

Minutes

Meeting of : The Cabinet
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Wednesday 06 September 2006
Commencing at : 5.00 pm

Present:

Councillors R Britton (Leader)
Councillor F Westmoreland (Deputy Leader)

Councillors Mrs M M A Peach and Mrs P J Brown (Planning and Economic Development), D W Brown and J A Brady (Environment and Transport), J A Cole-Morgan (Community and Housing) and Mrs S A Willan (Resources)

Apologies were received from Councillor Culver Cabinet Member for Resources and Councillor Nettle, Deputy Cabinet Member for Community and Housing.

843 Declarations of Interest:

None were declared. The Acting Chief Executive and Debbie Dixon, Policy Director (the two Management Team Members present) did not consider they had an interest in minute 861 as the matter being considered was general and not about specific individuals.

844 Minutes of last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

845 Public Question and Statement Time: None

846 Forward Plan:

The Leader presented his Forward Plan for the period 1 October 2006 – 31 January 2007 (previously circulated) that would be published on 14 September 2006 to become operational from 1 October 2006.

Agreed - that the Leader's Forward Plan be adopted for publication, subject to the following

- (1) Review of Housing Allocations Policy - deferred from October to December
- (2) Gypsy Housing Needs Survey - deferred from October to November
- (3) Creating Better Places to Live Framework - deferred from October to December
- (4) Non Housing HRA Asset Strategy for Housing Transfer - from October to date unknown
- (5) Decision as to whether to proceed to Stock Transfer ballot - insert in October.

The Cabinet also agreed to reschedule its November 2006 meeting from 8 November to 15 November, so that it could consider the Swimming Pool Development Brief within the necessary timescale.

847 Call-in Decisions:

There were none.



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Recommendations to the Council

(The recommendations set out below will be considered by the Council on 18 September 2006)

848 Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan:

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the previously circulated report of the Heads of Legal and Property Services and Financial Services.

Recommended to Full Council – that the Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan be approved.

849 Statutory Determinations in Respect of Capital and Treasury Management Performance:

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Financial Services.

Recommended to Full Council – that

- (1) the Statutory Determinations in respect of 2005/06 as set out in 1.1 – 1.5 of the report be approved;
- (2) the Treasury Management Performance as set out in 2.1 – 3.4 of the report be noted.

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Cabinet Decisions

All decisions set out in this section of the minutes will be implemented on or after 19 September 2006 (unless called in for consideration by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel)

850 Recycling of Household Waste – Alternate Week Collection Scheme:

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport introduced the previously circulated report from the Waste Management Officer and referred to the previously circulated recommendation of the Environment and Transport Scrutiny Panel from its meeting on 4 September, which he supported subject to one minor revision (recommendation 4 below refers).

Agreed – that

- (1) the key amendments to the Alternate Weekly Collection Scheme as approved by Cabinet in January 2006 be approved to:
 - (a) collect cardboard & plastic instead of cardboard and garden waste. (As per section 2.1 of the report);
 - (b) provide an optional chargeable collection service for garden waste (as per section 2.2 of the report)
 - (c) revise the project implementation timetable (as per section 2.4 of the report);
- (2) the roll out of the black box scheme across the remainder of the District in 2008/09 be agreed, subject to a review of affordability in the light of the Medium Term Financial Strategy process and the availability of additional funding from Wiltshire County Council (via the Wiltshire Waste Partnership)
- (3) the relevant member of the Management Team and the Portfolio Holder pursue senior officers at Wiltshire County Council to establish whether contributions can be increased to cover, for example, the deficit for the black box rollout in 2008/2009. (As per section 3.3 of the report).
- (4) The distribution of high quality, timely, scheme launch information to householders, as intended by the project team, is a requirement.

851 Hackney Carriage Fare Increase:

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport introduced the previously circulated report from the Hackney Carriage Licensing Officer.

Agreed - that the proposed fare increase to the taxi tariff as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

852 ICT Strategy 2006/07:

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the previously circulated report from the Head of ICT Services.

