

CABINET

THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2009

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 2 July 2009. 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- 1. CAMBRIDGE SPORT LAKES TRUST: REQUEST FOR CAPITAL GRANT AID**
Cabinet **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that a revenue grant of £261,000 be awarded to Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust towards the cost of an extension and improvements to the Visitor Centre at Milton Country Park.

Other Options Considered: Recommendation to Council.

Reason For Decision: Recommendation to Council.

- 2. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - AWARDED WATERCOURSES**
The Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive, withdrew this item from the agenda following confirmation that Council, on 5 December 2002, had delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for land drainage to use the Land Drainage Infrastructure Improvement Fund for land drainage purposes, including the purchase of plant.

Other Options Considered: N/A.

Reason For Decision: Withdrawn from agenda as decision could be taken by Portfolio Holder.

- 3. FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2009-10**
Cabinet **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the Food Safety Service Plan 2009-10 be approved.

Other Options Considered: Recommendation to Council.

Reason For Decision: Recommendation to Council.

DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET

- 4. LISTED BUILDINGS AND BIODIVERSITY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (SPD)**
Cabinet **AGREED**
 - to adopt the Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) relating to Biodiversity and Listed Buildings, and to proceed with their adoption in accordance with Regulations 18 and 19; and
 - that no changes be made to the Sustainability Appraisals for each SPD and that these be published in their final form alongside the SPDs.

Other Options Considered: None considered.

Reason For Decision: Formal public consultation on both Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) had now concluded and, as a result of representations made, the draft SPDs had been amended and now required formal adoption to become part of the Local Development Framework. All preparatory work had been done in compliance with the legislative and regulatory framework.

5. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Cabinet **AGREED** to adopt the Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan.

Other Options Considered: Rejected:

- (a) To request amendments to the Community Engagement Strategy and / or Action Plan prior to adoption; or
- (b) Not to adopt the Community Engagement Strategy and / or Action Plan and propose an alternative approach to ensure compliance with the Duty to Involve.

Reason For Decision: The Community Engagement Strategy had been published according to the white paper 'Communities in Control – real people, real power' and the introduction of the new Duty to Involve local people in decision-making, which came into effect in April 2009. Adoption of an engagement strategy, although not mandatory, will assist the authority in providing evidence of compliance with the Duty to Involve.

6. **EQUALITY STANDARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT - LEVEL 2**

Cabinet **NOTED** the IdeA peer review report and **AGREED** that South Cambridgeshire District Council self-declare its achievement of Level 2 of the Equality Standard for Local Government.

Other Options Considered: None considered.

Reason For Decision: Equalities was a priority area for the Council, identified through the 2007/08 Corporate Governance Inspection and the Improvement Board. Equality and diversity would be an area of focus for the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). The Council's Comprehensive Equalities Policy set out a commitment that the authority would progress to Level 2 of the Equality Standard for Local Government by the end of June 2009.

7. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE, JOINT AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES**

Cabinet **AGREED** the following appointments to Outside, Joint and other Member bodies:

Cambridge City Centre Management Consultative Forum	New Communities Portfolio Holder
Cambridge Marriage Guidance Council (Relate)	Councillor Mrs VM Barrett
Cambridgeshire Councils' Association Waste and Environment Forum	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
East of England Regional Assembly	Leader
Joint Cambridgeshire Regional Spatial Strategy Review Panel (CReSSP)	New Communities Portfolio Holder
Joint Transport and Planning Lead Members	New Communities Portfolio Holder
Joint Transport Forum	Planning Portfolio Holder
Local Government Association Rural Commission	Councillors Mrs SM Ellington and DC McCraith
South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	Leader

South Cambridgeshire Traffic
Management Area Joint Committee

Conservative members: Councillors Dr
DR Bard, RMA Manning and NIC Wright,
with DH Morgan as substitute
Liberal Democrat members: Councillor
JD Batchelor
Independent members: to be determined
(no nominations received)

Cambridgeshire Together (Local Area Agreement) Partnership Boards:

Cambridgeshire Horizons Board	New Communities Portfolio Holder
Cambridgeshire Together (Local Area Agreement Board)	Leader
Children and Young People's Partnership / Children's Trust	Councillor Mrs BZD Smith
Community Wellbeing Partnership	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
Environmental Sustainability Partnership	Sustainability, Procurement and Efficiency Portfolio Holder
Greater Cambridge Partnership	Councillor JA Hockney
RECAP (REcycling Cambridgeshire And Peterborough) Board	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership	Leader

Cabinet **AGREED** not to make appointments to the Local Government Association Annual Conference and General Assembly and asked that appointments to these be reviewed during 2009/10.

Cabinet **NOTED** that the Joint Member Reference Groups for Cambridge East, Cambridge Southern Fringe and Northwest Cambridge had been disbanded and their duties assumed by the Cambridge City Fringes Joint Committee.

Other Options Considered: None considered.

Reason For Decision: To make the annual appointments to joint, member and outside bodies.

8. NI 179 (FORMERLY ANNUAL EFFICIENCY STATEMENT)

Cabinet **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Leader and the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Finance and Staffing and Sustainability, Procurement and Efficiency Portfolio Holders, for submitting the total net value of ongoing cash-releasing value for money gains achieved since the start of the 2008/09 financial year.

Other Options Considered: None considered.

Reason For Decision: Guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government is that the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) should certify and approve the NI 179 (value for money gains) calculation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. EXTERNAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2007/08

Cabinet **RECEIVED** the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2007/08.