

**Decisions to be considered by
Full Council on 19 July 2016**

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 7th June, 2016 at
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,
STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor	P R Wilkinson	Councillor	B Phillips
	Mrs B S Fortune		S Watson

Also in Attendance

Councillor	D M Blades	Councillor	Ms C Palmer
	Mrs C S Cookman		C Patmore
	C A Dickinson		Mrs I Sanderson
	K G Hardisty		Mrs J Watson
	D Hugill		D A Webster
	J Noone		

An apology for absence was received from Councillor N A Knapton

CA.1 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING THRESHOLDS - SUPPORT FOR SMALL SCALE DEVELOPERS, CUSTOM AND SELF-BUILDERS**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided information on the Court of Appeal's decision of 11 May 2016 regarding the Ministerial Statement of November 2014, the related changes to national policy and the implications for Council decision making.

The report recommended the introduction of the Council's policy to implement a lower threshold triggering the requirement for affordable housing and tariff style contributions on sites of six or more units in 'designated rural areas'.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

The Council should ensure that it gives the appropriate weight to the Ministerial Statement in light of the Court of Appeal decision.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that the lower threshold triggering the requirement to make cash payments towards the provision of affordable housing schemes of between 6 and 10 units for those parts of the District that are Designated Rural Areas be adopted and that the change is then publicised.

CA.2 **GREEN WASTE CHARGING**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval for charging for green waste collections on an opt-in subscription basis from April 2017.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Green waste collection was a non-statutory service and making a reasonable charge was permissible under Section 45 of the Environmental Protection Act 1996.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) charging for green waste collections on an opt-in voluntary subscription basis be introduced from April 2017; and
- (2) a further report be submitted on the sum to be charged and the associated collection policies.

CA.3 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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.4 and CA.5 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.4 **HAMBLETON LEISURE CENTRE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Northallerton North and Brompton

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of a proposed option of improvements for the Hambleton Leisure Centre and sought approval for delivery of the proposed option; the appointment of a development partner to assist the process and the submission of a planning application at the relevant time.

Alternative options considered:

Alternative options considered were set out in the report.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the proposed option would improve and extend the health and fitness facilities at the Hambleton Leisure Centre.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the option to extend the centre and develop internal areas be approved and funded as described in paragraph 2 of the report;
- (2) a development partner to deliver this project be procured;
- (3) monitoring and review of project delivery be undertaken by Management Team, with regular update reports provided to Council Members; and
- (4) a planning application be submitted at the relevant time.

CA.5 **DALTON BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY SCHEME**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of various issues regarding the Dalton Bridge and Highway Scheme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of Part 4, Section 43 of The Local Government Act 2003 which covers the additional contributions and actions a local authority can undertake in connection with Business Improvement Districts.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the loan to the Dalton Businesses be a 'soft loan' as opposed to a commercial loan as previously recommended by Cabinet on 7 July 2015;
- (2) the decision as to how to finance the loan and the amount of the loan to be provided (as long as it is £1,200,000 or lower) as described in the Financial Implications Section of the report, be delegated to the Council's Head of Finance - s151 Officer;
- (3) the actions identified in Section 1.7 of the report be progressed; and

- (4) a budget of £25,000 be allocated to cover the preparation of legal agreements as identified in Section 4.5 of the report and for this to be funded from the Economic Development Fund.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

Leader of the Council