

Executive Committee

9th December 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, C MacMillan and M Shurmer

Officers:

J Bough, K Cook, K Dicks, S Hanley, A Heighway, T Kristunas, A Marklew, S Morgan, S Mullins, G Revans, Head of Environment and K Watkins

Committee Services Officer:

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195. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

196. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Anderson and B Clayton declared personal and prejudicial interests in Item 6 (Voluntary Sector Grant Applications 2009/10) as detailed separately at Minute 200 below.

197. 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 either earlier or later meetings of the Executive Committee:

- Former Covered Market;
- Easemore Road – Community House – Options Appraisal;
- Annual Monitoring Report;
- Shopmobility – Business Case Review;
- Dial-a-Ride – Business Case Review;
- Single Equalities Scheme;
- Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier Programme;
- Council Tax and Business Rate Recovery Policy; and

- Procurement Strategy and Corporate Procedure Rules

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

Item 7 – Opt-in Chargeable Garden Waste Collection – Business Case

Item 9 – Fees and Charges 2010/11

198. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18th November 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

199. TENANT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY 2009-12

RECOMMENDED that

the Tenant Involvement Strategy and Action Plan be implemented.

200. VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT APPLICATIONS 2009/10

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the budget for grants to voluntary sector organisations for 2010/11 be set at £244,800;**
- 2) the Grants Support Officer post role be enhanced to a full time post to provide support and strategic focus on the voluntary sector, and the associated costs arising from the development of this post be approved;**

and RESOLVED that

- 3) grants be awarded to voluntary sector organisations as detailed below;**

Organisation	Amount Requested	Details of Project
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Redditch Chinese Association	£2,000	To support the Chinese New Year Celebration in February 2010
Sandycroft Wellbeing Centre	£1,742	To support the development of a nutrition awareness program which is tailored towards the diets of the BME community
Polish Community	£2,000	To teach Polish children to learn Polish dancing , enabling them to perform and bring the generations and cultures together
West Indian Society	£2,000	Provision of luncheon club, social activities, exercise and health living for people over the age of 50, primarily of African and Caribbean descent.
<i>Caribbean Roots</i>	<i>£2,000</i>	<i>To enhance the Celebration of Black History Month celebrations</i>
Rainbow Redditch	£1,000	To hold a Mardi Gras event for LGBT history month in February 2010
Romani Roots	£2,000	The grant would support the launch of the POD. The POD is an interactive computer pod which will have details of local history, local communities/groups/organisations, and individuals of note within the community in the past and present.
British Asian Women's Group	£2,000	To provide local women with an arena to experience aspects of the British way of life and promote values such as good health and cultural education.

- 4) **authority be delegated to the Head of Strategy & Partnerships to withdraw grant funding to Rainbow Redditch should the full funding not be obtained to complete the project; and**
- 5) **the 'core funded' organisations be requested to complete a grant application for 2010/11 at a level not exceeding their current level of grant funding.**

(Prior to consideration of this item, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillors Anderson (Play Council) and Clayton (Citizen's Advice Bureau) declared personal and prejudicial interests in view of their involvement in local third sector organisations and withdrew from the meeting.)

201. 'OPT-IN' CHARGEABLE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION - BUSINESS CASE - AMENDED VERSION

RECOMMENDED that:

- 1) the Council introduce a pilot chargeable 'opt-in' garden waste collection service in targeted areas of the Borough during the first half of 2010;**
- 2) depending on the outcomes and evaluation of the pilot, including financial implications, the effect on performance, publicity requirements, administration and environmental and operational impacts, the service be rolled out across the Borough during 2011/12;**
- 3) the pilot be carried out in the areas identified in the business case and that decisions on any additions or amendments to these areas be delegated to the Head of Environment in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Local Environment and Health;**
- 4) the service standard for the collection of garden waste (Appendix B to the report to the Committee) be adopted;**
- 5) the preferred option for the service, Option Two at a customer charge of £35.00 as detailed in the Business Case at Appendix A to the report to the Committee, be agreed;**
- 6) bins be provided free of charge;**
- 7) the Council's current collection policy relating to garden waste in grey bins be amended to coincide with the start of the new service to discourage garden waste being placed in grey bins;**
- 8) the Council's current collection policy relating to the sale of orange sacks continue unaffected in the pilot areas but that residents purchasing orange sacks who**

live in the pilot areas will be provided with information about the new service, home composting and what happens to waste disposed of in orange sacks;

- 9) the orange sack policy be further considered as part of the evaluation of the pilot and the update report to Members; and

RESOLVED that

- 10) an update report on the pilot service and recommendations for the roll out or cessation of the service be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee during 2010/11.

202. FECKENHAM ALLOTMENTS

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) a grant of £5,000 be made to Feckenham Parish Council / Feckenham Village Green Trust towards the purchase of the Feckenham Allotment Site; and

RESOLVED that

- 2) authority be delegated to the Head of Environment and the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services to negotiate the terms under which the grant is given; and
- 3) permission be given to vire £5,000 from existing Environment Services budgets as detailed at paragraph 3.2 to fund the grant payment.

203. FEES AND CHARGES 2010/11

RESOLVED that

- 1) other than in cases where:-
 - a) fees or charges are statutory;
 - b) fees and charges are set externally (for example under the Model Scheme of Charges for Building Control fees & charges);

- c) the Council has delegated authority for Officers to vary fees and charges to take account of various circumstances; or
- d) fees and charges are established under separate processes, for example the setting of Taxi Fares, or service charges set to recover actual costs

the proposed fees and charges for 2010/11, where for each Service area/Directorate they achieve an overall increase of at least 2% in income budgets and the fees and charges proposals have been agreed with the relevant Portfolio Holders, the proposed fees and charges for 2010/11, as listed in the appendices to the report, be approved; and

RECOMMENDED that

- 2) in cases where fees and charges for 2010/11 have not been increased by an overall 2% as detailed in Appendix H attached to the report, the proposed fees and charges for 2010/11, as listed in the appendices to the report, be approved; and
- 3) in the case of the Home Support Service detailed in Appendix F, it be **RESOLVED** that

the charge for the service be increased by 2%, as per the budget preparation guidelines, to £10.50 per week.

(Officers advised that the Fees and Charges detailed on pages 125-126 of the report to the Committee should be deleted as the Council was no longer able to charge for these services and that the figure for garage rents on page 131 of the report was inclusive of VAT.

Officers undertook to get back to Councillor Hartnett with information regarding the fees levied for Magnets and DVLA enquiries (Taxi Licensing) on page 116.)

**204. CHURCH HILL DISTRICT CENTRE - REDEVELOPMENT
UPDATE**

RESOLVED that

the selection of three parties to progress to stage 2, as detailed at Appendix A of the Report to Council, be approved.

205. REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENT

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

206. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4th November 2009 be noted.

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

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

208. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

209. ACTION MONITORING

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

210. 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 matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.

Options for Future Delivery of the Community Centre Service (as detailed at Minute 211 below);

211. COMMUNITY CENTRE SERVICE - OPTIONS FOR FUTURE DELIVERY

(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 contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relation matters arising between the authority and employees of the authority.)

The Meeting commenced at 7.02 pm
and closed at 8.46 pm