

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30am on Tuesday 16 July 2013 at the
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor M S Robson (In the Chair)

Councillor B Phillips
Mrs S Shepherd

Councillor P R Wilkinson

Also in Attendance

Councillor P Bardon
K Billings
D Blades
Mrs C S Cookman
Mrs B S Fortune
B Griffiths
Mrs J Griffiths
K G Hardisty

Councillor R Kirk
N Knapton
Mrs C Patmore
M Rigby
Mrs M Skilbeck
T Swales
A Wake

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Noone)

CA.13

2012/13 REVENUE OUTTURN AND POSITION ON RESERVES

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the revenue outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2013, which included the position on reserves.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

It is a legal requirement under S25 of The Local Government Act 2003 to set a balanced budget and monitor the financial position throughout the year.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to:-

- (1) transfer the under spend of £682,662 on the 2012/13 revenue budget to the One-Off Fund reserve; and
- (2) approve the adjustments on the reserves position as detailed at Annex B of the report.

CA.14

2012/13 CAPITAL OUTTURN AND ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the capital outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2013 and provided an update on the annual treasury management position.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure that the overall capital programme remained affordable and sustainable over the 10 year approved capital plan.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to :-

- (1) note the 2012/13 capital outturn position of £1,128,686;
- (2) approve the requests for re-profiling the capital programme totalling £709,364 from the 2012/13 programme to 2013/14;
- (3) approve the underspend of £325,700 and overspend of £33,138 as detailed in the report;
- (4) approve the restated 2013/14 capital programme as detailed in Annex A of the report, which takes into account the re-profiling of schemes;
- (5) note the treasury management outturn position 2012/13; and
- (6) note the Prudential Indicators attached at Annex B of the report.

CA.15

TRAVELLERS' AND SHOWMEN'S SITES PROVISION STRATEGY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report considered the sites recently submitted by private landowners and a strategy of action to meet the established needs in the District by further assessment of possible suitable sites through planning applications.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Council was required to decide where it would support in principle discussions on planning applications for new sites for Travellers and Showmen in the District so as to meet the established needs and how suitable sites should be brought forward and developed quickly. If the Council failed to determine or refused applications to make adequate provision they were likely to be subject to appeal and there was also potential for decisions to be subject to legal challenge.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to support in principle a strategy to promote the private provision of sites as set out in the report (ie subject to controls on site size, prioritisation/phasing and meeting local needs/management) by:

- (1) encouraging pre-planning application discussions as soon as possible on the submitted Travellers' sites at:
 - Bankside Close, Sowerby
 - Tame Bridge
 - Sutton-on-the-Forest
 - World's End, Sowerby
- (2) holding proactive discussions with local Showmen in housing need to find suitable private sites for yards, with a view to bringing them forward quickly as planning applications.

CA.16

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval to a new "Statement of Community Involvement in Planning" (SCI), which had been prepared to update the existing SCI which was adopted in March 2006 and was now out of date due to changes in plan making procedures and development management.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

The Council was required to have a Statement of Community Involvement.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to approve the "Statement of Community Improvement in Planning" for use in Planning Policy and Development Management with immediate effect.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am.

Leader of the Council

AGENDA ITEM NO:

**(CA.17 to CA.23)
Decisions taken under Cabinet
authority to take effect on 29 July 2013)**

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CA.17 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 11 June 2013 (CA.1 – CA.12), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.18 **HAMBLETON ECONOMIC PROSPERITY RESEARCH**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided information of the intention to engage consultancy input to develop a new Economic Development Study for the District that would be used to inform an Economic Development Strategy for the Council.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that as well as informing actions to improve the prosperity of the District the study would form part of the review of the Local Development Framework reassessing employment land needs for the District.

THE DECISION:

That investment of £100,000 from the one-off fund be made available to conduct an Economic Study of the District to inform the development of an Economic Development Strategy.

CA.19

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PLANS

Topcliffe, Leeming Bar and Broughton and Greenhow Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought endorsement of the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plan for Kirby Fleetham and Great Broughton and the refreshed Action Plan for Dalton.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Council's legal responsibility to ensure funding is used in a way consistent with the individual S106 Agreements.

THE DECISION:

That the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans attached at Annex B of the report be endorsed.

CA.20

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

THE DECISION:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business at minute nos CA.21 to CA.23 on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Cabinet was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

CA.21

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND AND BUILDINGS

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report asked Cabinet to agree the disposal of surplus non-operational land owned by the Council.

Alternative options considered:

Cabinet considered the proposals contained within the report and considered that further consultation was required prior to making a decision.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure that the Council was taking appropriate action in relation to assets which were now considered to be surplus.

THE DECISION:

That consultation be undertaken with Ward Members regarding the surplus assets prior to a further report being submitted to a future meeting of Cabinet.

CA.22

LOCAL LAND CHARGES GROUP LEGAL ACTION

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sets out information regarding proposed legal action from personal search companies.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the current situation regarding proposal legal action.

THE DECISION:

That offers be made to the local claimants on a basis to be agreed with Bevan Brittan as soon as possible.

CA.23

PROCUREMENT METHOD FOR ICT NETWORK

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report requested procurement rules be waived to allow the procurement of a new ICT network to be made via a mini competition based on quotations, rather than on full tender procurement exercise or purchased from a framework. The new ICT network would join together all Hambleton District Council sites such as the Leisure Centres and provide full and fast access to all business critical systems.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To minimise the risk of delaying the ICT Separation Project.

THE DECISION:

That procurement rules be waived to allow the procurement of the new ICT network to be made via a quotation based mini competition.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am.

Leader of the Council