

DECISION SHEET

MEETING NO 10 OF THE CABINET HELD ON 4 MARCH 2008

1. **NATS CONSULTATION AND RESPONSE**

*Planning and Conservation Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)*

CABINET DECISION

That a report on the above consultation be submitted to the next meeting of the Planning Policy Advisory Panel on 20 March, and that the Head of Environment and Regulatory Services be requested to attend that meeting and to feed back the Council's response by 22 May 2008.

Note: The above item was accepted as an item of Other Business for discussion at this meeting.

2. **MINUTES**

CABINET DECISION

That the Minutes of Meeting No 9 held on 5 February 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

3. **ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ON 23 JANUARY 2008**

- a) **Policing in Rural Areas**
*Community Engagement and Support Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)*

CABINET DECISION

That the above matter be considered in conjunction with the report elsewhere on the agenda (Item 11 below refers).

- b) **Buncefield**
*Planning and Conservation, Environment and Sustainability and Community
Engagement and Support Portfolio Holders
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)*

CABINET DECISION

That the above matter be considered in conjunction with the report elsewhere on the agenda (Item 8 below refers).

4. **ITEM REFERRED FROM THE NOMANSLAND COMMON JOINT COMMITTEE**

*Community Engagement and Support Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)*

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That Cabinet notes the willingness of Wheathampstead Parish Council to undertake the administration of the Nomansland Common Joint Committee.
- (ii) That the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate with the Wheathampstead Parish Council the terms for undertaking this work.

5. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

Planning and Conservation Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That Cabinet acknowledges the information provided by Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority and that authority's position with regard to Telecommunications Apparatus on highway land.
- (ii) That Cabinet is extremely disappointed with the County Council's position and asks that its dissatisfaction be conveyed to the County Council.

6. **COUNCIL CARBON MANAGEMENT REDUCTION PLAN FOR ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL AND 3RD PARTY CONTRACTOR (LEISURE CONNECTION) FOR BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS**

Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Internal Performance)

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That Cabinet endorses the headline target of reducing the District Council's CO₂ emissions from its owned and operated buildings and 3rd party contractors operations by 25% by 2013, from a baseline year of 2006/07. The programme will be delivered over a 5 year period which is the recommended implementation period from the Carbon Trust.
- (ii) That Cabinet agrees that a further business case will need to be produced for 2009/10 to support the programme of work necessary to meet the overall CO₂ reduction target set out in this report. This will be considered as part of next year's budget process.
- (iii) That the Council leads by example by encouraging its contractors, partners and the community to make changes to reduce carbon emissions and raising the environmental profile of the Council locally.
- (iv) That existing and future carbon management activities be brought together and embedded into the corporate process in a consistently managed and coherent programme of work.
- (v) That Cabinet notes that a joint launch of this strategy and the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Carbon Footprint Reduction Plan will be held on 20 March 2008 and the LSP's plan will form part of the District's overall carbon management strategy.

- (vi) That Cabinet notes that the second report to April's Cabinet will set out the results of the consultation on the Nottingham Declaration Draft Action Plan previously agreed on 10 July 2007 and will also include the LSP's carbon management action plan.

7. **REVIEW OF EMERGENCY PLANNING**

*Resources and Efficiencies Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee*

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet notes the oral report of the Chief Executive.

8. **REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL – CONSULTATION DISTANCES, BUNCEFIELD**

*Planning and Conservation, Environment and Sustainability and Community
Engagement and Support Portfolio Holders*

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That Cabinet notes the new guidance from the Health and Safety Executive on 'consultation distances'.
- (ii) That the Council ensures that any information in the public domain regarding the redevelopment or recommissioning of Buncefield is made available to the public.

9. **PLANNING CALL IN PROCESS**

*Planning and Conservation Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)*

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That the appendix in Part II be taken together with this report in Part I as it contained no confidential material.
- (ii) That Cabinet notes the Internal Audit report on the planning call in process as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (iii) That Cabinet notes the four outstanding areas as identified and the actions required to address these areas.
- (iv) That a progress report be submitted to the June 2008 Cabinet meeting.

10. **PRIORITIES FOR PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

*Planning and Conservation Portfolio Holder and Chair of Cabinet
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)*

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That Cabinet agrees the list of planning enforcement priorities and functions as shown in Appendix B to the report.

- (ii) That the list of priorities and functions be included in the schedule of services by the Business Improvement Project Board when consideration is given to the integrated schedule of regulatory services.

11. **PROPOSED FUNDING CUTS RE POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS**

Community Engagement and Support Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That Cabinet confirms that the Council continues its current position of not funding PCSOs in the District.
- (ii) That Cabinet calls upon the Police Authority to review the deployment of PCSOs across Hertfordshire including the decision to withdraw the ward-based PCSO in Redbourn.
- (iii) That the Officers be asked to review with the Police:
 - a) The contributions made by the District Council towards Community Safety
 - b) The numbers of PCSOs allocated to individual Wards, particularly recognising those with large geographical areas, in order to secure an equitable allocation of Police resources for the District and the Wards within it.

