HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THURSDAY, 31 JULY 2003

DECISION SHEET

PRESENT: I C Bates, Mrs J Chandler, Mrs K P Gregory, N J Guyatt, D P Holley, T V Rogers and

L M Simpson

APOLOGIES: R L Clarke

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	Rapid Transit System - Consultation Response	
	Supported in principle a proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council to use guided bus technology along the A14 to provide a high quality public transport link between Huntingdon and Cambridge; reaffirmed the need to develop a clean, efficient and affordable transit system and unless these concerns can be resolved agreed to lodge objections to the Transport Works Act	
2	Pavement Cafes	
	Approved the introduction of a scheme for licensing pavement cafes; agreed that the annual fee should be £220; Authorised the Head of Administration, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Resources, Welfare and Information Technology, to determine applications and to take any necessary consequential action to introduce the scheme at the earliest possible date.	
3	Holywell-cum-Needingworth Village Design Statement	
	Agreed to adopt the Holywell-Cum-Needingworth Village Design Statement as Supplementary Planning Guidance	
4	Godmanchester (Earning Street) Conservation Area Character Statement	
	Agreed to formally adopt the Godmanchester (Earning St) conservation Area Character Statement as Supplementary Planning Guidance	

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5	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment: Appointment of Consultants	
	Authorised the Heads of Planning Services and of Environment and Transport to invite a select list of appropriate firms to tender for undertaking a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	
6	Public Conveniences - Tendering Process	
	Agreed to include the four contractors referred to in para 4.3 on an approved list of tenderers for the upgrade of the District's public conveniences; authorised the Director of Operational Services, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Service Delivery, to take any necessary consequential action, noted the re-phasing of the capital expenditure in the MTP; agreed that the Executive Councillor for Service Delivery be involved in the tender negotiations process and the final choice of Contractor reported to a future meeting.	
7	Budgetary Control - Capital Programme 2002/03 and 2003/04	
	Noted variations to the capital expenditure incurred by the Council in 2002/03 in comparison with the approved programme and the implications on the programme for the current year, agreed to fund the cost of rebuilding a retaining wall at Hen Brook in St Neots, estimated at £48,000, from savings in the 2002/03 programme, approved additional funding of £19,000 for the refurbishment of the Ramsey changing rooms and deferred consideration of a request for funds from St Neots Leisure Centre to extend the kitchen facilities to enable enquires to be made into the possibility of packaging the schemes in the Leisure Centres condition survey into one major contract to be managed by an External facility management company.	
8	Budgetary Control - Revenue	
	Noted the projected outturn of the 2002/03 budget and several budget variations for 2003/04.	
9	Representation on Organisations	
	Have made the following appointments:	
	Councillor Mrs Chandler to Huntingdonshire Enterprise Forum Councillor L M Simpson to Huntingdonshire Enterprise Agency	

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	Councillor Mrs B Boddington to the Little Gransden Aerodrome Consultative Committee; Councillor J Watt to The Norman Cross Road Safety Committee	
10	Financial Strategy	
	Approved variations and adjustments in the cash limits for the years 2004/08, in the current MTP, agreed to meet any additional expenditure within the MTP from savings; agreed that there be no additional provision for revenue developments and £3.5m per year for capital investment (at current prices) unless funded from savings and/or related to population growth; that, further consideration be given to the level of acceptable development post 2008/09 and that the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) be invited to comment on the foregoing draft Financial Strategy.	
11	CAMBRIDGE SUB-REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP	
	Supported the work of the Cambridge Sub-Regional Infrastructure Partnership and approved the use of £17.5k of the contingency fund to contribute to this work.	