
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
DATE	17 JANUARY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WILLIAMS (CABINET MEMBER)
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR REID

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting the Cabinet Member is asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests he may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on the 23rd November be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Councils Public Participation Scheme.

Councillor Reid was in attendance at the meeting.

20. ADOPTING THE FOOD STANDARD AGENCY'S FOOD HYGIENE RATING SCHEME

The Cabinet Member considered a report which asked him to approve the adoption of the Food Standard Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) in place of the current Score on the Doors scheme.

Officers outlined the report and advised that the Food Standards Agency is keen to have a single national scheme operating in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

In response to the Cabinet Members query, Officers advised that the FHRS would provide more incentive for business owners to improve their premises quickly as a re-visit can be requested.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member approved Option 17(i) and agreed to the adoption of the Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

REASON: To allow the food and safety unit to migrate to a food hygiene scheme that is more cost effective to operate and will offer an improved service for businesses and consumers.

Councillor Williams, Chair
[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.40 pm].