

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CABINET

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH 2007

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** I C Bates, P L E Bucknell, Mrs J Chandler, Mrs P J Longford, T V Rogers and L M Simpson

**APOLOGIES:** A Hansard

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p><b>Corporate Equality Policy and Action Plan</b></p> <p>Approved the content of the draft Corporate Equality Policy and associated Action Plan.</p>	Mrs L Sboui 388032
2	<p><b>MEDIUM TERM PLAN - HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT:REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDING</b></p> <p>Approved release of funding from the Medium Term Plan for a contribution towards an assessment of housing needs in the Cambridgeshire Sub-Region.</p>	Mrs S Martin 388107
3	<p><b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME: UPDATE</b></p> <p>Approved for submission to the Secretary of State the revised Local Development Scheme, authorised the Head of Planning Services to request the Secretary of State via Go-East to withdraw the submitted Core Strategy Development Plan document and noted the need to adopt an Interim Planning Policy Statement to provide for effective continuity in terms of Development Control functions.</p>	S Ingram 388400
4	<p><b>Use of Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) to acquire residential property</b></p> <p>Authorised the Director of Operational Services to appoint Environmental Health Officers and Environmental Health Enforcement Officers to exercise the powers of entry set out in Section 54 of the Housing Act 1985 and Section 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 for the purpose of survey or examination of property to determine if Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers should be exercised or progressed, requested further reports to Cabinet addressing those properties considered suitable for CPO, the case for CPO, the statement of</p>	J Allan 388281

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	<p>reasons and a draft CPO. Authorised the Head of Environment and Community Health Services to submit orders approved by the Cabinet to the Secretary of State for confirmation and to complete the CPO procedure and the Head of Housing Services to seek a developer prepared to take over any property acquired by CPO from the Council at the established market value and that any transfer of ownership be on these terms; and agreed that the cost of a CPO procedure, estimated at £21.6k per property, be funded from the Repairs Assistance budget subject to a maximum of two acquisitions per annum.</p>	
5	<p><b>Towards a Car Parking Strategy for the Market Towns</b></p> <p>Noted the findings of a review of the contents of the Huntingdonshire Car Parking Strategy 2005-2016 undertaken by the Council's Consultants, Steer Davies Gleave. Agreed that a formal Car Parking Strategy and action plan be developed for consideration by the Cabinet and that a Car Parking Working Group comprising of 7 Members, be established for the development of the strategy and action plan.</p>	<p>S Bell 388387</p>
6	<p><b>Health Act, 2006: SMOKING</b></p> <p>Authorised the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services and the Director of Operational Services to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and trained officers to carry out the duties and other matters arising under the Health Act 2006 and associated regulations; Authorised the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services, after consultation with the relevant Executive Councillor, to institute legal proceedings arising under the Act. Agreed to release the funding received from the Department of Health to support the Council's implementation and enforcement of the Act including the employment of a No Smoking Implementation Officer; Requested that appropriate representations regarding the potential financial impact of implementing the legislation be made to the Local Government Association and the Members of Parliament for the Huntingdon and North West Cambridgeshire constituencies; and that the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services report back to the Cabinet on the progress of the no smoking legislation after 6 months operation.</p>	