## **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **CABINET**

## **THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2009**

## **DECISION SHEET**

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 PRESENT:

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	Performance monitoring  Noted the Council's performance against targets within the Corporate Plan - "Growing Success", including a summary of achievements, service performance data for priority objectives, progress against the council's improvement plan.	C Garbett 388459
2	Local Investment Framework  Noted the development of a Huntingdonshire Local Investment Framework and the outlined work programme, requested that further progress reports be submitted to Cabinet in due course.	R Probyn 388430
3	St. Neots Market Town Strategy  Approved the contents of the St. Neots Market Town Transport Strategy, which forms part of the Cambridgeshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2006 - 2011.	R Probyn 388430
4	PROPOSED SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS - THE TRANSFORMATION FROM DEVELOPMENT CONTROL TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT  Endorsed the transform of the development control function to one of development management, authorised the Head of Planning Services to implement all necessary administrative and procedural changes required as part of the change, requested the Head of Planning Services to investigate the possibility of introducing charges for preapplication discussions and to invite Town and Parish Councils to the workshop sessions being arranged to discuss the change.	A Moffat 388402

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5	REVIEW OF S106 AGREEMENTS	
	Agreed that a guidance note be prepared and drawn to the attention of Members to illustrate how they can comment on applications and the potential heads of terms for Section 106 Agreements by reference to the weekly planning list notification;	Mrs C Bulman 388234
	Requested that clear guidance be given to town and parish councils on how to comment on the potential content of agreements for development in their areas as part of the normal consultation arrangements and speaking at Development Management Panel meetings;	
	Requested that Parish Councils be advised of the introduction of a marker on the planning weekly list and reminded to review these on a regular basis with a view to making comments on the potential heads of terms of Section 106 Agreements in their areas;	
	Agreed that copies of the quarterly report prepared by the People, Performance and Partnership Division detailing income and expenditure from Section 106 money be provided to all Members and suggested changes to the content of the report implemented at the earliest opportunity;	
	Agreed to expand the remit and terms of reference of the Section 106 Advisory Group to include monitoring of agreements and that meetings be convened on a more regular basis with dates reserved in the Council's calendar one week prior to each Development Management Panel;	
	Agreed that copies of the monitoring report be submitted to the Section 106 Advisory Group on a quarterly basis and also to the Development Management Panel with any comments from the Advisory Group;	
	Award responsibility for ensuring the effectiveness of processes for securing payments and the expenditure of receipts under Section 106 Agreements to the Executive Councillor for Finance and the Environment with individual Executive Councillors remaining accountable for the delivery of benefits and projects relevant to their portfolios; and	
	Invited the S106 Working Group to consider the likely effects of the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy and make recommendations on processes to implement the system.	
6	Consultation on code of recommended practice on local authority publicity.	
	Endorsed the contents a suggested response on behalf of the Council to a consultation paper issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government on proposed changes to the Code of Recommended Practice	Mrs H Gilling 388033

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	on Local Authority Publicity (the Code).	