

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CABINET

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2007

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** I C Bates, P L E Bucknell, D B Dew, A Hansard, C R Hyams, Mrs D C Reynolds and L M Simpson

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p><b>use of Online Media: procedural implications</b></p> <p>Encouraged Councillors to make use of the personal website facility on the Council's website as a means of communicating with ward residents, Agreed that the decision whether to maintain a "blog" remain a matter for each individual Councillor; Agreed that on-line forums should not hosted by the Council because of the substantial resource implications involved and officers look for cost effective ways of increasing opportunities for meaningful interaction through the Council's website. Agreed that on-line petition facilities be introduced using the Modern.Gov software system when this becomes available; Agreed that on-line petitions be processed under the existing constitutional arrangements, subject to a maximum of three petitions being presented at any meeting; Agreed that in the event of an on-line petition not having the requisite number of signatories or the organiser not being prepared to present it to Council, the petition be submitted for consideration to the relevant overview and scrutiny panel, subject to the petition containing the names and addresses of at least 10 persons who live or work or own property in the District; that in the event of an excessive number of petitions being organised by one individual, the Corporate Governance Panel be requested to consider amending the vexatious complainants procedure accordingly; and recommended to full Council that the necessary constitutional changes be approved.</p>	R Reeves 388003
2	<p><b>Medium Term Plan - requests for the release of funds</b></p> <p>Agreed to release £114,000 towards the re-surfacing of the synthetic pitch at St Neots Leisure Centre and £42,000 towards repairs to the pool roof at Huntingdon Leisure Centre and £38,000 towards the replacement of the dry-side boiler plant and accessibility improvements at St. Neots Leisure Centre.</p>	S Couper 388103

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3	<p><b>Treasury Management Investment Performance</b></p> <p>Noted the respective levels of performance achieved by Fund Managers during the quarter 1st July to 30th September 2007 in managing the investment of the Council's capital receipts and agreed that future reports be made twice a year.</p>	S Couper 388103
4	<p><b>Potential Implications under the Animal Welfare Act 2006</b></p> <p>Agreed to adopt the powers set out in the Animal Welfare Act 2006; gave delegated authority to the Director of Operational Services and the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services to appoint officers as inspectors under Section 51 of the Act; delegated authority to appointed officers to exercise all of the powers set out in the Act in the course of their duties; and gave delegated authority to the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing and Health, to initiate legal proceedings under the Act.</p>	J Allan 388281
5	<p><b>Huntingdon Conservation Area: Boundary Changes and Character Statement</b></p> <p>Approved the character statement and boundary review for the Huntingdon Conservation Area and authorised the Head of Planning Services to approve any minor consequential amendments to the text and illustrations after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy, Environment and Transport.</p>	R Probyn 388430
6	<p><b>Safety Advisory Group</b></p> <p>Received and noted the report of the meeting of the Safety Advisory Group, held on 14th November 2007</p>	Miss H Ali 388006
7	<p><b>Risk Register - option Appraisal form</b></p> <p>Noted the contents of the report and endorsed the level of high risk identified in relation to the delay in the construction of the new A14.</p>	D Harwood 388115