

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 9 October 2007. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Simon Copley.

6. REFERENCE REPORT: SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: To allow a wider strategic understanding of the programme, which extends beyond the usual remit of Housing and Adult Social Services.

7. FIRST PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITOR - 2007/08

- RESOLVED: (i) That the performance issues identified in the report be noted;
- (ii) That the applications for supplementary estimate requests of £200k be granted to City Strategy to deal with shortfalls in planning and land charge income, to be funded from the contingency fund, but that consideration of the request in respect of concessionary fares be deferred until central government has responded to the Council's representations for an increase in grant entitlement to offset the additional costs;
- (iii) That the virements over £250k, set out in paragraph 57 of the report, be approved;
- (iv) That the transfer between general fund and the traded activities profit from Neighbourhood Services of £152k, as set out in paragraph 58 of the report, be approved;
- (v) That the applications for supplementary estimate requests of £480.5k to be funded from general fund reserves, as set out in paragraph 60 of the report, be approved;

- (vi) That the transfer of the additional Local Area Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) grant (£537k) straight to general reserves (as set out in paragraph 54 of the report) be authorised, with the exception of £20k to be earmarked for erecting the Christmas 2007 lighting scheme;
- (vii) That departments be instructed to continue to look for savings within their own budgets rather than request supplementary estimates for additional expenditure pressures;
- (viii) That the action currently being taken by departments to manage the overspend identified be endorsed.

- REASON:
- (i) So that corrective action on these performance issues can be addressed by Directorates and Executive Members & Advisory Panels (EMAPs);
 - (ii) In accordance with the Executive's constitutional powers to make decisions on the level and granting of supplementary estimates;
 - (iii) In accordance with the Executive's constitutional powers to make decisions on virements over £250k;
 - (iv) The virement request is within the budget areas where the Executive is the responsible body;
 - (v) In accordance with the Executive's constitutional powers to make decisions on the level and granting of supplementary estimates;
 - (vi) The additional income is within the budget areas where the Executive is the responsible body;
 - (vii) To ensure that all practicable action is taken in departments prior to seeking additional funding from the Executive;
 - (viii) To enable the Executive to continue to monitor the budget.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR ONE

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the £117k of adjustments made under delegated authority to the 2007/08 approved capital programme, as illustrated in Table 1, be noted;
 - (ii) That the inclusion of £2.732m of additional funding

to the 2007/08 to 2010/11 Capital Programme, as illustrated in paragraph 7 of the report, be approved;

- (iii) That the reprofiling of £2.360m from 2007/08 to future years, as summarised in paragraph 7 of the report, be approved;
- (iv) That the restated Capital Programme, summarised in Table 10 and as set out in details in Annex A of the report, be approved;
- (v) That the capital receipt projects for 2007/08 to 2010/11, as summarised in exempt Annex B, be noted.

REASON: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's Capital Programme.

**9. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT
2007/08**

- RESOLVED: (i) That the contents of the report and progress to date be noted;
- (ii) That the key corporate risks, as set out in Annex A of the report, and additional risks identified by senior officers, as set out in Annex B, be noted;
 - (iii) That the list of key corporate risks be approved;
 - (iv) That the new arrangements at Corporate Management Team and Audit & Governance Committee to ensure regular monitoring and review of key corporate risks be noted as improving, developing and strengthening overall governance arrangements at the Council.

- REASON: (i) To raise awareness of the progress made to date in respect of risk management arrangements at the Council and to advise Members of the further work now needed to support the effective development of the Council's approach in the future;
- (ii) To ensure Executive validation of the key strategic risks identified by senior officers;
 - (iii) To provide a clear corporate focus with regards to the Council's key strategic risks and jeopardies;
 - (iv) To make the Executive aware of the management and monitoring arrangements for risk management at the Council.

10. WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2007/2008 - 2013/2014

- RESOLVED: (i) That it be agreed for £50k to be included in the Council's budget each year to allow waste minimisation work to continue and subject to the usual value review as part of the annual budget build process;
- (ii) That it be agreed for a pilot recycling scheme to be implemented in the Groves area commencing April 2008 at a cost of £160k in a full year, with consultation starting during 2007/2008 and being managed within the existing budget, and a full implementation plan being shared with Members following a full survey of the area;
- (iii) That it be agreed for a delivery plan for the pilot area to be presented to the Neighbourhood Services Executive Member & Advisory Panel (EMAP) to inform Members of how this will be implemented and to receive feedback;
- (iv) That the full rollout of recycling in terraced areas as from April 2009 be agreed in principle at an annual cost of £241k per annum, subject to the usual value review as part of the budget build process;
- (v) That it be agreed for an annual budget of £30k to be included in the Council's budget each year to help improve participation levels in kerbside recycling, subject to the usual value review as part of the budget build process;
- (vi) That the proposed changes to the Commercial Waste section, that will allow the Council to provide recycling to schools and commercial organisations and which will be cost neutral to implement, be agreed;
- (vii) That authority be given for the designated LATS trading officer to sell surplus LATS permits in line with the Council's Waste Strategy;
- (viii) That it be agreed to ask officers to provide further reports on the items considered in the Strategy which will contribute to the mitigation of the Council's LATS targets.

REASON: To assist the Council to meet its LATS targets and to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill.

11. REVIEW OF PARKING SERVICES

- RESOLVED: (i) That the recommendations in respect of the financial and functional review be adopted, as set out in paragraph 22 and Appendix C of the report;
- (ii) The revised parking policy, as suggested in paragraph 24 of the report, be adopted;
- (iii) That consultation be undertaken with the trade unions and staff on the local agreement to improve performance and flexibility;
- (iv) That Appendix D of the report be noted with respect to Pay on Exit and it also be noted that at the present time it is not possible to fund a change over to Pay on Exit at surface level car parks;
- (v) That officers be requested to implement a marketing programme aimed at promoting the “pay by phone” option;
- (vi) That no change be made, at this time, to the permit discount scheme for environmentally friendly vehicles both for on and off street parking but that further efforts be made to market this option;
- (vii) That no change be made in the charge for a household parking permit in accordance with current policy;
- (viii) That no change be made in the current level of car parking charges but that this be considered through the annual budget process;
- (ix) That an Annual Parking Report be published as proposed in Appendix J of the report;
- (x) That the draft protocols for enforcement, set out in Appendix K of the report, and administration, set out in Appendix L of the report, be adopted;
- (xi) That the Service Levels for Parking Services, set out in Appendix M of the report, be adopted.

REASON: For the more efficient and effective management of Parking Services.

