

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CABINET

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2003

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** I C Bates, Mrs J Chandler, R L Clarke, N J Guyatt, D P Holley, T V Rogers and  
L M Simpson  
**APOLOGIES:** Mrs K P Gregory

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p><b>PFI and Waste Management</b></p> <p>noted the financial implications of proposed changes to the recycling collection and garden waste services and the proposed development of a joint public finance initiative.</p>	
2	<p><b>Recycling Collections</b></p> <p>Agreed to terminate the existing green box recycling collection contract with Newslitter and to introduce an unified service throughout the district to be operated by the Operations Divisions and where appropriate, transfer employees under TUPE Regulations.</p>	
3	<p><b>Garden Waste Trial and Options for Service Implementation</b></p> <p>Approved the District-wide roll out of twin wheeled bins alternating a fortnightly collection of household waste and garden waste throughout the District and the associated budget adjustment outlined in paragraph 5.7 of the report. Authorised the Director of Operational Services to seek funding from the Government Challenge Fund to support the capital cost of the scheme and the provision of a third wheeled bin for the collection of dry recyclables and after consultation with the Executive Councillor for service delivery, to determine operational arrangements for the implementation of the associated service development.</p>	
4	<p><b>PUBLIC FINANCE INITIATIVE FOR WASTE</b></p> <p>Approved the Council's involvement as a partner in the submission of the outline business case to the Department of the Environment Food and Rural Affairs for Private Finance Initiative Credit; authorised the Director of Operational Services, in consultation with</p>	

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	<p>the Executive Councillor for Environment, to receive information included in the outline business case in respect of the Council and requested an evaluation and financial appraisal of the options for the future delivery of services including joint procurement support by PFI credits to be considered at a future meeting of the Cabinet. Deferred any decision on the Council's involvement in any future joint procurement until after the deliberations of the Director of Operational Services evaluation and financial appraisal and requested that Senior Members from District Councils in Cambridgeshire, the County Council and Peterborough City Council be invited to a meeting to discuss their involvement in the Private Finance Initiative.</p>	
5	<p><b>BUDGET AND 2004 - 2009 MEDIUM TERM PLAN</b></p> <p>Agreed to defer the recommendation to full Council on the budget for 2004/05 and the Medium Term Plan until the Cabinet's next meeting to enable the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels to be considered and approved a supplementary estimate of £20,000 in respect of the cost of commissioning specialist consultants to undertake an opinion survey to ascertain the preferences of Council Taxpayers on options for Council Tax levels and their impact on the delivery of District Council services over the MTP period.</p>	
6	<p><b>Monitoring of the Capital Programme 2003/04</b></p> <p>Noted the expected variations in the Capital Programme in the current year.</p>	
7	<p><b>Paperless Direct Debit</b></p> <p>Approved the application to be an Originator of Paperless Direct Debit Instructions be approved.</p>	
8	<p><b>Cambridge Sub Region Infrastructure Partnership</b></p> <p>Supported the establishment of the formal infrastructure partnership and nominated Councillor D P Holley as the District Council's representative on the Partnership Board.</p>	
9	<p><b>2003 IEG Statement</b></p> <p>Recommended to full Council that the contents of the IEG statement be approved prior to its submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.</p>	

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10	<p><b>Draft PPS7 - Sustainable Development in Rural Areas</b></p> <p>approved the District Council's response to the proposed PPS7 on sustainable development in rural areas and agreed to circulate a response to all Parish Councils in the District.</p>	
11	<p><b>Cambridge Sub-Region Key Worker Housing Research</b></p> <p>Noted the findings of the key worker research report and gave approval to the District Council becoming a member of the Employers' Consortium and signatories to the key worker protocol. Requested the Head of Housing Services to convey to the Employers' Consortium, the District Council's concerns with regard to the definition of a key worker and, after consultation with the Executive Member for Housing Strategy, to sign the sub-region protocol for the allocation of key worker housing.</p>	
12	<p><b>Supporting People Strategy</b></p> <p>Endorsed the contents of the updated Supporting People Strategy and supported the 2004/05 housing support priorities detailed within the document.</p>	
13	<p><b>Members' E-Government Advisory Group</b></p> <p>Approved amended terms of reference for the E-Government Advisory Group listed in Section 2 of the report by the Director of Central Services and endorsed the renaming of the group to Customer First Advisory Group.</p>	
14	<p><b>St Ives Market Town Transport Strategy - Appointment of Members to Working Group</b></p> <p>Appointed Councillors M F Newman, K Reynolds and T D Sanderson as the District Council's representatives to the Sub-Committee of the Huntingdonshire Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee.</p>	