



MEETING OF THE CABINET
2 JULY 2012 - 11.00 AM – 11.19 AM

PRESENT:

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

Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal - Chairman

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director (Daren Turner)
Strategic Director (Tracey Blackwell)
Strategic Director (Ian Yates)
Housing Solutions Service Manager (Kev Martin)
ICT Service Manager (Andy Nix)
**Head of Legal & Democratic Services/
Monitoring Officer (Lucy Youles)**
Cabinet Support Officer (Lucy Bonshor)

Non-Cabinet Members : Councillor Nick Craft
Councillor Alan Davidson
Councillor Charmaine Morgan

CO8. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bryant.

CO9. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2012

The decisions from the meeting held on 11th June were agreed as a correct record of the decisions taken.

CO10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

None declared.

CO11. *LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Decision:

That the Lincolnshire County Homelessness Strategy 2012-16 be adopted.

Considerations/reason for decision:

- 1) Report HST41 from the Portfolio Holder for Good Housing.
- 2) The Homelessness Act 2002 requires that all local authorities carry out a review of homelessness in their areas and formulate and publish a strategy based on the findings.
- 3) The first strategy was required by July 2003 and must be renewed at least every 5 years.
- 4) The Department of Communities and Local Government Homelessness code of guidance states that the strategy must set out the local authority's plans for the prevention of homelessness and for securing that sufficient accommodation and support are or will be available for people who become homeless or who are at risk of becoming so.
- 5) The document has been development by all seven Lincolnshire District Councils.

Other Options Considered:

All local authorities are required by the Homelessness Act 2002 to produce a Homelessness Strategy.

CO12. *ICT STRATEGY

Decision:

That the ICT Strategy 2012-15 as attached at Appendix A to report HOF203 be adopted.

Considerations/reason for decision:

- 1) Report HOF203 from the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Communication.

- 2) Consultation with stakeholders which had taken place during the preparation of the draft strategy.
- 3) The ICT strategy sets a clear steer for the all governance issues relating to IT use and in particular the protection and processing of data.
- 4) The strategy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.
- 5) Comments made by Portfolio Holders at the meeting.

Other Options considered:

The ICT Strategy is an important document for the Council and whilst there is no statutory requirement for a strategy, the strategy proposed will ensure that the ICT supports the delivery of the Council's priorities.

CO13. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS WITHIN THE FORWARD PLAN (IF ANY)

Councillor Mrs Neal referred to a communication that she had received from a member of the public relating to wind turbine energy production. The issue of wind turbine provision was an item on the Forward Plan for consideration for consultation on a supplementary planning document. The communication received was not a representation; it was a question requesting the Cabinet's policy on the issue. The view of Cabinet could not be relevant at this stage. A document would be produced for consultation. As a planning authority it would be wholly inappropriate for her personal view or the views of any Cabinet Member to be given or taken into account without knowing all the facts, seeing all of the evidence and the representations made. She wanted to make it clear that the Cabinet were happy to receive representations on issues on the Forward Plan. The question had been put to the Scrutiny Committee and the minutes of that Committee were available for public view on the website.

DATE DECISION EFFECTIVE:

Decisions CO11 and CO12 as made on 2nd July 2012 can be implemented by 11th July unless subject to call-in by the Scrutiny Committee Chairman or any five members of the Council from any political groups.

**South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham,
Lincolnshire NG31 6PZ**

**Contact: Cabinet Support Officer - Lucy Bonshor Tel: 01476 40 61 20
e-mail: l.bonshor@southkesteven.gov.uk**