

## + RECORD OF DECISIONS

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee held on 23rd November 2006, 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 5th December 2006.

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 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> <sup>3</sup>	<b><u>OPEN REPORTS</u></b>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
7.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> PRESENTATION BY SPORT AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT – GREEN BANK LEISURE CENTRE	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> That the content of the presentation on the Green Bank Leisure Centre be noted.	
8.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> “ACHIEVING MORE” – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK SERVICE REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2006/07	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> That the content of the “Achieving More” – Performance Management Framework Service Reports – Second Quarter 2006/07 be noted.	
9.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> “ACHIEVING MORE” – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> That the Committee: (1) Notes the continuously improving performance within its area of responsibility. (2) Notes those areas where performance is not on track and agrees the remedial measures proposed in those cases. (3) Agrees that a report be submitted to the Improvement	

	<p>Panel to confirm the actions being taken.</p> <p>(4) Records its thanks to Officers in each of the relevant divisions for the work undertaken in improving service delivery.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> IDEAS INTO ACTION</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>(1) That the Committee notes the ideas submitted during the recent campaign.</p> <p>(2) Endorses the list of ideas at Annexe 2 of the report which are within the remit of this Committee and those proposals with financial implications be reported to the Finance and Management Committee requesting appropriate funding</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> PROVISION OF NEW LEISURE CENTRE WITHIN 5 MILES OF HILTON</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>(1) That the Committee approve the use of Section 106 monies negotiated for leisure development within 5 miles of Hilton, as a contribution to the cost of construction of a new community leisure facilities at John Port School, Etwall.</p> <p>(2) That the Development Control Committee be advised of the decision at (1) above.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> INTRODUCING MORE CHOICE INTO THE ALLOCATIONS PROCESS</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>(1) That the Committee approve the following amendments to the allocations policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase in the proportion of offers made to transfer applicants to half of available properties, following satisfaction of legal obligations towards homeless applicants, i.e. approximately 40% of all offers to go to transfer applicants.</li> <li>• That transfer applicants wishing to move to a property of similar size in a nearby location (i.e. within their local letting area) be eligible for 'local connection' points.</li> <li>• That the following wording be added to the allocations policy relating to exceptional social considerations "In cases where Members are of the view that such social considerations have not been adequately reflected by an award of such</li> </ul>	

	<p>points the matter will be reviewed by the Head of Housing, following consultation with the Chair of Housing and Community Services Committee, or where necessary the Director of Community Services.</p> <p>(2) That the Committee agrees in principle to progress the introduction of a Choice Based Lettings scheme and that a detailed feasibility study be prepared on the proposal and reported back to the Committee by May 2007.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> FORMER SITE OF 22-28 ASKEW GROVE, REPTON</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> That the consideration of the report in respect of restrictive covenants at the site of 22-28 Askew Grove, Repton be deferred to the next meeting so that a detailed report can be prepared following the receipt of Counsel's opinion.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> TREE INSPECTION REPORT: FEEDBACK</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> That the content of the tree inspection report responding to a question raised by a Member at the last Meeting be noted.</p>	
15.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR THE GAS SERVICING/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AND BATHROOM REPLACEMENT CONTRACT</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> That the Committee approve the following: (1) The advertising and tendering of the Bathroom Replacement contract for the financial year 2007/08 in accordance with European procurement procedures, with a view to entering into a long-term partnering agreement based on the satisfactory performance of the successful tenderer. (2) The extension of the current Gas Servicing and Maintenance Contract with Gas Care (Derby) Limited for an additional two years.</p>	
16.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> PROCUREMENT OF HOUSING DLO SERVICE</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> That the Committee: (1) Note the independently commissioned Direct Labour</p>	

	<p>Organisation Value for Money Study undertaken by the Housing Quality Network Consultancy Group as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>(2) Decides not to tender the responsive repair function at this time, subject to a programme of modernisation of processes and work practices within the Council's Direct Labour Organisation being implemented which will build upon and enhance improvement and lead to improved service delivery.</p> <p>(3) Requests that the Chair of the Committee write to all staff at the Council's Direct Labour Organisation expressing the thanks of Members for their hard work and commitment to service improvement.</p>	
17.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b></p> <p><b>MIDWAY FISHPONDS – ENGINEERING SURVEY</b></p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>(1) That the content of the report on the Midway Fishponds – Engineering Survey be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Committee approve the short term works of raising the bank and clearing of the overflow channel at the Midway Fishponds.</p>	

DATED: 27th November 2006  
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.