

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 15 May 2008.

PRESENT: Councillor I C Bates – Chairman.

Councillors K J Churchill.

APOLOGY(IES): Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors .

IN ATTENDANCE: .

### 1. COUNCILLOR K J CHURCHILL

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Churchill to his first meeting of the Cabinet.

### 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

### 4. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED

(a) that executive responsibilities for the Municipal Year 2008/09 be allocated as follows –

Finance and Environment	- Councillor T V Rogers
Planning Strategy and Transport	- Councillor P L E Bucknell
Leisure	- Councillor D B Dew
Resources and Policy	- Councillor A Hansard
Housing and Public Health	- Councillor D C Reynolds
Customer Services and Information Technology	- Councillor L M Simpson
Operational and Countryside Services	- Councillor C R Hyams
Special Advisor to Cabinet	- Councillor K Churchill

(b) that the Leader of the Council be appointed to serve as an ex-officio Member of the Employment Panel; and

- (c) that Executive Councillors be appointed to serve as ex-officio Members of Panels as follows –

<b>Executive Councillors for -</b>	<b>Ex-Officio for –</b>
Resources and Policy	Licensing and Protection Panel/Licensing Committee
Planning Strategy and Transport	Development Control Panel

## **5. LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED

that for the Municipal Year 2008/09, Members be appointed to serve on the Leisure Centre Management Committees as follows –

- **Huntingdon Leisure Centre Management Committee**  
Councillors K Baker, J J Dutton, Miss S Kemp, D J Priestman, T D Sanderson and L M Simpson
- **St Neots Leisure Centre Management Committee**  
Councillors R W Eaton, B Farrer, A Hansard, Mrs M J Thomas and R J West
- **St Ivo Leisure Centre Management Committee**  
Councillors J D Ablewhite, J T Bell, S J Criswell, J W Davies, D B Dew, and C J Stephens
- **Ramsey Leisure Centre Management Committee**  
Councillors E R Butler, D B Dew, I R Muir, R Powell and P A Swales
- **Sawtry Leisure Centre Management Committee**  
Councillors Mrs M Banerjee, D B Dew, J E Garner, P G Mitchell and J S Watt

## **6. HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK JOINT LIAISON GROUP**

RESOLVED

that Councillors M Baker, Mrs M Banerjee, C R Hyams and Mrs M J Thomas be appointed to serve on the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

## **7. HUNTINGDONSHIRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AREA JOINT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED

that Councillors M Baker, P L E Bucknell, Mrs J Dew, R S Farrer, M F Newman and T D Sanderson be appointed to serve on the Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**8. CUSTOMER FIRST AND ACCOMMODATION ADVISORY GROUP**

RESOLVED

that Councillors P L E Bucknell, S J Criswell, P J Downes, T V Rogers, L M Simpson, G S E Thorpe and Mrs M J Thomas be appointed to serve on the Customer First and Accommodation Advisory Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**9. MEMBERS' ADVISORY GROUP FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

RESOLVED

that membership of the Members' Advisory Group for Public Conveniences remain in abeyance until further notice.

**10. DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY ADVISORY GROUP**

RESOLVED

that Councillors I C Bates, P L E Bucknell, P J Downes, P G Mitchell, J M Sadler, P A Swales and G S E Thorpe be appointed to serve on Development Plan Policy Advisory Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**11. SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP**

RESOLVED

that Councillors Mrs B E Boddington, J W Davies, A Hansard, Mrs P A Jordan and L M Simpson be appointed to serve on the Safety Advisory Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**12. ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED

that Councillors M G Baker, I C Bates, P L E Bucknell, D B Dew, J A Gray, T V Rogers and R G Tuplin be appointed to serve on the Environment Strategy Working Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**13. MEMBERS' CAR PARKING WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED

that Councillors P L E Bucknell, K J Churchill, Mrs J Dew, J E Garner, C R Hyams, D J Priestman, J M Sadler be appointed to serve on the Members' Car Parking Working Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**14. NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE (NATS) CONSULTATION: PROPOSED CHANGES TO TERMINAL CONTROL NORTH AIRSPACE OVER CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Consideration was given to a report by the Heads of Environmental & Community Health Services, of Planning Services and of Environmental Management (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which described the key elements of a proposal by the National Air Traffic Service (NATs) to change the use of terminal control north, an area of airspace extending from London to Huntingdon.

By way of background, Members were advised that Luton and Stansted airports currently shared two holds in the vicinity of Royston and Sudbury. With the continued growth in air traffic, NATs had proposed that the current holds be relocated to new airspace and a new third hold created, which would result in two holds dedicated to Stansted and one for Luton. It was explained that the proposed new hold for Luton would lead to a number of aircraft stacking over the south of the district.

In reviewing the issues involved, Executive Councillors questioned the need to change existing holds and expressed the view that their retention, together with the creation of an additional new hold would better address the issues identified. Whilst discussing NATs proposals, Members expressed general concern about the impact of noise from aircraft stacking, the threat to tranquillity from noise and visual intrusion and the general detriment to the environment and well-being of the populations in rural areas.

Having raised concerns over NATs failure to take into account the population growth factor predicted for Cambridgeshire and the potential effects from the growth of air traffic, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

that the Director of Environmental and Community Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Finance and Environment, be authorised to respond to the consultation along the lines described in paragraphs 4.1 - 4.3 of the report now submitted.

**15. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

By way of a report by the Head of Policy and Strategic Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were acquainted with the content a new Local Area Agreement for Cambridgeshire. The Agreement reflected the Government's intention to streamline funding, encourage partnership working and direct investment towards local priorities.

Having discussed the Agreement together with a schedule of 34 performance indicators and 5 local targets, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

that the contents of the proposed new Local Area Agreement for Cambridgeshire be supported.

**16. THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION: SCHEME OF DELEGATION AND MONITORING OFFICER:INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS**

With the assistance of a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Cabinet considered interim arrangements in relation to the Council's scheme of delegation following the impending retirement of the Director of Central Services.

Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and pending a decision on and the recruitment of a new Director, the Chief Executive be authorised to undertake the executive and other powers delegated to the Director of Central Services by virtue of the Scheme of Delegation and otherwise.

**17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the financial affairs of particular persons.

**18. DOCUMENT CENTRE - PURCHASE OF INSERTER**

By means of a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Cabinet considered the circumstances in which the acceptance of a tender other than the lowest received had been recommended for the purchase of inserting equipment.

Having considered the information contained in the report, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

that the second lowest tender as referred to in the report now submitted, for the supply of inserting equipment be accepted in accordance with paragraph 11.4 of the Council's Code of Procurement.

**19. FLEXIBLE WORKING: REMOTE ACCESS PROJECT:  
AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM**

By means of a report by the Head of Information Management (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), the Cabinet were apprised of the outcome of the tendering process for a two factor authentication system as part of the remote access project.

Having been advised of the circumstances surrounding the acceptance of a quotation other than the lowest received, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

that the contents of the report now submitted be noted.

Chairman