

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 2010

DECISION SHEET

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

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p>Request for a loan to the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough.</p> <p>Approved a loan of up to £1.2m to the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire and Peterborough, subject to the Director of Commerce and Technology and the Head of Law, Property and Governance, in consultation with the relevant Executive Councillor, being satisfied with the terms, interest rates and security being offered.</p>	S Couper 388103
2	<p>Rural Strategy for Cambridgeshire 2010-2015</p> <p>Noted the contents of the report and endorsed the submission of suggested answers to the consultation paper incorporating the comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels, to Cambridgeshire Acre.</p>	D Smith 388377
3	<p>Development Management Process Working Group</p> <p>Agreed to investigate further the possibility of charging developers for pre-submission advice; agreed that relevant consultees and neighbours be consulted again on amended plans, except for those with very minor significance; requested that care should be exercised in relation to households that about the development site, including over-printed envelopes with a suitable message to indicate that it is an important communication concerning a planning application; agreed that applicants be advised in the clearest terms at the outset of the process that they are unlikely to receive any further communication until all of the consultees' views had been received, which could be towards the end of the eight or thirteen week determination period; requested that members of Town and Parish Councils be encouraged to attend training on all aspects of the Development Management process; agreed that as part of the next review of the public speaking procedure for</p>	Mrs J Walker 387049

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	<p>the Development Management Panel consideration be given to the possibility of a mechanism that allows external speakers to respond to what they perceive to be factually incorrect information so that the Panel can make well-informed decisions; and reiterated that the Council reinforces the message wherever possible that development that takes place without permission is discouraged and that the Council will take a robust approach concerning the retention of development where permission is subsequently refused.</p>	
4	<p>Supplementary Estimate for National Non Domestic Rates Relief</p> <p>Approved a supplementary estimate of £20,000 for the National Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief Budget for 2010/2011.</p>	<p>Mrs J Barber 388105</p>