

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2004

ACTION SHEET

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

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	ACTION BY	TO NOTE
1	MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4th November 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.		C Harris 388234
2	A VISION FOR ST NEOTS The "St. Neots Town Centre: The Future (as amended by the revised 'Town Centre Character Areas' Plan)" was adopted as informal policy guidance; and the Head of Planning Services, after consultation with the Executive Member for Planning Strategy was authorised to approve any minor amendments to the text and illustrations.		R Probyn 388430
3	URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK ST NEOTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE		

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	<p>A draft Urban Design Framework for the St. Neots Community College site was approved as draft interim planning guidance for public consultation.</p>		<p>M Huntingdon 388404</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>ST NEOTS LEISURE CENTRE AND ST NEOTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE SITE ISSUES</p> <p>Subject to the inclusion in the brief of the consequences of not developing the site, the Head of Community Services was authorised to enter into a partnership with the County Council and the St. Neots Community College and other partners as appropriate to procure a feasibility study for the range of site options identified in paragraph 2.3 of the report submitted.</p> <p>The brief for the feasibility study is to be circulated to Councillors Bates, Mrs Chandler, Clarke and Holley before an agreement is entered into.</p>		<p>P Jones 388202</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>CALL-IN: REQUEST FOR THE FURTHER RELEASE OF FUNDING FOR THE CUSTOMER FIRST PROGRAMME AND ASSOCIATED DELEGATED AUTHORITY</p> <p>A report by the Director of Central Services on the outcome of the call-in of the decision to release funding for the Customer First programme and associated delegated</p>		<p>A Roberts 388009</p>

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	authority was received and noted.		
6	MEDIUM TERM PLAN		
(a)	<p>MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2005 TO 2010 - PROGRESS</p> <p>A report by the Head of Administration summarising the deliberations of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) was received and noted.</p>		C Harris 388234
(b)	<p>MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2005-2010 - PROGRESS</p> <p>In the context of the forthcoming Government requirements for efficiency savings, it was decided to give further consideration to the matter at a future meeting before making recommendations to the Council on the Medium Term Plan 2005 – 2010.</p>		S Couper 388103
(c)	<p>MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2005-2010 PROGRESS UPDATE</p> <p>A further report was requested on the implications for the Council once guidance on the efficiency review has been received.</p>		S Couper 388103
7	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE</p> <p>A report on the respective levels of</p>		S Couper 388103

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	<p>performance achieved during the second quarter of 2004/05 by external fund managers in the matter of investment of the Council's capital receipts was received and noted.</p>		
8	<p>COUNCIL FUNDING OF MANDATORY DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS</p> <p>The Cabinet considered a report by the Head of Housing (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which sought an additional supplementary capital estimate of £222,000 to process applications for Disabled Facilities Grants until the end of the financial year.</p> <p>A supplementary capital estimate of £222,000 to allow estimated volumes of Disabled Facilities Grants to be funded through to the end of the financial year was approved.</p> <p>A further monitoring report was requested in January setting out the position to the end of the third quarter.</p> <p>A further report was requested on Disabled Facilities Grants' likely long term future trends including predicted demographic changes, the Council's relationship with occupational therapists and health providers and financial aspects of Disabled Facilities Grants.</p>		<p>J Barrett 388203</p>

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9	<p>REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES</p> <p>The fees and charges policy contained in the Annex to the report was approved to be incorporated into the next review of the constitution in 2005.</p> <p>The charge for a CON29 search was increased to £110.00 with effect from April 2005.</p> <p>The intention to submit a report in the New Year on the implications of potential changes to the current approach to discounts was noted.</p>		D Oliver 388100
10	<p>RAMSEY RURAL RENEWAL - REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS</p> <p>The release of funding for the Ramsey Rural Renewal Scheme in 2004/05 and 2005/06 was approved.</p> <p>A supplementary revenue estimate of up to £10,000 in the current year and the inclusion of variations of revenue impact relating to 2005/06 onwards in the MTP were approved.</p>		C Keck 388274
11	<p>CCTV - Management and Operational Arrangements</p> <p>The establishment of the post of CCTV and</p>		S Hansen 3888341

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	<p>Emergency Planning Team Leader and the release of funds from the MTP to facilitate this was approved.</p> <p>The addition of two CCTV operators to the establishment was approved and the principal was accepted that once recruitment has taken place the associated funding in the draft MTP will become unavoidable.</p> <p>Scheme 03/384 was deleted from the MTP.</p> <p>The replacement of cameras that have exceeded their useful life and the release of £98,000 in 2004/05 and £7,000 in 2005/06 from MTP 03/020 were approved.</p> <p>The Head of Environment and Transport was authorised to procure a contract for the maintenance of the CCTV system and to include the camera replacements the contract.</p>		
12	<p>IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT STATEMENT 2004</p> <p>The Council was recommended to approve the contents of the IEG statement prior to its submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.</p>		C Hall 388116
13	BUS SHELTER PROGRAMME		

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	<p>The release of MTP funds for the bus shelter scheme at various locations was approved.</p> <p>The Head of Environment and Transport was authorised to proceed with the installation of the shelters and associated infrastructure.</p>		<p>R Preston 388340</p>
14	<p>LAND AT RIVERSMEAD, ST NEOTS</p> <p>Consideration of this matter was deferred to a future meeting.</p>		<p>K Phillips 388260</p>

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