

AGENDA ITEM NO:

**(CA.31 to CA.37)
Decisions taken under Cabinet
authority to take effect on 29 October 2012)**

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30am on Tuesday 16 October 2012 at the
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor N W Huxtable (In the Chair)

Councillor R Kirk
B Phillips
M S Robson

Councillor T Swales
P R Wilkinson

Also in Attendance

Councillor P Bardon
K Billings
D M Blades
Mrs C S Cookman
Mrs B S Fortune
B Griffiths
Mrs J A Griffiths

Councillor K Hardisty
J Noone
Mrs C Patmore
M J Prest
M Rigby
Mrs M Skilbeck

CA.31 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 (CA.18 – CA.30),
previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.32 **BAGBY AIRFIELD, BAGBY – REQUEST FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

White Horse Ward

The subject of the decision:

This report contained a request from the Planning Committee for additional funding
in connection with potential enforcement action at Bagby Airfield, near Thirsk.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To enable enforcement action to be taken.

THE DECISION:

That additional expenditure of up to £34,550 be approved from the Service
Improvement Reserve for enforcement matters at Bagby Airfield, Bagby.

CA.33

GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval in principle to develop a scheme to encourage local economic growth through the provision of grants to the small and medium sized business sector in Hambleton. This would be facilitated through the provision of £100,000 as a one-off revenue fund for the scheme financed through the Service Improvement Reserve. It was noted that this scheme was directly linked to the 'Changing Lives Building Business' scheme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To provide support local economic growth.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the principle of the development of the grants scheme to assist only those firms who have taken on apprentices be supported; and
- (2) the commitment of a one-off fund of £100,000 from the Service Improvement Reserve be supported.

CA.34

TRAVELLER HOUSING NEEDS STUDY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report considered the findings of the recently published Traveller Housing Needs Study (September 2012) commissioned by the Council in May 2012 and how to respond in terms of appropriate Council action.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the findings of the study and agree an appropriate response.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the Council be asked to investigate the suitability and feasibility of extending the two public sites with residents, partners and landowners, including the financial arrangements;

- (2) discuss with partners the potential for providing a new public site with Government funding, if it proves inappropriate to extend the existing public sites; and
- (3) identify and assess options for private sites, through a call for available sites.

(Councillor R Kirk in the Chair for this item)

CA.35

FORWARD PLAN

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of a Forward Plan of items for the period from November 2012 – February 2013. The plan would be updated as further items arose or other amendments became necessary.

The Chief Executive explained that, as a result of new legislation, the Forward Plan must give 28 days notice of items that are to be discussed in confidential session. If it became apparent that there was a confidential item to discuss that had not been included, prior approval must be sought from the Chairman of Scrutiny Committee. Also, if any Key Decisions that were to be taken by Cabinet were not given more than 5 days notice, prior approval must also be sought from the Chairman of Scrutiny Committee.

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 November 2012 to February 2013 be endorsed.

CA.36

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.37 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 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.37

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AT THE CIVIC CENTRE

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report asked Cabinet to approve a proposal to licence part of the Civic Centre for use as office accommodation for another organisation.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To make efficient use of the Council's assets.

THE DECISION:

That the arrangements as set out in the report be agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.25am.

Leader of the Council