

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2009

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 26 November 2009. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (CABINET, 8 OCTOBER 2009)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Medium Term Financial Strategy, and the underlying assumptions within it (set out at Agenda pages 13-22) be approved as the basis for the planning of the budget for 2010/11 onward.

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY: PROPOSALS TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE YEARS' SAVINGS TARGETS (CABINET, 12 NOVEMBER 2009)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder, to approve expenditure, outside budgetary provisions, to meet the costs of any redundancies and early retirements brought about as a consequence of the proposals agreed in respect of the package of savings for 2010-11 and consequential restructuring and changes to service levels.

HOUSING SERVICES REVIEW (CABINET, 12 NOVEMBER 2009)

The following proposal was **DEFEATED** by 25 votes to 22:

'That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder, be authorised to approve expenditure, outside budgetary provision, to meet the costs of any redundancies and early retirements brought about as a consequence of the proposals in respect of exposing the district responsive repairs service to competitive tendering, the restructuring of the sheltered housing service from a site-based to a floating support model and the reduction in the grounds maintenance budget.'

WASTE & RECYCLING STRATEGIC REVIEW (CABINET, 12 NOVEMBER 2009)

Council **RESOLVED**

- (a) That household waste and recycling services be reconfigured to provide a two stream co-mingled dry recycling service alongside the existing alternate weekly green and black-wheeled bins, by the replacement of the existing kerbside box recycling service with a blue 240lt wheeled bin and 40lt inner caddy (fitting inside the blue bin) collected on alternate weeks by 'twin-pack' collection vehicles on the same day as the existing green bin;
- (b) That the dry recyclable materials to be collected by the new service include paper (telephone directories; newspapers & magazines; general paper) within a inner caddy and mixed dry recyclables including cans and tins (steel

and aluminium); aerosols; glass; plastic bottles; hard plastic (pots, tubs, and trays); cartons (tetra packs); cardboard; aluminium foil placed in the blue wheeled bin. Further materials to be added (i.e. plastic film) as processing facilities allow;

- (c) That the re-configured refuse and recycling collection service be implemented and operated by the Council's in-house environment operations unit as a directly managed service together with the street cleansing services;
- (d) That all staffing, plant and equipment required to implement the re-configured service (option 7) be approved as detailed in the report to the Waste & Recycling Task and Finish Group on the 10 September 2009; and
- (e) That the 2009/10 and 2010/11 capital programme be amended by £1,510,000 to allow for the procurement of the blue bins and caddy inserts to be procured in this financial year.

GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF POLICY (ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING, 23 OCTOBER 2009)

Council **RESOLVED** that the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy, attached as Appendix B to the report presented to the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 23 October 2009 and taking into account comments made by Members at that meeting, be adopted.

ANTI-THEFT, -FRAUD AND -CORRUPTION POLICY (FINANCE AND STAFFING PORTFOLIO HOLDER, 18 NOVEMBER 2009)

Council **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the revised Anti-Theft, Fraud and Corruption Policy be approved, incorporating the changes identified in the report and appendices, for inclusion in Part 5 of the Constitution.
- (2) That the Constitution be amended to remove the policy from Section 5G (Appendix to the Officers' Code of Conduct), and to include it as a standalone Section 5H (subsequent sections to be renumbered accordingly).

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2010/11

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That meetings during the 2010-2011 Civic Year be scheduled to take place on the following dates:
 - 22 July 2010;
 - 23 September 2010;
 - 25 November 2010;
 - 27 January 2011;
 - 24 February 2011 (Budget Meeting)
 - 14 April 2011;
 - 26 May 2011 (Annual Meeting).
- (2) That the above meetings start at 2.00pm.

CHANGE TO THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP REPRESENTATION ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

At the request of the Leader of the Major Opposition Group, this item was **WITHDRAWN** from the Agenda.

CHANGE TO THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION ON THE TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS JOHN CLEAR ALMSHOUSES, MELBOURN

Council **RESOLVED** that the appointment of Councillor Mrs VM Barrett as a Trustee of Francis John Clear Almshouses, Melbourn in place of Councillor Mrs JM Guest, until May 2012, be approved.

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Council **RESOLVED** that Ms Ruth Rogers be reappointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel for a further period of one year ending 26 November 2010.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLRS LIZ HEAZELL AND SEBASTIAN KINDERSLEY

Council **RESOLVED** that the following Notice of Motion be approved:

‘Concern is mounting particularly amongst our sheltered housing residents and their families regarding our services provided for the vulnerable elderly. There is also rising public concern on this issue.

While many Council sheltered residents have found the emergency cover very satisfactory, there are many apprehensions being voiced about the prospect of more change and less staff on-site hours.

Council agrees to subject all services for sheltered housing residents, provided by us, to a review, with the objective of achieving the best possible standard of service provision, which will be conducted by a Task and Finish Group set up by the Portfolio Holder.’

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR MIKE MASON

The Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor Mike Mason and set out at Agenda Item 13(b), on being put was declared lost, with 14 Members voting in favour, 19 against and two abstentions.

