



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2010

DECISIONS

Present:

Councillor B Hoare (Chair) Councillor PD Varnserry (Deputy Chair)
Councillors Beardsworth, Church and Crake

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 17 March 2010. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

These decisions will come into force and then may be implemented on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this list.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jo Darby at jdarby@northampton.gov.uk.

THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:

THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2010

DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:

TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2010 AT 17:00 HOURS

**Agenda
Item No****Declaration/Conflict of Interests:**

Councillor Church declared Personal, non-Prejudicial interest as a close family member occupies a property owned by the Council.

6. Corporate Asset Management Strategy 2010 - 2013

Cabinet adopted the draft Corporate Asset Management Strategy for the period 2010-2013, attached at Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report, and the implementation of the key directions and objectives set out in the Strategy in order to achieve the desired outcomes, that were respectively summarised at 3.2.1 & 3.2.2 of the report.

7. Performance

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

A. PERFORMANCE MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 2010

Cabinet noted the contents of the report.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

B. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING P10 JANUARY 2010

Cabinet noted the report and the forecast under spend of £601k net of management action.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

C. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT MONITORING - JANUARY 2010

Cabinet noted the report and the forecast overspend of £99k on the Net Cost of Services.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	Councillor Church declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the item numbered (4) below, as a member of Friends of Northampton Racecourse.

D. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009-10 - POSITION AS AT END OF JANUARY 2010

1. Cabinet approved the following scheme to be added to the capital programme for 2009-10.

Scheme Reference, Description & Directorate	Narrative	2009-10 £	Future Years £	Funding Source
2009-10/GF074 Capitalisation Directive January 2010 Finance & Support	Capitalisation directives awarded January 2010 for statutory redundancy costs and pension strain incurred 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.	210,000	-	GF Capital Receipts

Further details of this appraisal were set out Annex A of the report.

2. Cabinet approved the following variations to schemes in the capital programme for 2009-10.

Scheme Reference, Description & Directorate	Narrative	2009-10 £	Future Years £	Funding Source
Budget Increase				
2009-10/GF031 V01 One Stop Shop Transformation Finance & Support	The original plan for this project did not include co-locating with external partners. An application was submitted to NIEP, which delayed the start of the project in 2009-10. NBC has been awarded £260k towards the cost of co-locating. Additional building works of £150k are required to accommodate the partners, which will take place in 2010-11. This will result in improved service delivery for all partners. There is an overall saving to NBC of £10k (prudential borrowing)	(185,000)	335,000	NIEP
Budget Increase				
2009-10/GF069 V01 Market Square Lighting Planning & Regeneration	The original budget for this project did not include WNDC's management fee. The budget needs to be increased by £18,125 to include this fee; additional funding will be received to cover this.	18,125	-	WNDC

Scheme Reference, Description & Directorate	Narrative	2009-10 £	Future Years £	Funding Source
Budget Decrease				
2008-09/GF061 V02 Out of School Hours Play Activities 2008-09/GF062 V01 Holiday Play 2008-09/GF064 V01 Innovative Play Days 2008-09/GF063 V02 Improving Access Environment & Culture	The funding for these projects were originally classified as capital, however due to the nature of play and the equipment used in play, The Big Lottery has agreed to reclassify this funding as revenue. The income and expenditure budgets will be moved from the capital programme to the revenue budget. Project variations have been submitted for each scheme, detailing the amount for each project and the split between financial years.	(19,466)	(9,400)	Big Lottery
2009-10/GF061 V01 Capitalisation Directive October 2009 Finance & Support	The costs to which this project relates are now due to be incurred in Autumn 2010. As the capitalisation directive will have expired by then a new bid will need to be made to CLG in 2010-11.	(300,000)	-	Prudential Borrowing
Neutral Budget Impact				
2007-08/PR0010 V02 Hot Property Housing GF	Additional budget is required due to the increased demand for this initiative. This will reduce the number of homes in Northampton that are suffering from fuel poverty.	10,000	-	Prudential Borrowing

2007-08/PR0011 V02 Renovation Grants Housing GF	The variation is required due to the increased demand for funding under the Hot Property initiative. Transferring funds from this budget will allow Northampton Borough Council to address the most urgent and unmet needs in society.	(10,000)	-	Prudential Borrowing
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Further details of these variations were set out in Annex B of the report.

3. Cabinet noted:

- a) The capital programme monitoring position as at end of January 2010, including forecast outturns, revenue expenditure funded by capital and slippage into 2010-11, as set out at Annex C, D and E.
- b) The funding arrangements for the 2009-10 capital programme as set out at Annex F.

4. Cabinet approved the following scheme:

Scheme Reference, Description & Directorate	Narrative	2009-10 £	Future Years £	Funding Source
2009-10/GF073 Play Builder - Racecourse	Northampton Borough Council, with friends of Northampton Racecourse (FONR), have successfully bid for £49k of Play builder funding. The funding will be used to provide a new adventure play area, aimed at 8 – 13 year olds, on the Racecourse. The need for improved play opportunities throughout the Borough was identified in the NBC Play Strategy. The funding will purchase a variety of new play equipment as identified through local consultation.	49,000		Grant DCSF

Funding Information

- This project is to be funded by a government grant from the Department of Children, Schools and families (DCSF) via Northamptonshire County Council.
- Conditions of the grant are that the funds are fully spent by 31.03.2010. It is essential that works start as soon as possible in order to deliver this project within the specified timescales laid down by the grant conditions. Ongoing maintenance costs will be covered by parks and open spaces and can be contained within the existing budgets.

Agenda	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
Item No	None

9. Implementation of the Second Generation Managed Service Agency Staff Contract

1. Cabinet confirmed the Council's participation in a new contract for the provision of Agency Staff to the Northamptonshire Area Procurement Services' (NAPS) partners.
2. Cabinet approved an amendment in the policy attached at Appendix 1 of the report and as outlined in recommendation 2.2 in the report.