

# DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING.

THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2011

## DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 3 February 2011. 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 key 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 Laura Bootland.

### 4. 2011/12 NEIGHBOURHOODS BUDGET PROPOSALS

**Appendix C**

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing notes the report and recommends it to the Executive for incorporation into the Councils budget for 2011/12 with the following recommended amendments/suggestions:

- (i) That the request for double glazing from the residents of The Glebe, Dunnington be considered when the Housing Capital Programme is presented to the Executive.
- (ii) That the Executive consider the rise in charges of 77% for adult internment at Dringhouses Cemetery be raised over two years e.g.; £150 this year and £140 next year.

REASON: As part of the 2011/12 budget consultation.

### 5. UPDATE ON EMPTY HOMES POLICY.

**Appendix D**

RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive Member approved Option 2 to leave the existing empty homes policy unchanged, to note the results of the postal survey and associated fieldwork and approve work to ensure that baseline data is more robust, including an annual field survey.

REASON: There is no statistical or anecdotal evidence to justify changing the council's existing empty homes policy. However, possessing accurate information regarding the number of empty properties in the city is essential in order to inform

local empty homes strategies and enable us to respond to emerging national policy agendas and funding mechanisms. An annual field survey provides the best value for money response to these challenges and opportunities.

RESOLVED: (ii) That a further report be brought back to the Executive Member when the Governments position on the subject is clearer.

REASON: To keep the Executive Member informed.

**6. ANNUAL PARKING SERVICES REPORT Appendix E  
2009/10**

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member noted the Annual Parking Services Report for 2009/10.

REASON: To keep the Executive Member informed on enforcement activities within the directorate.

**7. PETITION RELATING TO SELECTIVE Appendix F  
LICENSING**

RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive Member noted the information in the report and considered the petition and acknowledged advice from Officers that selective licensing is not the most appropriate tool to tackle Houses in Multiple Occupation in the Hull Road Ward.

REASON: Legal tests have not been met.

RESOLVED: (ii) That Officers include further information on Additional Licensing in their forthcoming report due in Spring 2011 on the introduction of an Accreditation Scheme.

REASON: To inform Members further on the subject.