

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 31 January 2008. 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.

LICENSING ACT 2003 POLICY (CABINET, 13 DECEMBER 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the revised Licensing Policy document be adopted.

SCRUTINY ROLE DESCRIPTIONS (SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, 17 DECEMBER 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the scrutiny members' job description and the portfolio monitors' job description be approved for incorporation into Part 5 of the Constitution (Section I – Member Role Descriptions) and the Members' Toolkit.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, 20 DECEMBER 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the revised Financial Regulations be approved for incorporation into Part 4 of the Constitution, subject to the following amendments and minor typographical corrections:

- (a) References to "Chief Accountant" to read "Head of Accountancy";
- (b) The penultimate sentence of paragraph 3.6 read: "No body of the Council nor any officer will commit items of expenditure not provided in their estimates unless, in cases of extreme importance and after opportunities for virement have been exhausted, specifically approved by the Executive up to level 3 and within approved policy or specifically approved by Council if outside approved policy and / or above level 3"; and
- (c) Amendments to section 6, Operation of Bank Accounts, to include specific reference to BACS transfers.

LOCAL CODE OF GOVERNANCE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, 20 DECEMBER 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Local Code of Governance be adopted.

HOUSING FUTURES (CABINET, 10 JANUARY 2008)

Council **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Council develop a housing transfer proposal in consultation with its tenants. Council recognises that housing transfer cannot proceed without the support of its tenants and wishes to involve them fully in developing its proposal. The Council further recognises that retention will be an option for consultation.
- (b) That an application be submitted to Communities and Local Government (CLG) for a place on the 2008 housing transfer programme by the deadline of 31 March 2008; and
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Leader and Cabinet to agree a new landlord selection process that involves tenants, elected members and staff, the result of the new landlord selection process being presented to Council for approval.

REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 21 JANUARY 2008)

Council **RESOLVED** that the changes to Council Standing Orders set out in the report to the Constitution Review Working Party be approved for incorporation into Part 4 of the Constitution.

RECOGNITION OF PARTNERSHIP WORKING (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 21 JANUARY 2008)

Council **RESOLVED** that proposed revisions to Article 11 (Joint Arrangements) be approved.

DELEGATION BY THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 21 JANUARY 2008)

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) Responsibility for the initial re-grading and re-evaluation of posts and the determination of the scale point applicable following re-evaluation be removed from the Terms of Reference of the Employment Committee and delegated to the Chief Executive for onward delegation as appropriate, and that
- (2) The Employment Committee retain responsibility for appeals functions arising from these processes.

SPEAKING RIGHTS AT PORTFOLIO HOLDER MEETINGS (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 21 JANUARY 2008)

Council **RESOLVED** that the following paragraph be added to the Executive Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution:

“3.2 Speaking rights at Portfolio Holder Meetings

The following persons shall be entitled to speak once, to ask questions and/or make representations, on each item of business under consideration at a Portfolio Holder meeting:

- Monitors appointed by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee;
- Spokespersons appointed by the Major Opposition Group.
- Other Members of the Council who may be present.

No Member shall speak for longer than three minutes without the Portfolio Holder’s permission; this includes Members who are appointed to both the above positions.

The Portfolio Holder may, at his/her discretion:

- Allow Monitors and/or spokespersons and other Members to speak more than once;
- Allow other persons present at the meeting to speak.”

FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAMBRIDGE FRINGES JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that:

1. The Council enter a Local Agreement with Cambridgeshire County

Council and Cambridge City Council to establish a Section 29 Committee for relevant fringe areas of Cambridge;

2. In consequence of (1) above, the Council make a formal request to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to publish an Order for the establishment of a Joint Policy Committee for the Cambridge Fringes under Section 29 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and
3. Final proposals be referred back to the Council when the Secretary of State consults upon the draft Order, noting that consideration will be restricted by the terms of the Local Agreement to which the Council will be a signatory.

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ADOPTION OF CAMBRIDGE SOUTHERN FRINGE & CAMBRIDGE EAST AREA ACTION PLANS

Council:

- a. **RESOLVED TO ADOPT** the Cambridge Southern Fringe and Cambridge East AAPs, as contained in Appendices 1 and 2, on 21 February 2008 (adoption of Cambridge East AAP being subject to Cambridge City Council adopting the Cambridge East AAP on that day), and to proceed in accordance with Regulations 35 and 36 for both plans, subject to incorporation into the Cambridge East AAP of the minor amendments referred to in the supplementary note circulated at the meeting;
- b. **RESOLVED TO ADOPT** the revisions to the adopted Proposals Map, as contained in Appendices 4 and 5;
- c. **NOTED** the Sustainability Statements as contained in Appendices 6 and 7; and
- d. **NOTED** the Habitats Directive Assessments as contained in Appendices 8 and 9.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2008-09

Council **RESOLVED** that meetings during the 2008-2009 Civic Year be scheduled as follows:

Date	Type of meeting
17 July 2008	Ordinary
25 September 2008	Ordinary
27 November 2008	Ordinary
29 January 2009	Ordinary
26 February 2009	Budget
23 April 2009	Ordinary
21 May 2009	Annual

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES LEVELS FOR 2008-2009 AND REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to reconsider levels

of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for 2008-2009, taking into account the following views expressed by Members:

- That an SRA should be payable to the Chairman of the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee due to the significance of the Committee to partnership working and the future development of the district.
- That the SRA payable to the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee be set at a level commensurate with those paid to the Leader of the Major Opposition Group and Chairman of the Planning Committee.
- That the responsibility of the Chairman of the Licensing Committee is not more significant than that of Members sitting on and chairing hearing panels, therefore it is questionable whether the position merits an SRA.
- That it would not be appropriate to increase the Basic Allowance by 2.5%, due to the reduced number of meetings, and taking into account wage increases elsewhere in the public sector.

(2) That the recommendation to appoint of Mr. Jonathan Barker to the Independent Remuneration Panel be reviewed in light of Mr. Barker's future association with the Cambridge East development.

NAMING OR RE-NAMING OF STREETS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Council **RESOLVED** that Sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Public Health Act 1925 be adopted.

ANTI-THEFT, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY

RESOLVED that the revised Anti-theft, Fraud and Corruption Policy be adopted by the Council and incorporated into the Constitution.

