



MEETING OF THE CABINET
8 MARCH 2010 - 11.00 AM – 11.21 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 (Beverly Agass)
Interim Strategic Director (Tracey Blackwell)
Section 151 Officer / Corporate Head Finance & Customer Services (Richard Wyles)
Corporate Head Sustainable Communities (Teena Twelves)
Corporate Head Partnerships & Organisational Improvements (Robert Moreland)
Interim Corporate Head Healthy Communities (Bob Whewell)
Monitoring Officer / Legal Services Manager (Lucy Youles)
Transport & Operations Manager Street Scene (Pat Swinton)
Cabinet Support Officer (David Lambley)

Non-Cabinet Members : Councillor Nick Craft

CO68. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

CO69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

No declarations of interest were made.

CO70. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2010 were approved as a correct record.

CO71. *WASTE AND RECYCLING POLICIES

DECISION:

That the existing policies set out in Appendix 1 of report PS001 be confirmed with the following amendments:

- a) That residents be offered the option of purchasing an additional silver bin at a cost of £26 per bin and additional clear sacks at a cost of £1.25 per pack of 15 sacks, all prices including delivery.**
- b) That the joining fee for the green waste service be increased to £26 to reflect the cost of bins and delivery charges.**
- c) That residents be offered the option of purchasing an additional green bin at a cost of £26 per bin, including delivery.**
- d) That all schools and colleges in the district are offered a recycling service subject to a successful Capital Assets Management Group bid for capital funding for bins, and no additional revenue costs, from April 2010.**
- e) That there be no change to the policy in respect of charging for green waste collection.**

That a further report on the feasibility of providing a direct commercial waste/recycling collection service in competition with the private sector be prepared.

That all litter bins be replaced over a 20 year programme with combined recycling/litter bins of varying capacity.

That these policies be reviewed on an ongoing basis as the need arises.

Considerations / reasons for decisions:

- (1) Report number PS001 by the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Environment.**

- (2) Comments from the Interim Corporate Head for Healthy Environment that all the recommendations were designed to encourage recycling within the district.
- (3) Comments that further consideration be given to providing commercial waste and recycling services in the future.
- (4) Comments previously made by the Communities Policy Development Group.
- (5) Comments made by Cabinet Members recognizing that there had been a slight dip in recycling levels since the removal of bring sites and the need to address this.

Other options considered:

Appendix 1 of report PS001 set out various options considered as part of this review. Some of these options were clearly retrograde steps, but were options available to the Council and were identified for completeness.

CO72. *GRANTHAM GROWTH POINT: SINGLE CONVERSATION LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN HCA

DECISION:

To approve the joint Local Investment Plan as the basis for a future investment agreement which will provide a detailed financial plan for delivery of the Grantham Growth Point project.

Considerations / reasons for decision:

- (1) Report number CHSC0022 by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.
- (2) Comments from the Corporate Head for Sustainable Communities that the document was part of the overarching strategy for key projects in the Grantham Growth Point programme and that the plan was aligned with the Good For Business priority.
- (3) Comments from Cabinet Members regarding the hard work that had gone into the Local Investment Plan and noting that the Council had been asked to share its information with other Growth Points.

Other options considered:

An alternative option would be to not sign up to the Local Investment Plan. However it was not felt that this would be an appropriate way forward, as engagement in the pilot phase of the Single Conversation has offered an opportunity to promote the Grantham Growth Point which would otherwise be missed.

CO73. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2009/10 – MONITORING INFORMATION AND FORECAST OUTTURN

DECISION:

To note the comments and figures contained in report CHFCS91.

Considerations / reason for decision:

- (1) Report number CHFCS91 by the Corporate Head Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 officer).
- (2) Comments made by the Section 151 officer at the meeting, noting that since the report had been produced the Council had seen an increase in some income streams.
- (3) Comments from the Section 151 officer noting that the variance on the General Fund Capital Budgets would reduce by around £400k due to the acquisition of property within the Bourne Core Area since the report was written.
- (4) Comments from Cabinet Members.

CO74. PRIORITY ACTIONS AND PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT (TO END OF DECEMBER 2009)

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 third quarter of 2009/10.

Considerations / reason for decision:

- (1) Report number POI44 by the Portfolio Holder for Access and Engagement.
- (2) Comments by the Corporate Head for Partnerships and Improvements and noting that the Scrutiny Committee would also review the report.
- (3) Comments from Cabinet Members that whilst there were some slippages, overall the Council was meeting its targets.

CO75. DOG CONTROL ORDER

DECISION:

That formal public consultation is commenced in relation to the adoption of Dog Control Orders within South Kesteven.

Considerations / reason for decision:

- (1) Report number SS0008 by the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Environment.
- (2) Comments made by the Interim Corporate Head for Healthy Environment.
- (3) Comments from Cabinet Members regarding the fact that there is considerable public concern about dog fouling within the district and that it was important to be in line with current regulations.
- (4) Comments noting that a number of Parish Councils were keen to use wardens, which would be allowed with the adoption of Dog Control orders.

Other options considered:

Currently, authorised officers use powers arising from the Dogs (Fouling of Land Act) 1996 to enforce against dog fouling.

Officers consider that the powers offered by Dog Control Orders will enhance the quality of the environment for residents and visitors. Through the Dog Control Orders, both dog owners and non-dog owners will have a clear understanding of their roles and the areas where they can enjoy open spaces.

DATE DECISIONS ARE EFFECTIVE

Decisions CO71-CO75 as made on 8 March 2010 can be implemented on 17 March 2010 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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