12. **CHILDREN'S TRUST PARTNERSHIP INCORPORATING INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES**

Sport and Healthy Living Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That Cabinet explores Hertfordshire County Council's plans for future provision for children and young people in St Albans City and District.
- (ii) That Cabinet agrees in principle that a Cabinet Member, the Children and Young People's Champion Councillor Sheila Burton (Portfolio Holder for Sport and Healthy Living), be the lead Member and Council's representative on the District Children's Trust Partnership (DCTP), with appropriate officer support from Culture and Community Development.
- (iii) That Cabinet Members note that the District Safeguarding Audit will be given to Children's Services, Hertfordshire County Council by 31st March 2008.
- (iv) That before agreeing to any nomination by the DCTP for the Lead Member to be its Chair the Portfolio Holder for Sport and Healthy Living and the Leader discuss further with the Chief Executive, the Head of Culture and Community Development and the County Council the time requirements, expectations and terms of this post to ensure these are acceptable.

- (v) That the Hertfordshire County Council Director of Children, Schools and Families be advised that should the issues in 2.4 above be satisfactorily resolved this Cabinet expects to see real devolution of decision making and resources to the St Albans DCTP begin immediately.
- (vi) That a report be made to Cabinet following the discussions with the County Council.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

*Community Leadership and Communications Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Internal Performance)*

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet notes the oral report of the Chief Executive and requests a formal report to the next Cabinet meeting detailing options and projected outcomes.

14. **STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING HUMAN RESOURCES**

*Resources and Efficiencies Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Internal Performance)*

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That the Strategy for Developing Human Resources be adopted and distributed to staff via the HR Intranet site.
- (ii) That the Chief Executive be asked to report to the June 2008 Cabinet on the progress of this Strategy and the HR needs of the Council in delivering its aims and objectives over the next twelve months.

15. **HERTFORDSHIRE 2021: A BRIGHTER FUTURE – HERTFORDSHIRE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

*Community Leadership and Communications Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)*

CABINET DECISION

That the Cabinet endorses the Local Strategic Partnership response (attached as Appendix A to the report) to the Hertfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy consultation subject to the following amendments:

- **Ecological Footprint** – revise wording to reflect fact that, as evidenced by a Wildlife Fund report in October 2007, St Albans City and District recognizes it has a serious problem concerning CO₂ emissions but is taking action to address this.
- **Children and Young People** – Replace word ‘Introduce’ with the words ‘Build on’

16. **FORWARD PLAN APRIL TO JULY 2008**

All Portfolio Holders

Both Overview and Scrutiny Committees

CABINET DECISION

That the Forward Plan for the period April to July 2008 be approved as amended as follows:

April 2008

- Amend heading of first item to 'Revenue and Capital Budget 2007/08
- Add report on the Planning Conservation Service
- Add report on the St Albans Festival 2008
- Defer report on East of England Plan: Adopted Plan to June (Secretary of State has advised that the Plan will not be approved until 'the spring')
- Defer report on Annual Appraisals to June
- Add Quarterly Establishment Report
- Add report on Tennis Development Centre
- Add report on Partnering Agreement for replacement windows and doors
- Change title and background information of Carbon Management report – now to report results of consultation exercise on the Nottingham Declaration Draft Action Plan
- Add report on Communications Strategy

June

- Add report on HR Strategy
- Add report on review of Planning Call-in process

17. **SELECTION OF POTENTIAL TRAINING CAMPS FOR THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES**

Sport and Healthy Living Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet is pleased to note that the following two sites within the District have been selected as potential training camps in the lead up to the 2012 Olympic Games:

Oaklands – Equestrian

Hertfordshire Sports Village – Badminton, fencing, judo, basketball and wrestling

Note: The above item was accepted as an item of Other Business for discussion at this meeting.

18. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

CABINET DECISION

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act.

19. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT FLINT WAY GARAGE SITE, ST ALBANS**

Housing Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Public Services)

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That the Flint Way garage site be transferred to Ability Housing Association for £270,000, planning permission having already been granted for its redevelopment with 7 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom apartments.
- (ii) That Cabinet is prepared in principle to waive payment on the covenants on 11 and 13 Flint Way, should the gardens of those properties be included in the scheme as set out in paragraphs 5.4 and 7.11 of the report, to achieve a better scheme in terms of affordable housing, provided it is in the best interests of the Council.
- (iii) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Valuer and Estates Surveyor in consultation with the Head of Housing, the Strategy and Enabling Manager and the Portfolio Holders for Housing and Community Engagement and Support to agree a decision in respect of the covenants described in paragraph (ii) above in the best interests of the Council.

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The above decisions will come into force, and may be implemented on the expiry of, 5 working days after the publication of the decisions (ie **Monday 17 March**) unless a request for call-in is made. [**Note:** Any requests for a decision to be called in must therefore be received by 4.45pm on Friday 14 March 2008.]