



Executive Committee

16th September 2009

Notice of Decisions

Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors P Anderson, J Brunner, B Clayton, W Hartnett, N Hicks and M Shurmer

Officers:

R Cooke, M Davidson, I Gregory, L Hadley, S Hanley, R Kindon, T Kristunas, S Mullins, I Ranford, Jackie Smith, Jane Smith, J Staniland and P Wilkins

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor MacMillan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that the following item of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan had been re-scheduled to a later meeting:

- Business Centres Review – Terms of Reference

She also advised that she had accepted the following matters as Urgent Business:

Item 14 – Advisory panels – Update Report

Item 17 – Development Opportunities – Dingleside and Ipsley

4. WORCESTERSHIRE ENHANCED TWO TIER PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

5. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

6. COMPLAINTS POLICY - REVIEW

RECOMMENDED that

the Complaints Policy be amended so that 'Informal Complaints' are removed at Stage One of the Complaints Policy.

(Members suggested that a clear explanation of the entire Complaints Procedure be included in the initial response sent to any complainant).

7. REDDITCH TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the Town Centre Strategy as detailed in Appendix A to the report be endorsed; and**

RESOLVED that

- 2) Officers be instructed to work on projects associated with implementing the Town Centre Strategy**

8. DECENT HOMES CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND HOUSING ROOFING REPAIRS

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) approval be given for the reallocation of £200,000 funding from the Decent Homes capital budget to commence a programme of essential roof replacements;**
- 2) £50,000 additional revenue funding for roofing repairs be approved from the HRA reserve for this year 2009/10 and 2010/11; and**

RESOLVED that, if approved,

- 3) approval be given to incur up to the expenditure detailed in 1) above, in accordance with Standing Order 41; and
- 4) the contents of the report relating to budget spend for Year 2 of the programme (2008/9) and budget and programme of works for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 be noted.

9. REDDITCH CREMATORIUM - CREMATOR REPLACEMENT AND BUILDING UPGRADES

RESOLVED that,

subject to the necessary budgetary approvals of the full Council, as detailed at recommendations 6) and 7) below,

- 1) a programme of replacement of and installation of one new cremator, complete with mercury abatement equipment, at a current cost in the region of £575,000, be carried out;
- 2) a programme of civil works be undertaken to improve the public and staff areas of the crematorium buildings, at a cost of £380,000;
- 3) a defined study be carried out in relation to energy recovery and re-use for both internal and external purposes;
- 4) specialist and technical support be employed to assist the Bereavement Services Manager with the management and implementation of this project, at a cost of £32,500;
- 5) expenditure of up to the total sum approved by the Council, for the purposes defined in the report, be approved in accordance with Standing Order 41; and

RECOMMENDED that

- 6) the Council, if it is established that it is economically viable to recover waste energy and to re-use it for internal and external purposes, implement the recommended programmes for such re-use. Initial research indicates that internal re-use will be

economically viable so a sum of £70,000 has been included in the Capital Programme for this aspect of the project.

- 7) up to £757,500 be allocated from the Capital Programme for the purposes indicated in the report; and
- 8) the Capital Programme be amended accordingly.

10. REDDITCH OPEN AIR MARKET - REGULATIONS 2009/10

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) authority be delegated to the Head of Operations in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to agree the adoption date for the revised Market Regulations;
- 2) authority be delegated to the Head of Operations in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to make minor alterations or amendments to the Regulations for the operational benefit of the Market and its Traders; and
- 3) authority be delegated to the Head of Operations in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to finalise the hours of operation and any other relevant rules in the (document) following consideration of the planning application by the Planning Committee.

11. ARROW VALLEY COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE - INSTALLATION OF BUS STOP

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) approval be given for the allocation of the sum of £10,245.00 for the provision of a bus stop and connecting footpath from Battens Drive to Arrow Valley Countryside Centre within the Capital Programme; and

RESOLVED that, if approved,

- 2) approval be given to incur up to the expenditure detailed above, in accordance with Standing Order 41.

(Members asked that due recognition be paid to other Councillors, including Councillors Thomas and Pearce, in facilitating the installation of this amenity).

12. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no minutes from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider.

13. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS, NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS ETC.

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

14. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

15. ACTION MONITORING

Members considered the report on the work of the Executive Committee's Advisory Panels and similar bodies.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that

under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.

Dingleside and Ipsley – Development Opportunities (as detailed in Decision 17 below)

Shared Services Business Case – CCTV / Lifeline (as detailed in Decision 18 below)

Shared Services Business Case – ICT Services (as detailed in Decision 19 below)

17. DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES - DINGLESIDE AND IPSLEY

(A Member requested that the advice from the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services that Members who were on both the Executive and Planning Committees would not be at risk of being conflicted out on grounds of predetermination as the issue at hand at this stage was merely one of declaring land surplus and authorising disposal be placed on record.)

(During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to provisional terms of land disposals under negotiation, disclosure of which was not considered to be in the public's best interests.)

18. SHARED SERVICES BUSINESS CASE - CCTV / LIFELINE

(During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to an individual or which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual, the business affairs of the authority and contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relations matters between the authority and employees of the authority, disclosure of which was not considered to be in the public's best interests.)

19. SHARED SERVICES BUSINESS CASE - ICT

(Officers undertook to provide a response to a question from Councillor Anderson regarding the installation of fibre-optic cabling and whether this was still planned under the shared service.

It was noted that further work was to be carried out through the Shared Services Board into the savings that could be achieved through the sharing of this service through software licences, re-use of office space, etc.)

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The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 10.11 pm