

CABINET

THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 8 March 2007. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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

1. INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Cabinet **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the Investment Strategy be approved.

2. ARBURY PARK: SUSTAINABLE LETTINGS POLICY

Cabinet **AGREED** that the Nominations and Management Agreement *Building a Sustainable Community at Arbury Park* be approved as the associated local lettings policy.

3. 9-MONTH (APRIL TO DECEMBER 2006) CORPORATE MILESTONES

Cabinet **AGREED** that:

- (a) the remaining 13 (48%) of the 2006/07 milestones be included in the appropriate 2007/08 Service Plans and be monitored in quarterly reports in 2007/08; and
- (b) officers give high priority to recruitment to posts to avoid prolonged vacancies, where the vacancy would have adverse implications for the achievement of council priorities.

Cabinet **NOTED** that 14 (52%) of the 27 2006/07 milestones would be completed within the 2006/07 period.

4. 9-MONTH (APRIL TO DECEMBER 2006) CORPORATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Cabinet **AGREED** that:

- (a) targets for 2007/08 remain at the level of government minimum standards;
- (b) Portfolio Holders use their meetings to monitor implementation of the improvement measures in the various Service Plans;
- (c) Portfolio Holders work with the service planning managers to ensure that plans are robust and clearly set out to help achieve the Council's 2007/08 priorities; and
- (d) lessons learnt be accepted as a means of helping ensure that appropriate plans be set and successfully implemented for 2007/08.

Cabinet **REQUESTED** that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitor progress, at least annually, to ensure that the three-year targets be achieved.

Cabinet **NOTED** the progress on performance indicators after the first nine months of 2006/07, with 76% projected to be on target.

5. COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2007-2010

Cabinet **AGREED** that the emerging priorities for the Sustainable Community Strategy be taken into account in developing new priorities for the Council.

Cabinet **REQUESTED** that all members take advantage of opportunities to take part in

the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Cabinet **NOTED** the progress on the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the timetable to complete the strategy in time to influence the Local Area Agreement from April 2008.

6. MILTON COUNTRY PARK - LAND OWNERSHIP

Cabinet would **SUPPORT** the principle of transferring the Council's land within Milton Country Park to a new agency, to enable that agency to take on the park's management, subject to a full consideration of the nature of such a disposal bring brought to a future Cabinet for decision, taking into account the views of other agencies.

7. STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE HEALTH ACT 2006 (SMOKE FREE REGULATIONS)

Cabinet **AGREED**

- (a) an increase in the Staffing Establishment by one full-time equivalent (FTE) for a twelve-month period and one FTE for a six-month period; and
- (b) that, in order that appointments not be delayed, delegated authority be given to Senior Management Team to agree the salary scale and post titles to be applied with the Human Resources Manager following the outcome of job evaluations.

8. PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES: AMENDMENTS TO LICENSING CONDITIONS

Cabinet **AGREED** to adopt the Vehicle Licensing Conditions with effect from 1 April 2007.

9. PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS: ADOPTION OF DRIVING TEST

Cabinet **AGREED** that, with effect from 23 April 2007, all new applicants or existing drivers who have allowed their licences to lapse in any manner be required to undertake and pass the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) test for Private Hire and Hackney Carriages before being granted a licence by South Cambridgeshire District Council, except:

- (a) where an applicant for a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage driver's licence has successfully completed all the Go Skills vocational qualification modules; and / or
- (b) where an applicant already holds the Institute of Advanced Motoring qualification or RoSPA advanced driving test, the DSA driving test shall be waived.

10. PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE APPLICATIONS: DRIVER GUIDELINES

Cabinet **AGREED** to adopt the Private Hire / Hackney Carriage Driver Application Guidelines with effect from 1 April 2007, with delegated authority granted to the Environmental Health Portfolio Holder and Corporate Manager (Health and Environmental Services) to make any relevant amendments to the list of indecency offences.

11. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER: LICENSING CONDITIONS

Cabinet **AGREED** to adopt the Private Hire Driver Licensing Conditions with effect from 1 April 2007.