cambridgeshire with regard to Infrastructure contributions.</p>	<p>M Bingham 388431</p>
7	<p>St Ives West Urban Design Framework and Masterplan</p> <p>Approved the revised Urban Design Framework as amended to reflect the content of the Annex to the report as Interim Planning Guidance.</p> <p>Authorised the Head of Planning Services to make any minor consequential amendments to the text and illustrations arising from these changes, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy.</p>	<p>C Surfleet 388476</p>
8	<p>ANGLIAN HOUSE, HUNTINGDON URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK AND MASTERPLAN</p> <p>Approved the revised Urban Design Framework as amended to reflect the content of the Annex to the report as Interim Planning Guidance.</p> <p>Authorised the Head of Planning Services to make any minor consequential amendments to the text and illustrations necessary as a result of these changes, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy.</p>	<p>C Surfleet 388476</p>
9	<p>CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH BIOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE</p> <p>Agreed to support the establishment of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biological Records Centre and approve the use of funds from the Planning Delivery Grant as outlined in the report.</p> <p>Authorised the Director of Operational Services to sign a Memorandum of Understanding setting out the</p>	<p>Ms J Wilkinson 388432</p>

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	<p>management arrangements for the Records Centre.</p> <p>Agreed to review the centre at the end of the second year of operation.</p> <p>Authorised the Director of Operational Services in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy to nominate a representative to the Governing Board if this was considered appropriate.</p>	
10	<p>Waste PFI Update and Recycling Budget</p> <p>Noted the award of £35 million in PFI credits to Cambridgeshire County Council for waste treatment facilities and the procurement programme outlined in the report.</p> <p>Noted that further reports would be submitted to the Cabinet in accordance with the programme.</p> <p>Approved the changes to the Council's Medium Term Plan, namely the transfer of funds to contribute to the cost of optional wheeled bins and noted the clarification in respect of the previously approved variation to the MTP.</p> <p>Agreed to defer any decision in respect of the possible capping of payments to Parish Councils and voluntary organisations providing sites for mini-recycling centres.</p>	R Preston 388340
11	<p>CAR PARKING CHARGES</p> <p>Agreed that there was no need to hold a local inquiry to consider the objections received to car parking orders 1 and 2.</p> <p>Agreed to confirm the Orders as advertised with the inclusion of the extra car parks for Resident Permits as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report now submitted.</p>	R Preston 388340
12	<p>PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ADVISORY GROUP</p> <p>Approved the recommendations within the report, subject to the approval in principle at this stage of the closure of the public conveniences in South Street, St Neots pending further discussions with the Town Council.</p>	R Preston 388340
13	<p>MEDIUM TERM PLAN - REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF FUNDING</p> <p>Agreed to release the funding as set out in the report for the following schemes:-</p> <p>Car Parks – Environmental Improvements Phase 5</p>	S Couper 388103

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	<p>AJC Small Scale Schemes – District Wise Local Transport Plan – 2005/06 Safe Cycle Routes – Creation of new routes to schools Huntingdon Transport Strategy Huntingdon Town Centre Environmental Improvements Phase 2 Oxmoor Environmental Schemes Huntingdon Town Centre Development Town Centre Developments Heart of Oxmoor Crime and Disorder – Lighting Provisions Bus Shelters – extra provision Railway Stations – Improvements- Partnership with Rail Accessibility Improvements / Signage Huntingdon Bus Station Ramsey Great Whyte – Environmental Improvements Phase 2 Ramsey Little Whyte – Environmental Improvements Optional Wheeled Bin for dry recyclables Joint Waste Procurement Corporate EDM System</p>	
14	<p>Credit Card Payments - Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates</p> <p>Agreed to approve the introduction of Credit Card payments for Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates, subject to the addition of a handling fee equivalent to that charged by the banking and internet service providers.</p>	J Barber 388105
15	<p>LEISURE CENTRES: LINE UPGRADES FOR I.T NETWORK</p> <p>Agreed to approve the variations and budget transfers outlined in section 3 of the report now submitted in respect of Leisure Centre Line Upgrades.</p>	D Ward 388117
16	<p>REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION</p> <p>Agreed that as part of the annual review of the Council's constitution consideration be given to a suggestion for mandatory training for those councillors serving on the Council's Development Control and Licensing Panels.</p>	Ms C Deller 388007
17	<p>Headquarters and Other Accommodation</p> <p>i. Agreed to undertake further detailed investigations into the issues listed in paragraph 8.4 and the options referred to in recommendations d and e of the report by the Head of Environment & Transport to the Members Advisory Group.</p> <p>ii. Authorised the release of £74,000 in 2005/06 in</p>	A Roberts 388009

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	<p>respect of the cost of further investigations referred to above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Agreed not to consider further the option with regard to the refurbishment of Pathfinder House and Castle Hill House. iv. Having regard to the observations of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels, agreed to authorise further work to be undertaken to identify the availability of edge-of town centre sites in Huntingdon and to test competitively the cost of these and other options. v. Agreed to consider at a future meeting a report detailing the options referred to in resolutions i and iv for testing competitively. vi. Agreed to invite full Council at its meeting on 13th April 2005 to note progress to date. vii. Agreed to report further to Council in September 2005 on the selection of a final preferred scheme and its implications for the Medium Term Plan. viii. Agreed to undertake investigations into the potential availability of external funding for buildings that achieve a high Environment Assessment Rating for the Building Research Establishment. 	
18	<p>HUNTINGDON HIGH STREET: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS: PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE</p> <p>Agreed to approve the use of a non Traditional Procurement method for the Huntingdon High Street Environmental Improvements and to approve the use of the County Council's term maintenance contract and its contractor for this scheme.</p>	<p>R Preston 388340</p>