

LEADER'S PORTFOLIO MEETING

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH 2010

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on Thursday, 11 March 2010. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. 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.

1. SERVICE PLAN 2010/2011

Subject to the amendments made at the meeting, the Leader **APPROVED** the Partnerships element of the 2010/11 Service and Improvement Plans for Community and Customer Services.

Other Options Considered: None.

Reason For Decision: To confirm the 2010/11 actions, improvements and targets for the partnerships element of Community and Customer Services.

2. REVIEW OF LGA MEMBERSHIP

The Leader **AGREED** that:

- (a) the Council's continuing membership of the Local Government Association (LGA) in 2010/11 be confirmed,
- (b) the requisite one year's notice be given of the Council's intention to leave the LGA on 1 April 2011;
- (c) the Local Government Association's invitation to hold a meeting to outline the benefits of membership, received after the publication of the Agenda and tabled at the meeting, be accepted; and
- (d) the Council retain the right to rescind its notice to quit at any time before 31 March 2011 if it is considered that the benefits of membership justify its continuing subscription in light of the meeting referred to in (3) and any other material evidence or change of circumstances.

Other Options Considered: Option: To pay the membership fee for 2010/11 and review the continuing membership at a later date.

Reason rejected: There is a legal requirement to provide one year's notice of any intention to cease membership. Any decision taken after 31 March 2010 not to renew the Council's membership would leave the Council committed to remaining a member until April 2012.

Reason For Decision: To ensure that the Council has the option to cease membership of the LGA at the earliest possible opportunity, realising a potential annual savings of £12,850, but also to retain the right to rescind the notice of intention to leave should the LGA demonstrate that it provides South Cambridgeshire with value for money.