

RECORD OF DECISIONS

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee held on 15th March 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 Tuesday 27th March 2007.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members representing at least two political groups. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive¹.

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

<u>Agenda Item No. 3</u>	<u>OPEN REPORTS</u>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
7.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> "TOWARDS AN EXCELLENT SERVICE" – PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND EXTERNAL VALIDATION <u>DECISION:</u> ² (1) That the Committee accept the results of the "Towards An Excellent Service Self Assessment and External Validation" and approve the development of an Improvement Plan. (2) That Members note the "Towards An Excellent Service" Self Assessment will be repeated in March 2008 and that the progress made will be reported to this Committee. (3) That the Director of Community Services be requested to write to all staff in the Leisure and Community Development Division on behalf of the Committee to express the thanks of Members for their hard work.	
8.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> PLAY FACILITIES AUDIT <u>DECISION:</u> (1) That the findings of the Play Facilities Audit be noted. (2) That the Director of Community Services be authorised to develop the Audit into a Play Facilities Plan, which will be reported to a future Meeting of this Committee.	
9.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> REVIEW OF SUPPORT TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR <u>DECISION:</u> That Finance and Management Committee be requested to	

	<p>recommend to the Council as follows:</p> <p>(1) That an examination take place at the first opportunity into the level of increase in capital and revenue funding necessary for the support of core funding for the Voluntary and Community Sector;</p> <p>(2) That £100,000 over a period of three years be ring fenced from existing reserves or future funding from which the Voluntary and Community Sector can bid into and that objective guidance, criteria and a systems protocol for the assessment of bids be worked up by officers.</p>	
10.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY DANCE PROJECT</p> <p>DECISION: That the Committee note the content of the report on the South Derbyshire Community Dance Project and authorises the Director of Community Services to progress funding applications to extend and develop the Community Dance Project within a larger Young Peoples Cultural Project.</p>	
11.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME</p> <p>DECISION: That the Committee having considered the recommendations of the Community Partnerships Scheme Assessment Panel declines to award grants of £1,800 to the West Street Methodist Church and £2,000 to Aston-on-Trent Parish Council.</p>	
12.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOUSING STRATEGY</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>(1) That the Core Strategic Housing Group be formally re-established as a joint Member/Officer Working Group and that Members be nominated to the group in the ratio of 3 from the ruling group and 2 from the minority group and at least one member from each political group be on the Environmental and Development Services Committee.</p> <p>(2) That the Terms of Reference for the Working Group be reviewed and amended as indicated in Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>(3) That the work plan for the Working Group for the next 12 months as detailed at Appendix 2 be approved.</p> <p>(4) That the Committee receives an annual progress report on the development of the Council's strategic housing function.</p>	
13.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> TENANTS' HANDBOOK</p> <p>DECISION: That the Committee approves the approach being taken for the production of a new Tenants' Handbook.</p>	

DATED: 19th March 2007
Chief Executive

- ¹ Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
- ² 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.
- ³ Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.