

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2010

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 23 September 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.

REVIEW OF THE ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE AND REDUNDANCY POLICY (CABINET, 9 SEPTEMBER 2010)

Council **DEFERRED** a decision on the review of the Organisational Change and Redundancy Policy until 25 November 2010.

CLARIFYING SCRUTINY PROCEDURES AND RELATED DEFINITIONS (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2010)

Council **RESOLVED** that the following changes be incorporated into the Council's Constitution:

Definitions (the two following paragraphs to be added)

"Whip" means any instruction given by or on behalf of a political group to any councillor who is a member of that group as to how that councillor shall speak or vote on any matter before the Council or any committee or sub-committee, or the application or threat to apply sanction by the group in respect of that councillor should he / she speak or vote on any particular matter.

A **Decision** is when an issue ultimately is decided by the appropriate decision-maker. A recommendation is not a decision.

Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules (new text in *bold italics*)

12.1 Call-in should be used only in exceptional circumstances and can relate only to executive decisions made ~~or to be made~~ by the executive decision takers referred to in the Budget and Policy Framework Rules, Rule 7...

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12.9 If, having considered the decision, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee is concerned about it or agrees that the decision is a departure, it may take one of the following courses:

12.9.1 refer the decision back to the executive decision taker for re-consideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If referred back, the executive decision taker shall then ~~re-consider~~ **respond** within five working days, ~~amending~~ **re-considering** the decision ~~or not~~, before **confirming the original decision**, adopting a ~~final~~ **an alternative decision or adopting a course of action leading to a final decision, such as but not limited to further consultation or exploration of other options, and confirming the deadline by which the final decision will be taken.** ~~If the decision had been made before call-in, it~~ **The final decision, once taken**, may be implemented immediately.

12.9.2 refer the matter to Council, ~~unless the executive decision taker has indicated a preparedness to reconsider the matter;~~ or

12.9.3 not refer the matter back or to Council, in which case the decision if

made may be implemented immediately following the Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting.

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS AT FULL COUNCIL (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2010)

Council unanimously **RESOLVED** that the revised procedures for public and Members' questions at full Council, amending Council Standing Orders 1, 2, 10 and 11 (attached), be adopted.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP: REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE (CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP, 8 JULY 2010)

Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised Climate Change Working Group Terms of Reference.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Council **RESOLVED** that the following changes be incorporated into Paragraph 6 (Operation of Bank Accounts) of the Financial Regulations in the Constitution:

- the addition with immediate effect of the post of Principal Accountant (Housing);
- the deletion of the posts of Finance Project Officer and Principal Accountant (General Fund and Costing) with effect from 30 September;
- the addition of the post of Principal Accountant (General Fund and Projects) with effect from 1 October 2010; and
- the deletion with immediate effect of the posts of Corporate Manager (Finance and Support Services) and Head of Revenues.

CHANGE OF APPOINTED MEMBERS AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE 2010/2011

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor David McCraith to the Planning Committee in place of Councillor Peter Topping, and to appoint Councillor Ben Shelton as the Conservative Group's fourth substitute member.

CHANGE OF APPOINTED MEMBERS TO THE SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 2010/11

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Richard Barrett to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee in place of Councillor David Morgan and to amend the Conservative Group's substitute list to (in order): Councillors Charlie Nightingale, David Bird, Valerie Barrett and Mervyn Loynes.

TO MAKE TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DIRECT LABOUR ORGANISATION (DLO) MANAGEMENT BOARD

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors Richard Barrett and Hazel Smith to the South Cambridgeshire Direct Labour Organisation (DLO) Management Board for the remainder of their current terms of office.