

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on
Thursday, 24 January 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: James Hockney

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Lynda Harford

Officers:

Patrick Adams	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Graham Aisthorpe-Watts	Democratic Services Team Leader
Alex Colyer	Executive Director, Corporate Services
John Garnham	Head of Finance, Policy & Performance

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

9. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER - QUARTERLY REVIEW

The Head of Finance, Policy and Performance presented this report, which invited the Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder to perform the quarterly review and approval of the Strategic Risk Register. It was noted that Executive Management Team proposed the following:

- The inclusion of risk STR25 "Increase in numbers in temporary accommodation", following the request of the Affordable Housing Director.
- The reduction of the likelihood score for STR12 "Supported housing" from 5 (almost certain) to 3 (possible), following the postponement of the procurement for 6 months.
- The reduction of the likelihood score for STR16, "Depot size" from 2 (unlikely) to 1 (rare), as a new planning application was approved in September 2012, Head of Terms have been completed; the legal lease has been drafted and is being finalised; building has commenced; the occupation target date was March/April 2013 and additional costs have been included in the 2012/13 and draft 2013/14 budgets. This would bring the total risk score below the level at which it needs to be included in future reports.

The Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder decided not to downgrade risk STR08 "Medium Term Financial Strategy" by amending the impact score from 5 (extreme) to 4 (high), as there was still considerable financial uncertainty with regard to funding from the Government from 2015/16 onwards.

STR21 Technological Development

The Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder supported the launch of the new website, which had reduced the number of webpages and was more customer focussed. He decided against altering the risk score for STR21 "Keep up with technology development". Councillors were encouraged to use the feedback facility on the website to raise any problems with specific webpages.

The Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder

AGREED the Strategic Risk Register and Matrix, as detailed in the report, including the recommendations by EMT.

10. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2013/14

The Democratic Services Team Leader presented this report that detailed the Member Development Programme for 2013/14, which would be considered by Cabinet on 18 February 2013. He suggested that resources should be directed towards encouraging attendance from councillors who had not yet been on training this year. The Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder expressed the hope that reasons for non-attendance could be established.

Councillor Lynda Harford suggested that councillors should receive training on important forthcoming policies such as enforcement. It was suggested that councillors could attend training that had been arranged for officers.

The Council was expecting to have its Member Charter status reassessed in June 2013. The Democratic Services Team Leader agreed to provide the Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder with the latest budget figures with regard to member training and also detail the number of Councillors who had completed Personal Development Plans compared to last year.

The Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder

RECOMMENDED THAT CABINET Agree the 2013/14 Member Development Programme.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Senior Democratic Services Officer was instructed to circulate possible dates for the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.
