

DECISION SHEET

MEETING NO 3 OF THE CABINET HELD ON 21 JULY 2005

1. **ITEM REFERRED FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (COMMUNITY SERVICES) – LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – APPOINTMENT OF PREFERRED BIDDER**

*Sport and Healthy Living and Heritage, Arts and Tourism Portfolio Holders
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community Services)*

CABINET DECISION

That this matter be dealt with in Part II to the meeting (Item 10 below refers).

2. **CEMETERIES MEMORIAL SAFETY PROGRAMME**

*Sport and Healthy Living Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community Services)*

CABINET DECISION

That work re-start immediately to inspect and make safe any memorial stones which present a clear risk to the general public.

3. **MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYING ON NOMANSLAND**

*Sport and Healthy Living Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community Services)*

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That the Officers be instructed to adopt measures to allow flying to continue on the Common, through the adoption of a voluntary code of conduct as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (ii) That the Officers be instructed to put in place new byelaws in line with the voluntary code of conduct as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and to consider amendments to existing byelaws covering other types of noisy vehicles.
- (iii) That the Nomansland Common Management Joint Committee be updated as to progress and developments at their Spring 2006 meeting.

4. **OLD TOWN HALL, ST ALBANS – PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

*Heritage, Arts and Tourism Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community Services)*

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That the outline scheme be approved to allow design fees and an initial programme of works as shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

- (ii) That the design and estimates obtained be used to inform a bid for further capital funds in 2006/07, particularly to allow disabled access to the first floor.
- (iii) That quotations for a condition survey and cost estimate be obtained for the entire Town Hall.

5. **THE POTENTIAL FOR WORLD HERITAGE LIST STATUS FOR ST ALBANS**

Heritage, Arts and Tourism Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community Services)

CABINET DECISION

- (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That nomination for the World Heritage List be not sought.

6. **FORWARD PLAN – SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2005**

All Portfolio Holders

All Overview and Scrutiny Committees

CABINET DECISION

That the Forward Plan for the period September to November 2005 be approved as amended as follows:

September 2005

- Delete Communications Strategy
- Add Sport and Recreation Strategy
- Add Playing Pitch Strategy
- Add Grounds Maintenance Contract
- Add ICT Options Appraisal
- Add Maintaining the Council's Leisure Facilities
- Add Locally Listed Buildings Review
- Add Planning Delivery Grant

October 2005

- Add Youth Activities Programme
- Add Feasibility Study for new leisure facilities
- Add Refurbishment of the Public Conveniences - Town Hall
- Add Housing Improvement Plan
- Add Disabled Facilities Grant
- Add Review of Media Protocol
- Add Land Charges – Diminution of Income

Note: In view of the large number of items currently listed for submission to the September Cabinet meeting, it was agreed that the Chairman would discuss with the Strategic Directors the possible re-scheduling of some items.

7. **LAND CHARGES – DIMINUTION OF INCOME**

Resources Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Services)

CABINET DECISION

That a joint Officer/Member working party be set up to liaise with the Heads of Service and the Portfolio Holders for Resources and Planning and Conservation to consider action following the significant diminution of income in respect of Land Charges and to report to the October Cabinet meeting.

Note: The above item had been accepted by the Chairman for discussion as an item of urgent other business.

8. **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL 20 JULY 2005**

a) **Electoral Register**

Resources Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Services)

CABINET DECISION

That when compiling the electoral register for publication in 2006 this Council agrees to:

1. Provide the sum of £10,000 to enable the Electoral Services Department to contact all households not on the Electoral Register by telephone, advising them of the legal requirement to register. Some households may need to be contacted more than once to ensure that all members of the household are registered.
2. Authorise the Electoral Services Department to use the Council Tax database to identify those residents who are paying their tax but who are not on the Electoral Register, and therefore do not have the right to vote.
3. Publicise the legal requirement for residents to put their names on the Electoral Register through a marketing campaign in pubs, restaurants and clubs.”

b) **Bus Services**

Sustainability, Roads and Transport Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Enterprise and Civic Environment)

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet regrets that Hertfordshire County Council through Interlink failed to communicate to the residents of the City and District changes to the timetable and bus routes and resolves to establish effective communication between

bus providers and the Council to ensure it is consulted and kept informed of changes to services by regular meetings before timetable routes are changed.

- c) Staffing
Resources Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Services)

CABINET DECISION

That a report be submitted to the October Cabinet meeting on the staffing protocol following the motion to Council on 20 July proposing a reintroduction of the pre June 2004 policy in respect of additional staff.

- d) Thameslink 2000 project
Sustainability, Roads and Transport Portfolio Holder
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Enterprise and Civic Environment)

CABINET DECISION

That in light of the recent success of the 2012 Olympic Bid, and the importance of the Thameslink 2000 project to the City and District of St Albans, Cabinet regrets the continuing uncertainty and delay over the Government's decision to fully fit out the new St. Pancras International station to enable passengers to transfer between international, national and underground lines. The Government had promised users of Thameslink that a new, modern station would be the return for the disruption to services experienced for eight months until May 2005.

Cabinet is concerned that the anticipated completion date of 2007 is now in considerable doubt, and therefore calls for the Chair of Cabinet to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt. Hon Alistair Darling MP, requesting a meeting, to be attended by up to two representatives of each the three political groups and by up to two representatives from the local Thameslink Passenger User Group and Transport 2000, so that they can urge the Government to quickly make the decision to invest the appropriate funds for the benefit of the millions who will use the interchange every year and also to enhance the transportation facilities for the Olympics in 2012.

9. **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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in

paragraphs 1, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act.

10. **ITEM REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (COMMUNITY SERVICES) – LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

Sport and Healthy Living Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community Services)

CABINET DECISION

That the decision taken on 10 May 2005 (set out at Appendix 1 to this Decision Notice – Parts I and II) be adopted as Cabinet's final decision.

11. **OLD TOWN HALL – PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

Heritage, Arts and Tourism Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community Services)

CABINET DECISION

That the report be noted.

12. **HARMONISATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TOWN HALL/TIC STAFF**

Heritage, Arts and Tourism Portfolio Holder

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Enterprise and Civic Environment)

CABINET DECISION

That the harmonisation of all SADC terms and conditions as outlined in the report be approved at a cost of £60,658, this amount and the £16,530 for correction of TUPE figures to be met from increased revenue projected in the revised Business Plan set out in section 8 and if necessary savings to be found elsewhere in the Portfolio Holder's budget.

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With the exception of Item 10, which has already been the subject of a call-in, the decisions will come into force, and may be implemented on the expiry of, 5 working days after the publication of the decision (ie on Friday 5 August 2005) unless a request for call-in is made.