

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS**FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on 17th February 2009, 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 Wednesday, 25th February 2009.

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 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.</u>	<u>OPEN REPORTS</u>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
6.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – BUDGET CONSULTATION	
	DECISION: That the Committee receives the budget scrutiny report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	
9.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> PROPOSED MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR COUNCIL HOUSING 2009/10	
	DECISION: (1) That the Committee approves the content of the Planned Maintenance and Improvement Programme and the Major Repairs Allowance Budget Plan. (2) That the Council enters into a sixth year of the Planned Maintenance Partnering Contract and that Contract Procedure Rules be suspended. (3) That with regard to Disabled Adaptations, the Committee continues to delegate responsibility and to transfer the Housing Revenue Account and Major Repairs Allowance budgets to the Environmental Health Service for specific improvements to adapt properties, in accordance with Social Services recommendations. (4) That the Committee accepts the report and proposals in preparation for the 2011 digital TV switchover in the Central region.	
10.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PROJECTION AND PROPOSED RENT INCREASE 2009/10	
	DECISION: (1) That an average rent increase of 4.9% be approved for	

	<p>2009/10.</p> <p>(2) That the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2009/10 be approved, subject to adjustment in view of the decision reached in resolution (1) above.</p> <p>(3) That the updated financial projection, including the associated assumptions and risks for the Housing Revenue Account to 2018 be noted, subject to adjustment in view of the decision reached in resolution (1) above.</p>	
7.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> CORPORATE PLAN 2009/14</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>(1) That the Corporate Plan and Priorities for Action 2009/14 be recommended to the Council for approval at its Meeting on 26th February 2009.</p> <p>(2) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to make any final changes to the Plan prior to publication and distribution.</p>	
8.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2008/09</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>(1) That the latest budget and financial monitoring figures for 2008/09 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the ongoing remedial actions to contain projected overspend within the base budget continue and that this is reported back in the next monitoring report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT</p>	
	<p>DECISION: That the Treasury Management Policy Statement be approved as submitted.</p>	
12.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2009/10 to 2011/12</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>(1) That the prudential indicators and limits for 2009/10 to 2011/12, contained within the report be recommended for approval by the Council at its Meeting on 26th February 2009.</p> <p>(2) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2009/10 be approved.</p> <p>(3) That the Investment Strategy for 2009/10 including the associated lending list and policy be approved.</p>	
13.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> FINAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2009/10 AND FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2014</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>(1) That estimated net General Fund Revenue Expenditure totalling £11,912,752 for 2008/09 and £11,865,828 for 2009/10 be recommended for approval by the Council at its Meeting on 26th February 2009.</p> <p>(2) That a Council Tax level and Band D equivalent rate for 2009/10 is considered by the Council at its Meeting on 26th</p>	

	<p>February 2009.</p> <p>(3) That the projected level of General Fund Revenue Reserves totalling £590,461 as at 31st March 2014 is approved.</p> <p>(4) That the latest 10-year financial projection on the Housing Revenue Account to 2018 be approved.</p> <p>(5) That a continuing programme of efficiency reviews be continued across all services in order to generate cash releasing value for money gains over the life of the current medium-term financial plan.</p> <p>(6) That the updated 5-year capital investment and financing plan to 2014 be approved.</p> <p>(7) That the report of the Council's Section 151 (Chief Finance) Officer under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 is noted.</p>	
14.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1ST APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER 2008)</p>	
	<p><u>DECISION:</u></p> <p>(1) That the Committee notes the key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 31st December 2008.</p> <p>(2) That where performance has failed to achieve the specified target, the Committee accepts the adequacy of the responses given.</p>	
15.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> USE OF RESOURCES 2008 AND 2009</p>	
	<p><u>DECISION:</u></p> <p>(1) That the Audit Commission's provisional Use of Resources judgement for the Council 2008 is noted.</p> <p>(2) That the significant changes to the new Use of Resources Assessment from 2009 are noted.</p> <p>(3) That the Action Plan appended to the report is approved as submitted.</p>	
16.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT 2007</p>	
	<p><u>DECISION:</u></p> <p>That the Council be recommended to "opt in" to the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 and that South Derbyshire:</p> <p>(i) supports the bottom up process in the Act designed to allow local authorities and their communities to drive the help that Central Government gives in reversing community decline and promoting thriving, sustainable communities;</p> <p>(ii) notes that the Act gives local authorities the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make proposals to Government on the action and assistance Government must take or give to promote sustainable communities; and - argue for a transfer of public money and function from central to local control; <p>(iii) notes that the Act defines the sustainable communities broadly, that definition having the four aspects of:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the improvement of the local economy; - protection of the environment; - promotion of social inclusion; and - participation in civic and political activity; <p>(iv) notes that reasons for a local authority choosing to use the Act include gaining new assistance from Government, determining that assistance, being able to argue for transfers of public monies from central to local control and involving citizens in democracy;</p> <p>(v) resolves, having been invited to by Central Government in October 2008, to use the Act by preparing and submitting proposals on how Central Government can help by 31st July, 2009; and</p> <p>(vi) further resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inform the local media of this decision; - write to the local MP, informing them of this decision; and - write to Local Works (at Local Works, c/o Unlock Democracy, 65 Cynthia Street, London N1 9JF) informing them of their resolution to use the Act. 	
17.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AT ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE AND SHARPE'S POTTERY MUSEUM	
	<u>DECISION:</u> That the Committee approves further development at the Rosliston Forestry Centre and Sharpe's Pottery Museum as outlined above.	
18.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> WORK PROGRAMME	
	<u>DECISION:</u> That the Committee receives the updated Work Programme.	

DATED: 18th February 2009
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.