

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CABINET

THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2012

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** J D Ablewhite, B S Chapman, J A Gray, T D Sanderson and D M Tysoe

**APOLOGIES:** N J Guyatt

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p><b>Design Principles for future developments</b></p> <p>Noted the outcome of a review by a Working Group appointed by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) to examine concerns raised over the Loves Farm development in St Neots and to make recommendations to inform future developments.</p>	Mrs J Walker 387049
2	<p><b>Financial Forecast</b></p> <p>Noted the present position in relation to the Council's financial forecast for the period up to 2016/17 together with the deliberations of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) thereon. Approved an annuity basis for the calculation of Minimum Revenue Provision as set out in Annex B to the report and recommended to Council that they consider the contents of the report and the challenges that need to be addressed over the coming months.</p>	S Couper 388103
3	<p><b>The technical Reform of Council Tax</b></p> <p>Noted the contents of a report by the Head of Customer Services summarising the Government's proposals to reform Council Tax with effect from 1st April 2013 and the consequential implications to the District Council. Subject to the enactment of the relevant legislation and in order to prepare financial forecasts, agreed in principle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) that unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C) properties be granted a 100% discount for one month and then 0% thereafter;</li><li>(ii) that second home discounts be reduced to 0%;</li><li>(iii) that uninhabitable properties (Class A) be granted 100% discount for a maximum of twelve months;</li><li>(iv) that empty homes premium be levied after two</li></ul>	J Barber 388105

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
	<p>years at 50% in addition to the 100% charge currently made;</p> <p>(v) that monthly instalments continue to be due on the 15th day of each month (extended to those who request 12 monthly instalments) but Managers be permitted to include an additional later instalment date purely as an incentive for those opting to pay by direct debit; and</p> <p>Supported the publication of a Cambridgeshire Council Tax booklet and the Council's continued involvement in this area of joint working approved.</p>	
4	<p><b>Council Tax support from 1st April 2013</b></p> <p>Noted the core principles and implications for the District Council of a local Council Tax Support Scheme which would replace the current national Council Tax Benefit Scheme from 1st April 2013.</p>	J Barber 388105
5	<p><b>Joint Statement on the development strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by the Local Authorities</b></p> <p>Endorsed a Joint Statement on the Development Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p>	P Bland 388430
6	<p><b>New Guidance for Local Authorities on the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (HECA) and delivery of the green deal in Huntingdonshire</b></p> <p>Agreed that further work be undertaken by Officers of the Environment Team, in conjunction with Officers from other Cambridgeshire Authorities, to develop an outline business case for an action plan to deliver the procurement of a joint local authority Green Deal offering for Cambridgeshire and requested Officers to present the outline business case, once completed, to Members for consideration including a full appraisal of the work streams and resources required to procure and deliver a green deal scheme for Cambridgeshire.</p>	C Jablonski 388368
7	<p><b>Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Crime</b></p> <p>Approved a fixed penalty notice charge of £80 reduced to £60 if paid within ten days for Section 46 and 47 respectively of the Environmental Protection Act refers.</p>	Ms S Hansen 388630

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
8	<p><b>draft Cambridgeshire Health &amp; Well Being Strategy 2012-17 - Consultation response</b></p> <p>Endorsed the contents of a suggested response on behalf of the Council to a consultation paper issued by NHS Cambridgeshire on the draft Cambridgeshire Health and Well-Being Strategy 2012/17.</p>	<p>Mr C Meadowcroft 308021</p>
9	<p><b>Localisation of business rates - update</b></p> <p>Noted progress made to date on the establishment of a local business rates pool as part of the Government's rates retention scheme and an expression of interest to the Government on behalf of the Cambridgeshire authorities. Approved the proposed management proposals for the scheme and authorised the Managing Directors to make subsequent minor changes as necessary, after consultation with the Executive Leader.</p>	<p>S Couper 388103</p>