Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held at 9.30am on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

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CA.80 **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012-2022**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of the 10 year Capital Programme covering the financial years 2012 to 2022.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure that only necessary expenditure would be incurred and that the programme could be financed from within the resources available.

THE DECISION:

That Council be asked to approve:-

- (1) the 10 year Capital Programme 2012/2022 attached at Annex A of the report; and
- (2) the Capital Programme scheme forms attached at Annex B of the report.

CA.81 10 YEAR RESERVE FUND PROGRAMME 2012- 2022

The subject of the decision:

All Wards

This report presented proposals for Reserve Fund Expenditure over the next 10 financial years in accordance 2012/13 to 2021/22 in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to approve the 10 year programme for the Cyclical Reserve.

CA.82 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 item of business at minute no CA.83 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.45am and reconvened at 11.00am.

(CA.83) Decisions to be considered by Full Council on 15 May 2012

Decisions of the reconvened meeting of the CABINET held at 11.00am on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

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Councillor

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CA.83 MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

All Wards

A report from the Leader of the Council was considered.

The subject of the decision:

Arrangements for the future senior management of the Council.

Alternative options considered:

Continue with the current senior management arrangements.

The reason for the decision:

The approved arrangements provided for the most efficient method of managing the Council in the future.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the Acting Chief Executive, Phillip Morton, be appointed as permanent Chief Executive (and Head of Paid Services) of Hambleton District Council on the basis set out in paragraph 1.2.5 of the report, subject to the matters set out in paragraph 1.2.4 of the report;
- (2) the revised Statement of Pay Policy in the Annex be adopted and the Chief Executive be authorised to make any amendments required by the matter referred to in paragraph 1.4.4 of the report;
- (3) 5 new Director posts be established on the basis set out in paragraph 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 of the report and the officers below be appointed to four of them:-
 - Sandra Walbran
 - Mick Jewitt
 - David Goodwin
 - Martyn Richards
- (4) The vacancy for the fifth Director post (including Section 151 responsibilities) be advertised and an Appointments Committee be appointed comprising three Members nominated by the Conservative Group and one Member nominated by each of the other Groups.

The meeting closed at 1.05 pm

Leader of the Council

AGENDA ITEM NO:

(CA.84 to CA.89) Decisions taken under Cabinet authority to take effect on 30 April 2012)

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held at 9.30am on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

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CA.84 HONORARY ALDERMAN DAVID MURKETT

Members observed a minute's silence as a tribute to the memory of Honorary Alderman David Murkett.

CA.85 MINUTES

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 20 March 2012 (CA.70 – CA.79), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.86 EXTENSION OF COUNCIL'S PAY PROTECTION POLICY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought a one off one year extension to pay protection at 100%, resulting in protection at 100% for the first year and the second year, before reducing to 66% in the third year, 33% in the fourth year. This extension would cover all staff whose salary had been impacted by shared services and would be back dated so as to include any staff whose pay protection had dropped from 1 January 2012. (Hambleton had 2 members of staff whose pay protection dropped to 66% in January 2012.)

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the current economic climate.

THE DECISION:

That a one off extension of one year at 100% to the pay protection arrangements be agreed.

CA.87 INVESTMENT PROGRAMME TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND REPOSSESSION 2011/12

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

Homelessness Grant from Communities and Local Government is paid each year to assist local housing authorities with the prevention and relief of homelessness. It was not a ring fenced grant, but CLG advice was that Local Authorities were expected to invest the funds in the areas intended. The confirmed allocation for Hambleton for 2012/13 is £51,050, together with an additional £30,000 grant for preventing repossession in the owner occupied sector. £81,050 will be placed in the Service Improvement Reserve.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the statutory framework of the Housing Act 1996 as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002.

THE DECISION:

That the proposed investment programme up to £81,000 set out at Annex A of the report be approved and financed from the Service Improvement Reserve.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor A W Hall declared a personal interest as the Vice-Chairman of the Hambleton and Richmondshire Citizens' Advice Bureau that had received funding.

CA.88 APPOINTMENT OF S.151 OFFICER

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought the appointment of a S.151 Officer.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the requirements of Section 151 of The Local Government Act 1972.

THE DECISION:

That Mr Phillip Morton be appointed as the Council's S.151 Officer upon the retirement of the current postholder.

CA.89 FORWARD PLAN

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of a Forward Plan of items for the period from May – August 2012. The plan would be updated as further items arose or other amendments became necessary.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Council's constitution.

THE DECISION:

That the Forward Plan for the period May to August 2012 be endorsed.

CA.90 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 item of business at minute no CA.91 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.45am and reconvened at 11.00am.

(CA.91) Decisions taken under Cabinet authority to take effect on 30 April 2012)

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CA.91 SECONDMENT AGREEMENT

All Wards

The Cabinet considered a report from the Leader. A letter from the Council's Auditors was read out at the meeting.

The subject of the decision:

A secondment arrangement for an officer of the Council.

Alternative options considered:

Two other options were considered as outlined in the report.

The reason for the decision:

Having considered all of the factors set out in the report, the preferred option was considered to be in the best interests of the Council from an operational and financial point of view.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) Option 3 as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report be approved and costs be funded from the Service Improvements Reserve; and
- (2) the power to agree the details of the arrangements be delegated to the Leader of the Council.

The meeting closed at 1.05 pm.

Leader of the Council