

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 25 January 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 Richard May.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO STANDING ORDERS (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 12 JANUARY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the revised Standing Orders be approved as recommended by the Constitution Review Working Party and incorporated into the Constitution.

ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Council **RESOLVED** that Councillor RMA Manning be elected Leader of the Council.

FROM COUNCILLOR RB MARTLEW TO THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Following a brief discussion, the matter was referred for consideration by the appropriate Corporate Manager and by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

WORKFORCE PLAN 2006/07 TO 2008/09 (CABINET, 14 DECEMBER 2006)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Workforce Plan 2006/07 to 2008/09 be approved.

DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF OTHER THAN FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS (CABINET, 11 JANUARY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the policy for the award of discretionary rate relief set out in the appendices to the Cabinet report be adopted in order to facilitate future awards of relief from the financial year 2007/08 onwards.

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FUTURE REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AUDIT PANEL (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 12 JANUARY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That the following changes be approved with effect from the 2007-2008 Civic Year and that Article 6 (Scrutiny and Overview Committee) and Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Constitution be amended accordingly:
 - (a) That the Audit Panel report directly to Council.
 - (b) That membership of the Panel be no longer restricted to Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
 - (c) That Cabinet Members be not eligible to sit on the Panel.
 - (d) That the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee be not eligible to Chair the Panel.
- (2) That revised Terms of Reference, attached to the Agenda, be approved with effect from the 2007-2008 Civic Year.

REVISIONS TO ARTICLE 12 - OFFICERS (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY 12 JANUARY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That the changes to Article 12, set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Officer Employment Procedure Rules be amended to reflect the following:
 - (a) That the appointment and dismissal of the Executive Director be reserved to full Council following a recommendation by the Employment Committee.
 - (b) That Corporate Managers' appointments be undertaken by the Employment Committee and their dismissal by Council with a recommendation from the Employment Committee.
- (3) That, subject to approval of (1) and (2) above, the Chief Executive be authorised to make further minor textual revisions to the Constitution required for consistency.

PROCEDURE FOR THE LOCAL INVESTIGATION OF REFERRED COMPLAINTS (STANDARDS COMMITTEE 8 NOVEMBER 2006, CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 12 JANUARY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Procedure for Local Investigations, attached to the Agenda, be approved for incorporation into the Constitution.

PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL STANDARDS HEARINGS (STANDARDS COMMITTEE 8 NOVEMBER 2006, CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 12 JANUARY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Procedure for local Standards Committee Hearings, attached to the Agenda, be approved and incorporated into the Constitution.

REVISION TO ARTICLE 14 - COMMON SEAL OF THE COUNCIL (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 12 JANUARY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the last sentence of Article 14.05 be amended as follows:

"The affixing of the Common Seal will be attested by the Chief Executive or his nominee."

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ADOPTION OF CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) That the Core Strategy DPD, as contained in Appendix 1, be adopted and that the matter proceed in accordance with Regulations 35 and 36;
- (b) That the Sustainability Statement be agreed as contained in Appendix 3; and
- (c) That the Core Strategy Habitats Directive Assessment be agreed as contained in Appendix 4.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

Council **RESOLVED** that the contract with Mr GJ Harlock to serve as Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Returning Officer be extended for a further period to 30 June 2009, and that negotiations on the detailed Terms and Conditions be delegated to be undertaken by the Leader of the Council and Resources, Staffing, Information and Customer Services Portfolio Holder in consultation with the Chairmen of the Employment and Scrutiny and Overview Committees.

CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) A 'Task and Finish' body called the Climate Change Working Group be established, consisting of nine District Council Members, appointed on a proportional basis, supported by relevant Council officers, and by independent experts co-opted as and when required, and detailed to present its report to Council within a set period.
- (b) The Terms of Reference set out in paragraph 5 be approved, subject to reference being made for the group to advise on actions to be undertaken under the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change.
- (c) The membership of the group include a representative from the Local Strategic Partnership.
- (d) The inclusion of £3,000 in the 2007-2008 estimates by way of budget for the group be approved, and
- (e) The Democratic Services Section be requested to convene meetings within guidelines set by Members.

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2007-08

Council **RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Independent Panel be approved and the following allowances paid for 2007-2008:

Allowance	2007/08
Basic	£4,514 (inc expenses)
Leader	£11,368
Deputy Leader	£8,527
Cabinet member	£7,579
Chairman of Council	£3,789
Vice-Chairman of Council	£1,672
Chairman of Scrutiny & Overview Cttee	£3,246
Vice-Chairman of Scrutiny & Overview Cttee	£1,624
Chairman of Planning Committee	£4,329
Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee	£2,434
Chairman of Licensing Committee	£2,100
Chairman of Standards Committee	£420
Chairman of Employment Committee	£420
Independent Member of Standards Cttee	£269
Parish Member of Standards Cttee	£215

CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES: JULY AND OCTOBER 2007

Council **RESOLVED** that the Council meetings in July and October 2007 be held on Thursday 19 July and Thursday 18 October.

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JP CHATFIELD

Council **RESOLVED** that:

This Council regrets the loss of any post offices in South Cambridgeshire and notes with concern the announcement by the Government on 14 December 2006 of Ministers' plans to close 2,500 Post Office branches across the UK.

This Council further notes the social importance of Post Offices to the well being of communities and individuals in South Cambridgeshire.

This Council believes that the recently announced closure programme is unnecessary and calls on the government to end the branch closure programme, open up further business opportunities for the network and carry out a review of which additional Government functions could be carried out through Post Offices.

This Council welcomes the decision of the Government to withdraw its previous proposals to scrap completely the Post Office Card Account (POCA), but calls on Ministers to ensure that any replacement POCA should be open freely to all pensioners and benefit recipients who want one. This Council calls on the Government to avoid putting pressure on current and future POCA users to switch to having benefits and pensions paid directly into bank accounts.

STANDING IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR DR SEK VAN DE VEN AND COUNCILLOR RB MARTLEW

“In the interest of accountability to the electorate, all decisions made by full Council should have the votes recorded and retained to be accessed on request, accessibility to be in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules.”

The Motion, on being put, was declared **LOST**, the voting being recorded as follows:

FOR: (20):

JD Batchelor	Mrs PM Bear	AN Berent
RF Bryant	NN Cathcart	JP Chatfield
Mrs A Elsby	Dr SA Harangozo	Mrs EM Heazell
MP Howell	PT Johnson	Mrs HF Kember
SGM Kindersley	Mrs JE Lockwood	RB Martlew
Mrs HM Smith	JH Stewart	RT Summerfield
Dr SEK van de Ven	JF Williams	

AGAINST (29):

Dr DR Bard	RE Barrett	NCF Bolitho
EW Bullman	BR Burling	TD Bygott
Mrs PS Corney	Mrs SJO Doggett	SM Edwards
Mrs SM Ellington	Mrs VG Ford	Mrs JM Guest
R Hall	Mrs SA Hatton	Mrs CA Hunt
RMA Manning	MJ Mason	RM Matthews
DC McCraith	DH Morgan	CR Nightingale
AG Orgee	Mrs DP Roberts	NJ Scarr
Mrs DSK Spink MBE	RJ Turner	Mrs BE Waters
TJ Wotherspoon	NIC Wright	

ABSTAINED (1): JA Hockney

**STANDING IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS MRS HM SMITH AND RT SUMMERFIELD
RESOLVED**

This Council supports the aims of the ‘Save the Milton Country Park’ campaign to keep Milton Country Park open, congratulates the volunteers for raising the profile of the issue and encourages all parties to work together to find a long term partnership for the management of the park.