Agreed – that the report be noted and the ICT Strategy for 2006/07, as attached to the summary be approved.

Note the Cabinet advised that a summary setting out the differences between the existing and proposed strategy would be helpful in future years.

853 Review of the Council's Community Grants and the South Wilts Area Grants Scheme:

The Cabinet Member for Community and Housing introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Community Initiatives. The Cabinet noted a number of minor revisions to the report as follows -

In paragraph 4.1, first bullet point the word "wide" be inserted after "County"

In paragraph 4.3 sixth bullet point the word "successful" be inserted before "track record"

In paragraph 4.3 seventh bullet point the words "groups or" be deleted so that it reads "will not fund religious or political activities"

Agreed - that

- (1) the policy revisions for the Community District Grants be approved and officers be authorised to inform the Voluntary and Community sector accordingly in line with the Compact funding code of practice;
- (2) the revised policy in terms of SWAG be supported and the officers be authorised to seek the views of the Area Committees before submitting recommendations to Full Council;
- (3) the Community District grants budget be used to develop and strengthen a number of key organisations and develop long term service agreements; and
- (4) the South Wiltshire Area Grants Assessment form be amended to reflect the revised policy criteria.

854 Adoption of South West Approach to Corporate Improvement - LIFT:

The Leader introduced the previously circulated report of the Acting Chief Executive.

Agreed – that Lift SW programme be adopted and the draft questionnaire set out at Appendix A to the report be approved.

855 Regional Spatial Strategy – Formal Comment on Submission Draft:

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development introduced the previously circulated report of the Principal Planning Officer (Forward Planning) and praised the Officers involved for their work on this.

Agreed – that

- (1) the content of the report be noted;
- (2) the representations in respect of the draft RSS in Appendix B of the report as submitted on 30th August as amended by the updated and extended page 3 circulated under cover letter of 1st September be confirmed and supported, on the basis that in respect of page 18, policy reference ENV1, the draft regional spatial strategy for the south west be opposed and in respect of page 21, policy reference E4, the draft regional spatial strategy be supported;
- (3) the Forward Planning Service be authorised to take forward the representations through the EIP process.

Note the treatment of windfall development which was raised at the meeting is addressed in the report.

856 Customer Service Integration 2006 - 2008:

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Resources advised that more information was required before the matter contained in the previously circulated report of the Head of Customer Services could be determined.

Agreed: that consideration of this matter be deferred pending more information.

857 Performance Monitoring of First Quarter:

The Leader introduced the previously circulated joint report of the Policy Director, Debbie Dixon and the Head of Financial Services.

Agreed: that

- (1) the positive Audit Commission report be noted;
- (2) the areas of concern be noted and the proposed remedial action be agreed;
- (3) Scrutiny be invited to consider exploring in more depth areas of concern; and

- (4) the complaints statistics be agreed and the proposed actions to improve recording and resolution be noted.

858 Joint Consultative Forum:

The Cabinet received the notes of the Forum meeting held on 14 July 2006 and considered the recommendation arising as set out in the agenda - minute 178 refers.

Agreed: that the Cabinet will not be in a position to consider the Best Value Code of Practice on Workforce Matters for the council until after the outcome of the housing stock transfer ballot is known.

859 Special Delegation Procedure:

The Cabinet noted the matter determined under the Special Delegation Procedure as set out at Agenda Item 19 (papers previously circulated) namely: Street Cleansing Grants to Parish and Town Councils.

860 Exempt Information:

In view of the confidential or sensitive nature of the matters to be considered, the Cabinet agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 21 on the ground that it may involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A inserted into the Local Government Act 1972 by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 as amended and that the public interest against disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in favour of disclosure as explained below -:

Paragraph 1 namely: 'Information relating to a particular employee of the Authority'

Summary of Exempt Matters

Staffing Matters

*The meeting concluded at 5.50 pm
Number of public present None*