

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CABINET

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2003

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** Mrs J Chandler, R L Clarke, N J Guyatt, D P Holley and T V Rogers

**APOLOGIES:** I C Bates, Mrs K P Gregory and L M Simpson

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p><b>Community Strategy</b></p> <p>recommended to full Council that the draft Community Strategy for Huntingdonshire be adopted and authorised the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve any amendments to the strategy as a consequence of the deliberations of the Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership Board on 25th September 2003.</p>	I Leatherbarrow 388005
2	<p><b>REVENUE BUDGET, 2002/03: OUTTURN</b></p> <p>Noted the level of outturn expenditure as at the 31st March 2003 and the action taken by the Corporate Director, Commerce and Technology as set out in Section 3 of the report and recommended to Council that the draft accounts for 2002/03 be approved for the purposes of audit.</p>	S Couper 388103
3	<p><b>Former Alconbury Airfield: Update</b></p> <p>Noted contents of the report and agreed to extend the retention of Parliamentary Lobbyists at an estimated cost of £20,000 to be met from within the contingency fund.</p>	Mrs E Wilson 388301
4	<p><b>Licensing Act 2003</b></p> <p>Agreed to employ two additional members of staff in the Licensing Section of the Central Services Administration Section for a temporary period of 2</p>	R Reeves 388003

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	<p>years and to undertake a review in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation and noted that the potential financial impact in 2004/05 will form an unavoidable MTP bid in this year's review of the programme.</p>	
5	<p><b>Office Accommodation</b></p> <p>Authorised the Director of Operational Services to commission an update of the structural survey of Pathfinder House at an estimated cost of £30,000 to be met from the current year's approved Capital Programme.</p>	<p>Mrs E Wilson 388301</p>
6	<p><b>Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) 1995: Seventh Progress Report, 2002/03</b></p> <p>Approved the content of the Annual Report on Home Energy and Fuel Poverty Initiatives, and authorised the Chief Executive to sign the report on behalf of the Council prior to submission to DEFRA.</p>	<p>J Coultous 388280</p>
7	<p><b>CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE</b></p> <p>Agreed to adopt a Code of Corporate Governance and authorised the Monitoring Officer to review the content and effectiveness of the Code as necessary.</p>	<p>P Watkins 388002</p>
8	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT: INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE</b></p> <p>Noted the performance of the Council's fund Managers.</p>	<p>S Couper 388103</p>
9	<p><b>Direct Planning Enforcement Action</b></p> <p>Agreed to add the Planning Enforcement Action, approved by the Development Control Panel, to the list of items that can be funded from the Council's contingency fund, subject to a maximum of £25,000 per case.</p>	<p>Mrs E Wilson 388301</p>

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10	<p><b>Staffing Review - Environment and Transport</b></p> <p>Agreed to pay a discretionary payment to the holder of Post Ref. OPS.45 and approved the financial provision in the base budget for that purpose.</p>	<p>P Duerden 388043</p>
11	<p><b>FORMER ALCONBURY AIRBASE UPDATE - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT</b></p> <p>Approved a sum of up to £12,000 from the contingency provision to enable the engagement of the Council's consultants and advisers in preparing a response to the Department of Transport and the Deputy Prime Minister on any material changes to policy documents considered at the Inquiry into the Alconbury Developments Limited proposals and other relevant matters arising since the Inquiry closed.</p>	
12	<p><b>FINANCIAL STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Recommended to full Council : that variations in cash limits for 2004/05 – 2007/08 as approved in the current MTP be adjusted in accordance with the tabulation reproduced at Annex A to the report now submitted; that any additional spending which is proposed in conjunction with the review of the MTP be met from within the overall, updated levels of expenditure referred to in (a) above; that unless related to demographic considerations, no additional provision for revenue developments be made in 2008/09 and that £3.5m pa be earmarked for capital investment (at current prices);that, further consideration be given to the level of acceptable development post 2008/09 and Council Tax levels at future meetings; and that, in conjunction with the forthcoming review of the MTP, consideration be given to the scope for identifying further savings.</p>	