

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 22 JULY 2010

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 22 July 2010. 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE 9 - THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (STANDARDS COMMITTEE, 16 JUNE 2010)

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the amendments to Article 9 – The Standards Committee as set out in the second column of the table attached to the Council agenda.

GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF COUNCIL HOUSING FINANCE: PROPOSALS TO REPLACE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) SUBSIDY SYSTEM (HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER, 5 JULY 2010)

Council **REFUSED TO ENDORSE** the Housing Portfolio Holder's personal response to the government consultation and required officers to forward to the government the points raised at the Council meeting as the Council's response.

CAPITAL RECEIPTS POOLING: EQUITY SHARE (CABINET, 8 JULY 2010)

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) direction be sought from the Secretary of State (under section 74 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989) that the Council's residual interest in properties disposed of under pre-2006 equity share leases be removed from the Housing Revenue Account and transferred to the General Fund; and
- (b) an increase of £1,000,000 to the 2010/11 Capital Programme be approved for the re-purchase of equity share properties funded from either:
 - (i) capital receipts (up to 100% assuming that the direction at (a) is granted); or
 - (ii) the balance from an increase in the Council's borrowing limits.

CLARIFYING SCRUTINY PROCEDURE AND RELATED DEFINITIONS (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 22 JULY 2010)

This item was **REFERRED** back to the Constitution Review Working Party for further consideration.

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS AT FULL COUNCIL (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 22 JULY 2010)

This item was **REFERRED** back to the Constitution Review Working Party for further consideration.

APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE / HEAD OF PAID SERVICE, ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER AND RETURNING OFFICER

Council **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:

- (a) Jean Hunter, currently Chief Executive of South Ribble Borough Council, be appointed Chief Executive Officer, Head of Paid Service, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer for South Cambridgeshire District Council;

- (b) the offer of employment be subject to two exemplary references, medical clearance and eligibility checks in accordance with the Council's policies. These checks have now been completed and references have been received;
- (c) the appointment commence on a date to be mutually agreed, taking account of any contractual notice period that will need to be served at South Ribble Borough Council;
- (d) the salary offered be £120,000 per annum. There will be no other financial benefits offered with the appointment and no relocation package, with the exception of Returning Officer fees; and
- (e) the appointment be subject to a 6 month probation period.

Council further **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:

- (f) Steve Hampson, currently Executive Director (Operational Services), be appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer, Head of the Paid Service, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer from 1st September 2010 until such time that Jean Hunter takes up the Chief Executive post permanently;
- (g) Fiona McMillan, Acting Legal & Democratic Services Manager, be appointed Acting Monitoring Officer from 1st September 2010 until such time that Jean Hunter takes up the Chief Executive post permanently; and
- (h) that remuneration for the interim arrangements be delegated to the Leader and Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder.

FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2010/11

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Food Safety Service Plan 2010/11.

FRINGE SITES JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF SITE BOUNDARIES

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) to approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Cambridge Fringes Joint Development Control Committee as included in Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) that the Terms of Reference for the Joint Development Control Committee be kept under review and any proposals for revision be brought back to Council when appropriate.

FORMAL ADOPTION OF SECTION 64 OF THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT CLAUSES ACT 1847

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the provisions of Section 64 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847.

APPOINTMENT TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS 2010-14

Council **RESOLVED**

- (a) to co-opt Mrs Diane Best, Mr Raith Overhill and Mr Eric Revell to the Standards Committee as Independent Members for four years, 2010-14; and
- (b) formally to thank Ms Georgina Butcher, Independent Member 2006-10 and Chairman 2008/09, and Councillor David Kelleway, Parish Council Member 2006-10, for their contribution to the Standards Committee and service to the

residents of South Cambridgeshire.

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR RAY MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SEBASTIAN KINDERSLEY

Councillor Ray Manning, seconded by Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, moved that “This Council publicly recognises the unique contribution that the Marshall Group has made to South Cambridgeshire for more than 100 years, both in economic terms by the provision of local employment opportunities and the supply of goods and services, but also by its direct and indirect investment in the local community, and calls upon the Chairman and Chief Executive to mark this special relationship in the form of a commemorative illuminated scroll.”

Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the above Motion.

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SEBASTIAN KINDERSLEY

Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, seconded by Councillor Liz Heazell, moved that “This Council agrees to immediately cancel the competitive tendering exercise for Responsive Repairs on the basis that the exercise is costing this Council money unnecessarily and destabilising a profitable arm of the Council.”

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared **LOST**.

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MIKE MASON

This motion was **WITHDRAWN** and **REFERRED** to the Constitution Review Working Party as part of the review of public and Member questions at Council meetings.