

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2009

DECISION SHEET

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

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p>Budget and Medium Term Plan Process 2010-2015</p> <p>Approved the process and timetable for the review and approval of the Financial Strategy, the 2010/11 Budget and 2010-15 Medium Term Plan; endorsed the temporary appointment of two posts in Housing Services Division to deal with homelessness at a cost of £70,000 in 2009/10 and £80,000 in 2010/11 and requested officers to meet these additional costs from within existing approved budgets; approved a supplementary estimate of £25,000 to meet the costs of additional awards of discretionary hardship relief from business rates and approved a transfer of unused capital leisure grants to the general revenue grants budget to facilitate additional grants of £20,000 in 2009/10 and £14,000 to be made to the Citizens Advice Bureaux to enable them to respond to the increased service demands.</p>	S Couper 388103
2	<p>Treasury Management Annual Report 2008/09</p> <p>Noted the respective levels of performance for the year ending 31st March 2009 by fund managers in the matter of investment of the Council's Capital Receipts.</p>	Mrs E Smith 388157
3	<p>Sustainable Communities Act 2007</p> <p>Noted the development of procedures and processes to generate and formulate ideas and proposals in relation to the Sustainable Communities Act, in conjunction with the implementation of neighbourhood panels/forums.</p>	Mrs C Sides 388495
4	<p>performance monitoring</p> <p>Received and noted a report by the Head of People, Performance and Partnerships which reviewed the Council's performance against the targets within the Corporate Plan - "Growing Success".</p>	H Thackray 388035

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5	<p>Grant Aid</p> <p>Agreed to publish the availability of all grants more extensively, particularly to all District Councillors, and a list included on the Council's website; requested that the returns submitted by organisations covered by service level agreements be reviewed by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panels to achieve greater transparency; suggested that the work with and assistance to community groups/organisations to obtain funding and community development work be co-ordinated by the Head of Community and Environmental Health; agreed that further investigation be carried out into the availability of funding from the East of England Regional Assembly, for example, for housing and gypsy and traveller sites in the District and that the Council's various grant schemes be kept under review.</p>	Miss H Ali 388006
6	<p>Corporate equality policy - process</p> <p>Noted the progress made to date on the delivery of actions and targets set out in the Corporate Equality Policy Action Plan and approved the 2009/2010 action plan and the revised timetable for Equality Impact Assessments.</p>	Mrs L Sboui 388032
7	<p>Regional Spatial Strategy Single Issue Review Accommodation for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the East of England - the Secretary of State's proposed changes March 2009.</p> <p>Noted and endorsed the content of the Council's response to the Secretary of State's proposed changes to the draft policy put forward by the East of England and Regional (EERA) for gypsy and traveller accommodation.</p>	R Probyn 388430 S Plant 388240
8	<p>Carbon Management Plan</p> <p>Approved the content of a five-year carbon management plan for the Council.</p>	C Jablonski 388368
9	<p>Representative on organisations 2009/10</p> <p>Approved nominations to the outside organisations and panels subject to the Councillor Bucknell being on the Red Tile Wind Farm Community Fund and the appointment of Councillors to the Luminus Group being on the basis that they receive no remuneration from the respective companies in view of the potential implications of Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 and pending any legislation change</p>	Mrs H J Taylor 388008

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	<p>or future clarification of the legal position and agreed that, in the event that changes are required to the Council's representatives during the course of the year, the Head of Democratic and Central Services, after consultation with the Deputy Leader and Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet, be authorised to nominate alternative representatives as necessary.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>St. Neots Leisure Centre Development</p> <p>Agreed to release the relevant funding for a scheme to extend and remodel the existing facilities on the St. Neots Leisure Centre and College Campus.</p>	<p>S Bell 388049</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Tender for the employment of temporary manual employees</p> <p>Accepted a tender from Qubic Limited for the supply of temporary manual employees to the Operations Division be accepted in accordance with paragraph 7.4 of the Council's Code of Procurement.</p>	<p>R Ward 388635</p>