



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 25 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, 25 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 at jdarby@northampton.gov.uk.

THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 10:00 HOURS

DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2009 AT 17:00 HOURS

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests: Councillors Malpas, B Hoare, B Markham, Crake declared Personal, Non-Prejudicial interests as Concessionary Bus Pass Holders.
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A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 (PARTNERSHIPS, REGENERATION AND SAFETY ENGAGEMENT) - CONCESSIONARY FARES APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY

The Report is received by Cabinet.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests: None
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B. REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 (HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT) ON THE CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION OF 14 OCTOBER 2009 - NEW TENANT PARTICIPATION STRUCTURE

The Report is received by Cabinet.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

6. Choice Based Lettings - 12 Month Review

1. The review and outcomes of the first year of the Choice Based Lettings scheme are noted.
2. The list is noted of potential improvements to the scheme a number of which will be brought to a future cabinet for approval.
3. It is noted that further changes to the Council's Housing allocation scheme may be required following revised statutory guidance from government due later this year.
4. Agreement is given to consult key stakeholders, Registered Social Landlords, and partner agencies on the proposed contents of the amendments to the Housing Allocations scheme.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

7. Registered Social Landlords (RSL) Development Procurement Framework

1. It has been agreed in principle to tender for a new RSL Procurement Framework, to address the future affordable housing requirements.
2. The final Procurement Framework Agreement is to be reconsidered and approved by Cabinet at the end of the process.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	Councillor Beardsworth: Personal, Non-Prejudicial interest as an allotment holder.

8. Parks and Open Spaces Strategy - Approval of the Strategy

1. The outcome of the consultation on the Consultative Parks and Open Spaces Strategy has been considered and the key summary responses are noted.
2. Approval is given to the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy for Northampton.
3. Approval is given to the use of the Accessibility, Quality and Quantity Standards as set out in Appendix B as the agreed standards for green space, as required for new development in accordance with Policy E19 in the Northampton Local Plan.

4. The process is noted to develop an Action Plan from the workstreams identified, and to receive an annual briefing in respect of progress.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

9. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2010 - 2013

1. The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2010-13 as set out in appendix A of the report is approved.
2. It is agreed that the Medium Term Financial Strategy is used as a guide to financial planning for the 2010/11 and medium term budgets.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

10. Prudential Indicators for Capital Finance - Monitoring to end of September 2009

1. The prudential indicators monitoring information attached at Annex B are noted.
2. Cabinet is to recommend to Council that they approve revisions to the Council's prudential indicators for 2009-10 as set out in Paragraph 2.2 (a) and (b) of Item 10 of the Cabinet Agenda.
- 3 The following change to the Council's investment counterparty limits, approved by the Chief Finance Officer on 2 November 2009 is noted.
 - That the maximum period for investments with counterparties on the existing counterparty list be extended from 3 months to 12 months, provided that this is within the Sector recommended time limit for the counterparty, and that a maximum of £10m is invested in this way. The £10m maximum is in addition to £6m already placed in 2-year investments in 2008-09 and due back in June 2010.

11. Performance

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

A. GENERAL FUND AND REVENUE MONITORING

The report and the forecast under spend of £295k net of management action are noted.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

B. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT MONITORING PERIOD

The report and the forecast overspend of £1,243k on the Net Cost of Services are noted.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

C. CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MONITORING REPORT)

1. Approval is given for the scheme as set out in Paragraph 2.1 of Item 11C of the Cabinet Agenda to be added to the capital programme for 2009-10.

Further details of the appraisal can be seen at Annex A of the same report.

2. Approval is given for the variations to schemes in the capital programme for 2009-10 as outlined in Paragraph 2.2 of item 11C of the Cabinet Agenda. Further details of these variations can be seen at Annex B of the same report.

3. It is noted that:

- a) The capital programme monitoring position as at end of September 2009, including forecast outturns, revenue expenditure funded by capital and slippage into 2010-11, as set out at Annex C, D and E of the report presented to Cabinet.

- b) The funding arrangements for the 2009-10 capital programme as set out at Annex F of the report presented to Cabinet.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

13.PRIVATE Housing Support - Proposed New Service

The recommendations as set out in Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 of Item 13 of the Cabinet Agenda have been agreed.