

# **Executive Committee**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009

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## **Notice of Decisions**

### **Present:**

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

### **Also Present**

M Collins (Vice-Chair, Standards Committee)

### **Officers:**

K Dicks, S Garratt, S Hanley, A Heighway, T Kristunas, S Mullins, Jackie Smith, J Staniland, A Walsh, K Watkins and D Taylor

### **Committee Services Officer:**

D Sunman

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Hicks.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Item 6 – Quarterly Performance Monitoring – Quarter 1 (April – June 2009)

Item 7 – Quarterly Monitoring of Formal Complaints – Quarter 1 (April – June 2009)

Item 8 – Abbey Stadium Sports Centre

#### **4. BENEFITS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN - QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT**

### **RESOLVED that**

- 1) the report be noted; and**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 2) **£15,000 be allocated from General Fund balances in 2009/10 to provide additional resources within the Benefits Service, as recommended by the Performance Development Team (PDT), to improve the recovery of over-allowed Housing Benefit; and**
- 3) **the cost of an additional post for this purpose be included in the base budget from 1 April 2010.**

(Officers were requested to provide a supply of leaflets regarding claims for benefits for the Roadshows. Officers were also requested to prepare a press release regarding claims for benefit highlighting the calculator on the Council's website for those affected by the current economic climate.)

**5. QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING - APRIL TO JUNE QUARTER**

**RESOLVED that**

the report be noted.

**6. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING, QUARTER 1, APRIL 2009 - JUNE 2009**

**RESOLVED that**

the update on key performance indicators for the period April to June 2009 be noted.

(Officers were asked to change the order of columns in the Corporate Performance Exception Report relating to current information. Information on Recovery Plans and the pilot project on Smart Cards for Concessionary Fares to be circulated with the minutes.)

**7. QUARTERLY MONITORING OF FORMAL COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS - QUARTER 1, APRIL-JUNE 2009**

**RESOLVED that**

the update on complaints and compliments for the period April to June 2009 be noted.

**8. ABBEY STADIUM SPORTS CENTRE**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the scheme as detailed in the present report be approved in its entirety and that Officers be authorised to progress it to completion, subject to reporting to Members at appropriate 'milestone' stages;**
- 2) the Council allocate funding, as detailed in the confidential Appendix to the report, to provide a new swimming pool and to sustain the current Abbey Stadium facility for a period of at least ten years; this approval to include the release of the consultants' fees detailed in the report as being necessary to progress the scheme; and**
- 3) the Capital Programme be amended accordingly and revenue implications noted/approved; and**

**RESOLVED that**

- 4) expenditure of up to the sum allocated by the Council for the purposes stated in the report be approved in accordance with Standing Order 41.**

(During 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 further debate on the grounds that information would be revealed which would significantly affect the Council's ability to achieve the best solutions for the Borough in relation to the Abbey Stadium redevelopment.

There is nothing exempt, however, in this record of the proceedings.)

**9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 be received and noted.**

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

There were no minutes of referrals under this item.

11. 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 paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.

Abbey Stadium Sports Centre – (as detailed in Decision 8 above)

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 9.15 pm