

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 19 JULY 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 19 July 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.

RESPONSE TO REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY (RSS) CONSULTATION (CABINET, 14 JUNE 2007)

Council **ENDORSED** the responses agreed by Cabinet, as amended, to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) Single Issue Review Issues and Options Report as the Council's final response to consultation on the RSS review.

ANNUAL FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2007/08 (CABINET, 9 JULY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Food Safety Service Plan 2007/08 be approved.

ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN 2007/08 (CABINET, 9 JULY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Health and Safety Plan 2007/08 be approved.

HOUSING STRATEGY 2007-2010 (CABINET, 9 JULY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the draft Housing Strategy document for the period 2007/08-2010/11 be approved and that authority be delegated to the Housing and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder to make any minor amendments.

BUSINESS PROCESS RE-ENGINEERING (CABINET, 9 JULY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the Business Process Re-engineering programme of reviews be ended and the remaining resources re-directed to undertake a series of discrete service reviews using a best value approach;
- (b) the Resources Portfolio Holder be requested to include the shortfall in efficiency savings resulting from the end of the Business Process Re-engineering in the next review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy in the autumn; and
- (c) the post of Business Analyst be deleted from the Council's authorised establishment list from 1 July 2007.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND CONSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO THOSE OF THE SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 10 JULY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) The Terms of Reference for the Policy Development Committee and Scrutiny and Overview Committee be approved as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (2) The Operating Guidelines for the Task and Finish Panels be approved as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.
- (3) The process for the approval of the Work Programmes be approved as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.
- (4) The Chairmen of the Scrutiny and Overview and Policy Development Committees be given discretion to vary the structure and format of committee meetings based on the principles set out in paragraph 12 of the report.

- (5) Members of the public be entitled to ask questions at meetings of the Policy Development Committee in accordance with the existing procedure for the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
- (6) Members shall not be entitled to sit on both the Scrutiny and Overview and Policy Development Committee.
- (7) Amendments to Article 6 and the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure rules of the Constitution, listed in appendix 3 of the report and incorporating (1) to (6) above, be agreed.
- (8) That the scrutiny contingency budget be divided equally between the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (£20k) and Policy Development Committee (£20k).
- (9) That these arrangements be reviewed by the Working Party in April 2008.

TRAVELLER ISSUES: PRIORITIES AND RESOURCES (CABINET, 9 JULY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that the fixed-term Enforcement Officer post D.2.32 be extended from October 2007 to March 2008 (to be funded from the Travellers Issues account) with a view to making this post a permanent post from April 2008 as part of the 2007/08 service planning process.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVES 2007/2008

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the following Corporate Objectives and Service Priorities:

- (1) Work in partnership to manage growth to benefit everyone in South Cambridgeshire now and in the future – by
 - (a) Developing effective working arrangements with major partners to deliver the growth agenda
 - (b) Effective project planning and management; maximising S106 gains; and developing and implementing LDF policies to achieve successful new communities and protect existing communities and villages
 - (c) Working with partners to deliver affordable housing for local people
 - (d) Promoting low carbon living and delivering low carbon growth
 - (e) Extending and encouraging the use of recycling opportunities
- (2) Deliver high quality services that represent best value and are accessible to all our community – by
 - (a) Ensuring the best value for money options for service delivery
 - (b) Strong management and prioritisation of resources, resulting in improved audit assessments
 - (c) Achieving improved customer satisfaction with our services
 - (d) A commitment to improvement and good quality services, demonstrated by performance against national, local and Direction of Travel indicators.
 - (e) Improving access to services through our Contact Centre
 - (f) Working towards level 2 of the equalities standard
 - (g) Taking account of climate change in all the services we deliver
- (3) Enhance quality of life and build a sustainable South Cambridgeshire where everyone is proud to live and work – by
 - (a) Listening to and engaging with the local community
 - (b) Working effectively with voluntary organisations and parish councils to improve services through partnership
 - (c) Taking an active role in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and working with the police and other partners to reduce crime and fear of crime and tackle anti social behaviour.

- (d) Protecting and enhancing the environment and maintaining the cleanliness of our villages
- (e) Promoting sustainability for the benefit of the local and global environment
- (f) Supporting schemes to improve rural transport and access to services.
- (g) Promoting participation in sport and active recreation to improve the health of all
- (h) Working with local people to promote community cohesion and addressing the needs of the most vulnerable in the community
- (i) Promoting economic development consistent with our sustainability and environmental aims

FUTURE OF MILTON COUNTRY PARK

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) the selection of Cambridge Sports Lakes Trust as the preferred bidder for running Milton Country Park;
- (b) that subject to due diligence by CSLT, the Council's land should be leased to CSLT for a peppercorn, on a 99-year lease, and the land leased from the Stokes should be sub-leased on a 99-year lease, all subject to the land being used as a country park;
- (c) that at the appropriate time the Council gives notice to the County Council to end the current license and, subject to agreement by the County to lease their land to this Council, that we sub-lease it to CSLT on a 99-year lease for use as a country park, along with the SCDC land;
- (d) as part of the terms of the agreement and lease above, to approve a one-off payment of £250,000 to CSLT to enable them to take on the responsibility of running the park;
- (e) that officers be instructed to pursue the necessary legal and other work to enable the transfer to take place in late 2007 or early 2008; and
- (f) that an appropriate agreement be entered into to ensure that the one-off payment of £250,000 to CSLT be ring-fenced for expenditure on the park.

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ADOPTION OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT AND NORTHSTOWE AREA ACTION PLAN

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) to adopt the Development Control Policies DPD and Northstowe AAP, as contained in Appendices 1 and 2, and proceed in accordance with Regulations 35 and 36; and
- (b) to adopt the revisions to the adopted Proposals Map, as contained in Appendix 4.

Council **NOTED** the Sustainability Statements as contained in Appendices 5 and 6; and the Habitats Directive Assessments as contained in Appendices 7 and 8.

CHANGES TO THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Council **RESOLVED** that the following revised Special Responsibility Allowances be approved, payable with immediate effect to 31 March 2008:

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Leader of the Council	10,049
Deputy Leader of the Council	7,538
Cabinet Members	6,700
Leader of the Major Opposition Group	3, 410 (Unchanged, equivalent to

33.9% of the Leader of the Council's
SRA)