



MEETING OF THE CABINET
7 DECEMBER 2009 - 11.03 AM – 11.59 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Mike Taylor

Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal - Chairman

Chief Executive
Strategic Director (IY)
Interim Strategic Director (TB)
Corporate head, Finance and Customer Service
Corporate Head, Partnerships and Improvement
Corporate Head, Resources and Organisational Development
Service Manager, Assets and Facilities
Service manager, Human Resources and Organisational Development
Performance Management Officer
Monitoring Officer
Cabinet Support Officer

Non-Cabinet Members : **Craft,**
Lovelock,
Martin-mayhew

CO46. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2009 were approved as a correct record.

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CO47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

No declarations of interest were made.

CO48. *HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

DECISION:

To approve the Asset Management Plan – Housing Revenue Account – 2009-2016, and recommend the financial implications to Council for decision as part of its budget setting.

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- (1) Report AFM00122 by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance and Housing.
- (2) Comments made by Cabinet at the meeting.
- (3) Comments made by the Corporate Head, Finance and Customer Service, at the meeting.
- (4) The requirement that the costs involved with the plan to be approved by Council when setting the budget.

CO49. *COUNCIL TAX BASE 2010/11

DECISION:

To approve the recording of the amounts shown in report CHFCS75 as the council tax bases for 2010/11, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended).

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- (1) Report CHFCS75 by the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Assets.
- (2) Comments made at the meeting by the Corporate Head of Finance and Customer Service.
- (3) Comments made at the meeting by Cabinet members.

CO50. *FEES AND CHARGES PROPOSALS 2010/11

DECISION:

To approve the following for appropriate consultation:-

- **Review of the classifications of car parks in Grantham and Stamford to ensure the optimum mix of short and long stay parking arrangements.**
- **Introduction of evening and Sunday charges at Council car parks.**

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- (1) Report CHFCS79 by the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Assets.
- (2) Work done by the Resources PDG and their Fees and Charges Working Group.
- (3) Comments made at the meeting by the Corporate Head of Finance and Customer Services at the meeting.
- (4) Comments made Cabinet members at the meeting regarding the need for further information before making a decision on other fees and charges contained within the report CHFCS79.
- (5) Comments of the Chairman of the Resources PDG made at the meeting.

Other options considered:

- (1) The Fees and Charges Working Group considered a number of options as part of the review. The specific proposals were contained within report CHFCS79.

CO51. USE OF RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 2008/09: FEEDBACK AND SCORES

DECISION:

- **To note the comments and scores contained within report CHFCS73**
- **To approve the production of an action plan in order for the Authority to improve the scoring in respect of 2009/10 assessment.**

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- (1) Report CHFCS73 by the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Assets.
- (2) The review by the audit Commission in its approach, which had resulted in a more demanding review than the previous assessment.
- (3) The Council's corporate responsibility to have a 'Use of Resources' assessment framework undertaken by the external auditors on an annual basis.
- (4) Comments made at the meeting by the Corporate Head of Finance and Customer Services and the Chief Executive at the meeting.
- (5) Comments made Cabinet members at the meeting.

CO52. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2009/10 - MONITORING INFORMATION AND FORECAST OUTTURN

DECISION:

To note the comments and figures contained within report CHFCS74.

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- (1) Report CHFCS74 by the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Assets.
- (2) Comments made at the meeting by the Corporate Head of Finance and Customer Services at the meeting.
- (3) Comments made Cabinet members at the meeting.

CO53. PRIORITY ACTIONS AND PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 2

DECISION:

- **To note the progress made on delivering the council's key priority actions, the performance highlights and exceptions, and the steps being taken to address below target performance following the second quarter of 2009/10.**
- **To note the recommendation from the Scrutiny Committees on examining the feasibility of the council collecting commercial waste and recyclables.**

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- (1) Report POI41 by the Portfolio Holder for Access and Engagement.
- (2) Comments made at the meeting by the Corporate Head of Partnerships and Improvements at the meeting.
- (3) Comments made by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 10 November as well as acknowledgement of their on-going work in this respect.
- (4) Comments made Cabinet members at the meeting.

DATE DECISIONS ARE EFFECTIVE

Decisions CO48-CO53 as made on 7th December 2009 can be implemented on 16th December 2009 unless subject to call-in by the Scrutiny Committee Chairman or any five members of the Council from any political groups.

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