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Agenda

Meeting of : The Cabinet
Meeting held in : **Methodist Hall, St Edmunds Church Street, Salisbury**
Date : **Tuesday 15 July 2008**
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

- 1 **Apologies:**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:**
- 3 **To Receive Minutes of Last Meeting:**
To receive minutes of last meeting and to receive updates on the decisions from the respective Portfolio Holders.
- 4 **Public Question/Statement Time:**
To receive public questions/statements at this meeting.

Please note that in accordance with the Council's Constitution a question/statement may only be asked /made if written notice has been given to the Head of Democratic Services by midday on the working day before the meeting.

- 5 **Forward Plan (Agenda):**
To consider the Leader's proposed 4 month Forward Plan for the period 1 September 2008 – 31 December 2008 (copy attached) which will become operational from 1 August 2008.
- 6 **Call-in Decisions:**
To consider any Scrutiny Panel Call-in's of decisions taken at last meeting.
- 7 **Hackney Carriage Fare Increase:**
To consider the attached report of the Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing and Enforcement Officer.

Cabinet Member for Transport

Recommended – to

- (1) approve the proposed fare increase to the taxi tariff as set out in Appendix B.
- (2) approves the introduction of a "fuel surcharge" as an "extra" of 20p per journey.
This to be increased at the discretion of the Licensing Officer after consultation with the Forward Planning and Transportation Service Unit Head and Portfolio Holder.
- (3) If objections are made that authority be delegated to Forward Planning and Transportation Service Unit Head to determine any objection in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



8 **Local Development Framework – ‘Our Place in the Future’ (Preferred Options Stage 2) Consultation:**

To consider the attached report of the Team Leader of Forward Planning and Conservation. Together with the following:

Appendix 1 - Revised timetable for delivery of the Core Strategy

Appendix 2 - Schedule of consultation

Appendix 3 - Text of new consultation document

Appendix 4 – Consultation Methodology and Output Report.

Appendix 4 Part1 **Part2** **Part3** Consultation Methodology and Output Report.

Cabinet Member for Planning

Recommended – that

- (1) Cabinet authorises the 'Our Place in the Future' magazine for public consultation for a period 8 weeks commencing on 1st September 2008. A report will be brought back to Cabinet in due course outlining the outcomes of the consultation.
- (2) Cabinet accepts the revised timetable highlighted as Appendix 1, as a pragmatic response to the new planning regulations while meeting the Corporate priority of submitting a Core Strategy for Salisbury prior to abolition of the Council.

9 **Planning Enforcement Draft Statement of Service Provision 2008:**

To consider the attached joint report of the Principal Planning Officer and Principal Solicitor.

Cabinet Member for Planning

Recommended – that the Cabinet notes the report and resolves to adopt the Enforcement Statement of Service Provision 2008, subject to the amendments detailed in the report as the Council's Services Standards for planning enforcement, thereby replacing the 1999 Enforcement Policy

10 **Alabare Christian Care Society – funding for building works at Flats 131 Exeter Street:**

To consider the attached report of the Private Sector Housing Policy Officer.

Cabinet Member for Housing

Recommended – that the council provide a grant of up to £67,090 from the Private Sector Renovation capital budget toward the cost of the work and that the Head of Strategic Housing Services is given delegated authority to make payments on completion of the works to a maximum estimated cost for each individual item detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

11 **The Use of Consultants Scrutiny Review - Final Report:**

To consider the attached report and recommendation of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 12 May 2008.

The Lead Member, Councillor Mrs Chettleburgh, gave a verbal update on the review and commended the work of both the officers who worked on the review. Members expressed the need for member involvement when the Council selects consultants and members should play a role in monitoring and evaluating the performance of the consultant.

Cabinet Member for Resources

Resolved - that

- (1) to record the Panel's thanks to the Use of Consultants Review Group for all their hard work in producing the report
- (2) to endorse the final report of the Use of Consultants Review Group and its recommendations, along with the above comment that there is a need for member involvement when the Council selects consultants and members should play a role in monitoring and evaluating the performance of the consultant.
- (3) to recommend that Cabinet endorse the review at its July 2008 meeting, and

Recommended - that Cabinet refer the review to the New Unitary Wiltshire Council.

12 Joint Consultative Forum:

To consider the recommendations arising from the Forum meeting held on 01 July 2008 (reports attached).

- (a) [Cross Wiltshire Severance Pay Arrangements](#)
- (b) [Annual Leave Policy](#)
- (c) [Maternity Rights and Benefits](#)
- (d) [Revised Eye Test Policy](#)

Recommendations to Cabinet – that the above revised policies be approved.

13 [Queen Elizabeth Gardens Management Plan:](#)

Members at the City Area (Community) Committee on 1 July considered and approved the Masterplan arising from the Queen Elizabeth Gardens management Plan and Friends group meetings, giving unanimous and enthusiastic support (**see City Area Community Committee Minute 90 below**). The overall cost of the project is expected to be around £430k. It is known that as a result of the extensive public consultations which were undertaken in putting together the management plan, a high degree of users of the Gardens are visitors to the City from afar (unlike the other parks in Salisbury), drawn by its central location, views of the water meadows and cathedral, links to Harnham and the railway station and its connections to John Constable.

It was therefore suggested that it would be reasonable to request a contribution toward these costs from the General Fund due to its tourist appeal. Cabinet is therefore requested to consider a capital contribution of up to 20%, or £86k toward the project, for use during the current financial year. The report considered by the City Area Committee on 1 July is attached together with the plan.

Extract from Minute 90.

Resolved (unanimously): to

- (1) approve the project to refurbish Q E Gardens in line with the previously circulated plan;
- (2) approve the phased funding for the scheme outlined in the report;
- (3) delegate final details to the Ward Councillors in conjunction with Officers; and
- (4) recommend to Cabinet that it contribute towards the capital costs of the project

Cabinet Member for Community Initiatives

14 Unitary Update:

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Executive.

15 [Successes of the Council:](#)

To receive the attached update provided by the Corporate Communications Team.

16 [Update on Petersfinger Park and Ride:](#)

To receive the attached update from the David Bullock, Highways Improvements Manager.

Cabinet Member for Transport

17 Any Urgent Business Requiring a Decision



Manjeet Gill
Chief Executive
07 July 2008