

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

Present

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B Phillips
M S Robson

Councillor T Swales
P R Wilkinson

Also in Attendance

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

Councillor R W Hudson
N Knapton
J Noone
Mrs C Patmore
J Prest
Mrs I Sanderson
Mrs M Skilbeck

CA.82

EQUALITIES POLICY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the proposed Equalities and Diversity Policy for the Council for approval.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Council's Constitution.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to approve the Equalities and Diversity Policy.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

Leader of the Council

AGENDA ITEM NO:

**(CA.83 to CA.88)
Decisions taken under Cabinet
authority to take effect on 29 April 2013)**

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CA.83 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 19 March 2013 (CA.73 – CA.81), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.84 **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 - POLICY REVIEW – BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCIL**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the final report from the Scrutiny Committee 1 on the Business Friendly Council policy review for consideration.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the findings of Scrutiny Committee 1.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the overall priority and goals of being Business Friendly be contained within the Council Plan;
- (2) a succinct Council-wide business friendly guide, a 'how to' deal with businesses be developed and training through workshops and seminars involving the business sector be embedded to ensure that all services understand how to deal with businesses effectively;
- (3) a new Hambleton Economic Development Study be undertaken in consultation with other partners, which would examine the health of the District and its towns and determine key drivers for the future;
- (4) a stand alone website to promote the local business offer in the District be developed including promoting, the District as a top class business destination (quality of life, road and rail connectivity, super fast broadband etc.); the high quality local business networks and the variety of elements of Council support on offer;
- (5) the Council's use of multiple communication channels be improved, including web and social media such as Twitter and LinkedIn to ensure better engagement with businesses;
- (6) a business contact database be established within the new website structure, utilising a LinkedIn group which will provide a channel to communicate easily with businesses on a regular basis;
- (7) regular workshops with micro-businesses be undertaken to gain input on issues affecting them and to inform the shape of Council services and develop specific micro business support building on success of the "Lunch and Learn" and "Apprentice Scheme";
- (8) local business networks be strengthened and developed by utilising local good practice and promoting knowledge exchange;
- (9) close relationships with the strategic businesses in the district through Key Account Management be developed to raise awareness of their plans and needs;
- (10) an online Contracts Register & local register of interest be developed to better enable local businesses to compete for Council business; ensuring the system is easily accessible and makes sense to the end user;
- (11) there is better promotion of the opportunities available to do business with the Council and undertake procurement in a manner which allows smaller businesses to be able to better compete for elements of Council business such as procuring in smaller lots or packages.
- (12) support to businesses new to Council tendering be provided to assist them with the form filling etc. as required.

CA.85

CAPITAL 2012/13 MONITORING REPORT – LATEST POSITION

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided the latest update, as at 25 March 2013, on the progress of the Capital Programme 2012/13. A full schedule of schemes was shown in Annex A of the report, together with a relevant update on the progress of each scheme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To monitor the Capital Programme and ensure that it is being delivered.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the position to date against the Capital Programme for 2012/13 be noted; and
- (2) the Capital Outturn 2012/13 be presented to the July meeting of Cabinet.

CA.86

INGS LANE TRAVELLERS' SITE – ACTION PLAN

Broughton & Greenhow Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report set out a plan to deal with the existing unauthorised developments at Ings Lane and to stop new breaches involving residential uses in order to prevent circumstances with the site becoming worse. A plan of the site was included as Annex 1 of the report.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the proposed course of action would protect the Council's position regarding any future breaches of planning control.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the proposed strategy at Annex 2 of the report for dealing with current and apprehended breaches of planning control at Ings Lane be approved;
- (2) the Council applies to the Court for an injunction to prevent unauthorised residential uses on the areas identified in the strategy;

- (3) £25,000 be allocated for implementing actions 1 to 3 in the strategy from the "one-off" fund.

CA.87

ARTICLE 4 DIRECTIONS - EASINGWOLD AND NORTHALLERTON

Easingwold and Northallerton Broomfield Wards

The subject of the decision:

A report to Cabinet on 12 February 2013 recommended the making of two Article 4(1) Directions to remove permitted development rights in areas of Spring Street and Uppleby in Easingwold and South Parade, Hatfield Road, Thirsk Road, Boston Avenue and Grammar School Lane in Northallerton. This report sought consideration of the representations made and whether to confirm the Directions.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2010.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the two Article 4(1) Directions for the areas defined at Annex A of the report in Easingwold and Northallerton be confirmed to remove permitted development rights on elevations fronting a highway, waterway or public open space; and
- (2) the Secretary of State, occupiers and owners of dwellinghouses in the area covered by the Direction be notified in accordance with the regulations.

CA.88

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PLANS

Tollerton Ward

The subject of the decision:

This report sought endorsement of the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plan for Alne.

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 Plan attached at Annex B of the be report be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

Leader of the Council