



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2009

DECISIONS

Present:

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

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 4 November 2009. 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 01604 837089 .

THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:

Thursday 5 November 2009

DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:

Tuesday 10th November 2009 AT 17:00 HOURS

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| Agenda | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
| Item No | None |

6. Approval of WNJSPC Minutes 04.08.09

The minutes are noted.

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| Agenda | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
| Item No | Councillor Richard Church declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of WNDC Board. |

7. Market Square LED Lighting Project

1. It is agreed to support proposals, in principle, for a LED lighting scheme in the Market Square.
2. It is agreed to submit a full application to WNDC for the £250,000 funding necessary for this project at its Board meeting on 1st December 2009, and to receive a further report should funding be

approved.

3. It is noted that the Director of Planning and Regeneration and Director of Finance and Support in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders have authorised £30,000 of expenditure from LABGI funds to progress project design thus ensuring WNDC funding, if approved, can be spent this financial year.
4. It is agreed that the final design of the LED lighting scheme should be delegated to the Director of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holders in Planning and Regeneration and Environment and Culture and that due consideration be given to the issue of light pollution.

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| Agenda Item No | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
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8. Legal Framework Agreement: West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

The item is withdrawn.

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| Agenda Item No | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
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9. Central Area Action Plan - Emerging Strategy Consultation Feedback and Next Steps

1. The responses to the consultation outlined on the Central Area Action Plan Emerging Strategy are noted.
2. A delay in the timing of issuing the Central Area Action Plan Pre-Submission Draft document for consultation from that identified in the current Local Development Scheme is approved.
3. It is agreed to work with West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit and Government Office for the East Midlands to agree a realistic timetable for the production of the Central Area Action Plan and for this to be incorporated into a revised Local Development Scheme for West Northamptonshire.

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10. Community Forums Report

1. The work and achievements of the Forums and the Council's engagement with them are welcomed and recognised.

2. NBC services are to be encouraged to look to provide more opportunities for volunteers from the Forum networks (and otherwise) to liaise with them, work on projects etc. day to day to help work up design for services, policy etc. through involving service users.
3. NBC services are to be encouraged to allow members of Forums networks the chance to be involved in training staff in customer service, mystery shopping etc, being able to give feedback on how they've been dealt with as service users and enabling staff to understand more about their needs.
4. The long-term development of the Disabled Go access guide is supported.

11. Performance

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| Agenda Item No | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
| | None |

A. PERFORMANCE MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2009

The contents of the report are noted.

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| Agenda Item No | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
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B. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2009-10 PERIOD 5: PROJECT APPRAISALS AND VARIATIONS

1. The following variations to schemes in the capital programme for 2009-10 are approved.

| Scheme Reference, Description & Directorate | Narrative | 2009-10 £ | Future Years £ | Funding Source |
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| 2007-08/PR0010 V01 Hot Property Housing GF | This project is funded by NBC, utility companies and private landlords. Contributions to the value of £5,351 have been received in 2009-10; therefore the budget for this project needs to | 5,351 | - | Third party contributions |

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| | be increased by this amount. | | | |
| 2008-09/GF066 V01 Sport & Recreation in Becketts Park Planning & Regeneration | Phase one of this project was completed in 2008-09 which included installing children's play equipment that met DDA requirements, to improve access to play for children with disabilities, and a 5 a side football pitch. It was the intention that more works would take place improving the environment of Becketts Park, but it is now felt this would conflict with the strategic improvement of Becketts Park. | (13,121) | - | Section 106 |
| 2009-10/GF026 V02 GOEM Project Decent Homes Housing GF | The budget for this project was based on an estimate of the amount of external grant funding that would be received for works to decent homes in the private sector. The amount of funding received was £258,424 more than the estimate; therefore the budget needs to be increased by this amount. | 258,424 | - | GOEM Grant |

Further details of these variations can be seen at Annex A of the report.

2. The following is noted

- a. The capital programme monitoring position is noted as at end of August 2009, including forecast outturns and slippage into 2010-11, as set out at Annex B and C.
- b. The funding arrangements for the 2009-10 capital programme as set out at Annex E.

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**C. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING
2009/10 - PERIOD 5**

The report and the forecast over spend of £415k net of management action are noted.

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| Agenda Item No | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
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**D. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) MONITORING 2009-
10 PERIOD 5**

The report and the forecast overspend of £1,323k on the Net Cost of Services are noted.