



Executive Committee

10th November 2010

Notice of Decisions

Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Juliet Brunner, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Malcolm Hall, Gay Hopkins, Jinny Pearce and Debbie Taylor

Also Present

Councillors Anita Clayton, Roger Hill, Robin King and Derek Taylor

Officers:

H Bennett, C Felton, R Griffin, H Halls, S Hanley, A Heighway, C John, J Pickering and C Wilson

Committee Services Officer:

D Sunman

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader advised that she had accepted the following matter as Urgent Business:

- Item 7 – Review of Dial a Ride – Referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20th October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. BUDGET UPDATE 2011/12 - PRESENTATION

RESOLVED

that the update on the budget for 2011/12 be noted.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

RESOLVED that

- 1) the report be noted;
- 2) an annual report be made to the Executive Committee on energy savings, linking into the budget building process; and

RECOMMENDED that

- 3) the Climate Change Strategy, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted;
- 4) 100% of the savings from the Salix project be reinvested into further climate change work; and
- 5) a policy be approved for insertion in both the Planning Core Strategy and Climate Change Strategy whereby:
“for any new developments that the Council undertakes, for example when building a new public leisure centre, consideration of whole life costs of the building are considered and, as part of this, all new public buildings should aim to exceed the nationally set BREEAM standard.”

(An amendment to the recommendations was proposed, seconded and defeated.)

7. REVIEW OF DIAL A RIDE SERVICE

RESOLVED that

- 1) subject to any budget setting considerations, the Council continue to deliver the Dial a Ride service;
- 2) expenditure of up to an amount of any capital funding agreed in due course by the Council be approved in accordance with Standing Order 41, for the purposes defined in the Dial a Ride – Review report; and

RECOMMENDED that

- 3) there be an increase in concessionary rate fees for use of the service from £1.05 to £1.50, subject to review in 12 month's time from 2011;
- 4) capital investment for fleet replacement be included in the Capital Replacement Programme, and that a full business case be developed exploring the options for the continuing use of the existing fleet;
- 5) the possibility of closer working with Bromsgrove District Council, regarding the Bromsgrove Urban and Rural Transport (BURT) service, be assessed in respect of potential cost saving opportunities for both Councils; and
- 6) further opportunities for additional types of provision, which would include the hire of vehicles to community groups, registering for contracts with Worcestershire County Council and having the option to have a mixed fleet of vehicles, be investigated.

8. SCHEME OF DELEGATION: LAND DRAINAGE ENFORCEMENT

RESOLVED that

the Council revise, within budget, the limits in the current Scheme of Delegation in respect of Land Drainage enforcement to £10,000 per occurrence in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Head of Service.

9. SHARED SERVICES BOARD

RESOLVED that

the notes of the meeting of the Shared Services Board held on 14th October be noted.

(The Deputy Chief Executive clarified the situation regarding e-mail addresses for Members and Officers mentioned in the notes.)

10. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(Meetings of the Housing Advisory and Planning Advisory Panels had been arranged for the last week in November. It was noted that Councillor Chance had been appointed as Chair of the Grants Panel.)

11. ACTION MONITORING

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

(Officers were asked to provide sickness and vacancy information to future meetings of the Committee.)

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 8.40 pm