

Executive Committee

28th October 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

Also Present

Councillor P Mould (Chair – Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Officers:

K Dicks, S Hanley, A Heighway, E Hopkins, T Kristunas, S Mullins, J Staniland, L Tompkin and A Walsh

Committee Services Officer:

D Sunman

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor C MacMillan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that the following items of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this meeting, had been rescheduled to a later meeting:

- Business Centre Review
- Easemore Road Community House – Options Appraisal
- Dial-a-Ride Business Case Review
- Feasibility Study – Garden Waste Collection
- Shopmobility Business Case Review
- Joint Worcestershire Scrutiny into Flooding Task and Finish Group Recommendations
- Redditch Borough Council Establishment

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Chair

- Equalities Mapping

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 16th and 22nd September 2009 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

5. BUDGET PREPARATION GUIDELINES AND TIMETABLE

RECOMMENDED that

the proposed Budget Preparation Guidelines and timetable, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

(Officers were requested to add briefings for Shadow Portfolio Holders to the timetable at similar timescales to those for Portfolio Holders.)

6. WEST MIDLANDS BIODIVERSITY PLEDGE

RECOMMENDED that

Redditch Borough Council sign the West Midlands Biodiversity Pledge to assist in meeting its duties under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC) 2006.

(A Member requested that Council be recommended to support the 10:10 initiative to reduce carbon emissions by 10% by the end of 2010. The Chair replied that although she agreed that there was support in principle for the initiative, a final decision would not be made until further information, in the form of a report to this Committee, had been made.)

7. CORPORATE PLAN - PHASE 1

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) **the Vision and Priorities, detailed in paragraph 5.6 of the report, be adopted namely;**
 - a) ***Vision - an enterprising community which is safe, clean and green.***

b) **Priorities**

- i) ***Enterprising Community*** which is defined as a vibrant and vital Borough where its population is well educated, has high skill levels and is healthy and fit. Housing is excellent and varied and the community is served by a prosperous town centre and has access to first class leisure facilities. The Council's voice is influential and respected by residents, partners, other governmental agencies and suppliers. The Town's economy provides sufficient high quality jobs for residents with good levels of pay and reward.
- ii) ***Safe*** – the Council will work in partnership with other agencies through the Redditch Community Safety Partnership to reduce crime and disorder. The Council will identify key projects to build community confidence and allow residents and visitors to be safe and feel safe.
- iii) ***Clean and Green*** – to develop attractive open spaces, taking enforcement action against littering, fly tipping and other behaviour detrimental to the environment where appropriate and supporting measures to tackle climate change.

The above three priorities to be underpinned by:

Well Managed Organisation – in order to deliver efficient and effective services and achieve the Council's priorities and outcomes, the Council needs to be a well managed organisation.

- 2) **the revised Corporate Performance Indicators, attached at Appendix 2 of the report ; be adopted and**
- 3) **the revised values, as set out in paragraph 5.8 and shown below, be adopted.**
 - a) *we place a value in **Partnership working**, ensuring that these partnerships add value to service delivery*

and provide Redditch with a strong voice both locally and regionally.

- b) *we are **Fair** in the decisions that we make. We value probity and fairness and strive to understand the needs of all communities, embracing a diverse range of needs and showing respect at all times.*
- c) *we are **Responsive and Accountable**. We believe in customer focus and aim to deliver a standard of service that our customers require whilst being open and honest about the decisions we make. We aim to achieve greater value for money through smarter practices and new technology.*
- d) *we value feedback through **Communication and Consultation**. We listen and act appropriately, and will enable and provide support for people to become involved in the services we deliver.'*

8. INTRODUCTORY TENANCIES

RECOMMENDED that

the Council adopts the use of Introductory Tenancies for all new tenants with effect from January 2010.

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

- 1) **the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 23rd September and 1st October 2009 be noted; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 2)
 - a) **the proposed policy for the Award of contracts to Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations not be approved; and**
 - b) **the Policy for Funding of Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations, which was approved by full Council on 22nd June 2009, remain unchanged.**

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(The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee attended to clarify the intentions of that Committee.)

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

There were no Minutes of Referrals for discussion.

11. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

(Members were advised that meetings of the Constitutional Review Working Party and the Member Development Steering Group would be arranged in November.)

12. ACTION MONITORING

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

(Officers were asked to include all minuted actions in the report.)

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 8.30 pm