

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 2008

DECISION SHEET

PRESENT: I C Bates, P L E Bucknell, K J Churchill, A Hansard, C R Hyams and T V Rogers

APOLOGIES: D B Dew, Mrs D C Reynolds and L M Simpson

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p>Treasury Management Annual Report 2007/08</p> <p>noted the respective levels of performance in the year ending 31st March 2008 by Fund Managers in the matter of investment of the Council's capital receipts.</p>	S Couper 388103
2	<p>Budget and MTP Process 2009-2014</p> <p>approved the approach, stages and timing for the review and approval of the financial strategy, 2009/2010 budget and the 2009 - 2014 Medium Term Plan. Agreed that Executive Councillors and Senior Officers should be reminded of the need to review all Budgets and Medium Term Plan schemes to identify further opportunities for efficiency savings.</p>	S Couper 388103
3	<p>The East of England Plan - revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England</p> <p>Noted the contents of the East of England Plan and its Revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England" issued by the Secretary of State.</p>	S Ingram 388400
4	<p>Local Development Framework - the Core Strategy submission document</p> <p>subject to a legal audit of the Strategy, recommended the Local Development Framework Core Strategy to full Council for approval and authorised the Head of Planning Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy and Transport, to approve any minor textual amendments to the documents including a reference in the Spatial Vision Document to reflect the value of agriculture to the land economy.</p>	R Probyn 388430

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5	<p>Prosperous Places: Taking Forward the Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration consultation document</p> <p>Approved a proposed response to the contents of a recent consultation paper issued by the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform which outlines a series of measures to streamline the regional tier, strengthen the local authority role in economic development and support collaboration by local authorities across the economic areas. Also, requested that specific reference be made to the importance of ensuring that the elected local authority members comprise a majority on Regional Development Agencies.</p>	Ms C Garbett 388459
6	<p>Eco-Towns: Living a greener future - response to the department of communities & Local Government consultation</p> <p>Noted the contents of a report on the inclusion of a greenfield site at Hanley Grange near Hinxton in South Cambridgeshire in the Government's short-list of 15 possible locations for new eco-towns as part of their initiative to deliver additional housing growth in sustainable ways. Noted that a joint response to the Government's proposal was being prepared by the Cambridgeshire authorities and Cambridgeshire Horizons, and authorised the Head of Planning Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport, to approve the contents of this response to the Department of Communities and Local Government.</p>	S Ingram 388400
7	<p>Earith Conservation Area: Boundary Review and Character Assessment Statement</p> <p>Approved the character statement and boundary review for the Earith 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 and Transport.</p>	R Probyn 388430
8	<p>The Hemingfords Conservation Area: Boundary Review and Character Assessment Statement</p> <p>Approved the character statement and boundary review for the Hemingfords 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 and Transport.</p>	R Probyn 388430

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9	<p>Growing Success - Performance Monitoring</p> <p>Noted a performance management data for the Council's Corporate Plan – "Growing Success" and a timetable for a review.</p>	<p>H Thackray 388035</p>
10	<p>Corporate Equality Policy: Action Plan progress</p> <p>Noted progress made to date on the delivery of actions and targets set out in the Corporate Equality Action Plan and the findings from the equality impact assessments conducted in 2007/08. Approved the 2008/09 Action plan and the equality impact assessments.</p>	<p>Mrs L Sboui 388032</p>
11	<p>Benefit fraud prosecution policy and procedures</p> <p>Approved a revised Benefits Prosecution Policy for the prosecution of benefit claimants, landlords, employees and members who had committed benefit fraud. Authorised the Fraud Manager to undertake court hearings and issue formal cautions and administrative penalties and staff within the Fraud Team to undertake investigations in fraud affecting all other District Council services and to report to the relevant Head of Service on the outcomes, findings and recommendations arising from these investigations.</p>	<p>Mrs J Barber 388105</p>
12	<p>Representatives on Organisations 2008/09</p> <p>Made nominations to a variety of organisations and authorised the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council, to nominate alternative representatives throughout the year as necessary and to appoint "Champions" for Oxmoor and for Training.</p>	<p>Mrs H Taylor 388008</p>