

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2009

DECISION SHEET

PRESENT: I C Bates, P L E Bucknell, K J Churchill, D B Dew, A Hansard, C R Hyams,
Mrs D C Reynolds, T V Rogers and L M Simpson

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	Capital Programme Monitoring - 2008/09 Received a report highlighting variations to the approved capital programme in 2008/09 and the consequential estimated revenue impact.	S Couper 388103
2	Financial Monitoring - Revenue Budget Noted the spending variations in the Revenue Budget as at 31st December 2008.	S Couper 338103
3	Financial Strategy, Medium Term Plan and Budget Recommended to full Council that the proposed Budget, Medium Term Plan and Financial Strategy and that a Council Tax increase of 4.99% (£5.76) representing a level of £121.15 for Band D properties be approved for 2009/2010.	S Couper 388103
4	Treasury Management Strategy 2009/10 Recommended to full Council that the Treasury Management Strategy for 2009/2010 be approved.	Mrs E Smith 388157
5	Asset Management Plan Noted the Council's management of assets against national property performance management indicators for 2006/07 and 2007/08.	K Phillips 388260

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6	<p>Homelessness and the housing market</p> <p>Noted the concerns of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) over the current national and local economic factors affecting the housing market and the associated level of demand for social rented housing. I</p>	A Roberts 388004
7	<p>Disability Access Study</p> <p>Noted the findings of a study by the Panel on disability access across the District and agreed that representations be made to Cambridgeshire County Council that they ensure the enforcement of blue badge parking in any new arrangements for decriminalised parking. Agreed that the Council continues to undertake enforcement of parking in disabled bays in the car parks it manages and that discussions be initiated on the potential for comprehensive joint advocacy/advice services and the other opportunities for joint working between these organisations supporting people with disabilities.</p>	A Roberts 388004
8	<p>Social consequences of alcohol abuse</p> <p>Noted the findings of a study by the Panel regarding the impact of excessive alcohol consumption on levels of anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime within the District. Welcomed and encouraged the actions being taken by the various agencies in an attempt to reduce the impact of excessive alcohol consumption on levels of anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime within the District. Supported the principles of the Cambridgeshire Alcohol Strategy 2008-2011. Requested the Head of Administration to liaise formally with the enforcement agencies to encourage them to make full use of the powers available to them to tackle the effects of alcohol misuse and resultant public disorder and to carry out this work in a more co-ordinated way. Also requested the District Council's Licensing Section to ensure that local residents are aware that the opportunities available to them under the Licensing Act 2003 to initiative reviews of premises licences and club premises certificates where they were experiencing problems caused by public disorder emanating from these premises.</p>	R Reeves 388003
9	<p>Grant Aid Working Group</p> <p>Noted the a report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) summarising the findings of their study on capital and revenue grant aid schemes operating across the Council and invited the Working Group to meet with the Executive Councillors for Finance and Transportation and for Housing and Public Health to discuss further the findings of their study and to report thereon to a future meeting of</p>	Miss H Ali 388006

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10	<p>ICT Strategy 2009-11</p> <p>Approved the content of an ICT strategy and the supporting action plan for a three-year period 2009-2011.</p>	A Howes 388190
11	<p>Land at the Whaddons, Mayfield Drive, Huntingdon</p> <p>Approved the contents of the Urban Design Framework for land around Butts Grove Way, The Whaddons and Suffolk House, Huntingdon and authorised the Head of Planning Service to approve any minor consequential amendments to the text and illustrations after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy and Transportation.</p>	R Probyn 388430
12	<p>Land south of High Street Ramsey</p> <p>Approved the content of the Urban Design Framework for land south of High Street, Ramsey 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 Transportation.</p>	R Probyn 388430
13	<p>Luminus Group - Proposed changes to Memorandum and Articles</p> <p>Approved the contents of a proposed amendment to the Memorandum and Articles of Luminus Homes and Oak Foundation, to permit remuneration of Board Members, be approved in principle, subject in the case of the Oak Foundation to the consent of the Charity Commissioners also being obtained and in both instances to the precise wording being agreed by the Head of Legal and Estates and requested that the determination of any future proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of companies within the Luminus Group be delegated to the Head of Legal and Estates, after consultation with the Head of Housing and the Executive Councillor for Housing and Public Health.</p>	C Meadowcroft 388021
14	<p>Proposed Terms of Reference & method of operations - Countryside Group</p> <p>Deferred a decision on the revised terms of reference and method of operation for the Countryside Joint Group pending further consideration in conjunction with arrangements for leisure facilities.</p>	Miss H Ali 388006

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15	<p>New Accommodation - Building A - Options Review</p> <p>Approved in principle the disposal of a leasehold interest in Council owned land fronting St Mary's Street, Huntingdon to the Luminus Group for the provision of affordable housing and authorised the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, to agree the final terms and conditions for the disposal.</p>	R Preston 388340