

# RECORD OF DECISIONS

## FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on 26th July 2007, the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00 p.m. on Monday 6th August 2007.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive<sup>1</sup>.

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit then the decision becomes effective immediately.

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<b><u>OPEN REPORTS</u></b>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
7.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE.	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee held on 21st June 2007, be received and noted.	
8.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2007/08.	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> That the latest budget and financial monitoring figures and associated information be approved.	
9.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> FUNDING AND DELIVERY OF DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS.	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> That the projected shortfall in capital to meet the demand for Disabled Facilities Grants in considering the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved.	
10.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> REVIEW OF THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN.	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> (1) That the updated financial projection on the General Fund 2012, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved. (2) That the revised capital investment and financing programmed to 2012, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved. (3) That the updated financial projection on the Housing Revenue Account to 2017, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved. (4) That the provisional amount of £250,000 currently earmarked in the General Fund as a capital contribution, be deleted. (5) That the strategy and options for utilising proceeds from future land sales be considered and a further report be	

	<p>submitted to the Committee.</p> <p>(6) That the contingency of £500,000 in the Windfalls Capital Receipts Reserve be divided equally between easing the shortfall in capital resources to 2012 and the demand for Disability Facility Grants (DFG) in 2007/08.</p> <p>(7) That any further capital spending beyond 2007/08, with the exception of that detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, is not committed until future income streams are certain.</p> <p>(8) That the budget and financial planning timetable for 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report, be approved.</p> <p>(9) That, as a matter of urgency, the Council adopts a three track approach to resolving the consequential funding crisis generated by the DFG requirement as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reopen the dialogue with GOEM to request additional funding.</li> <li>• Enlist the support of the LGA.</li> <li>• Invite Mr. M. Todd M.P. to arrange for a high powered Council delegation to meet with the responsible Government Minister to address the material ongoing mismatch between the availability of Government funding and the rising demand in the levels of DFG applications.</li> </ul> <p>(10) That the Committee appreciates the Housing and Community Services Committee's offer to vire 50% of its proposed MRA environmental works budget allocation of £211,000 to the DFG funding shortfall but in view of resolution (6) above, believes that it would not be financially prudent to make any further resources available out of existing reserves, particularly in view of the perceived urgent need to enhance the environment on the Council's estates across the District.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> ICT STRATEGY</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>(1) That the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy for 2007/10 and Action Plan be approved.</p> <p>(2) That Councillor Ford be appointed as the Member e-Champion relating to this issue and Councillor Jones be appointed as the substitute Member.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> CORPORATE CONSULTATION STRATEGY.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>That the Consultation Strategy attached to the report be adopted to guide the work of the Council in undertaking consultation with its service users, residents, partners and staff.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>(1) That the Gender Equality Scheme as submitted be adopted and published as outlined.</p> <p>(2) That the Council works with partners to increase knowledge and awareness of childcare issues and works towards more</p>	

	<p>effective partnership working.</p> <p>(3) That the Council continues to support initiatives such as Local Democracy Week aimed at increasing awareness amongst young people about the work of the Council.</p> <p>(4) That the Council works with its partners to improve support for victims of domestic violence.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b></p> <p>VALUE FOR MONEY.</p>	
	<p><b><u>DECISION:</u></b></p> <p>That the approach outlined in Section 4.17 of the report be endorsed for managing and improving Value For Money in the delivery of all the Council's services.</p>	
15.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b></p> <p>BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.</p>	
	<p><b><u>DECISION:</u></b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	

DATED: 30th July 2007  
Chief Executive

- <sup>1</sup> Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
- <sup>2</sup> NOTE – this gives an outline of the committee decision for call-in purposes but it does not necessarily reflect the final wording for minute purposes.
- <sup>3</sup> Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.