

## **Committee**

3rd February 2010

# 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:

R Bamford, B Barr, M Bough, C Flanagan, H Halls, S Hanley, J Homer, R Kindon and T Kristunas

#### **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 Chair advised that she had accepted the following matter as urgent business:

Item 7 – Initial Estimates 2010/11 and Forecasts for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

# 4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - OFFICE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

#### **RECOMMENDED** that

the Office Needs Assessment, as attached as Appendix A to the report, be endorsed as part of the Council's Local Development Framework Evidence Base.

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#### 5. WATER QUALITY REPORT

#### **RECOMMENDED** that

- 1) the policy in relation to water quality in Council-owned and managed buildings, as included at Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted; and
- 2) the Council's Insurers be sent a copy of the Water Quality Policy for comment.
- 6. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

#### RECOMMENDED that

the Private Sector Housing Strategy, as included at Appendix A to the report, be adopted.

7. INITIAL ESTIMATES 2010/11 AND FORECASTS FOR 2011/12 AND 2012/13

#### **RECOMMENDED** that

- 1) the Initial Estimates for 2010/11 be approved;
- 2) the Revenue Bids categorised as unavoidable and high detailed in Appendix 14 be approved, as follows:

2010/11	£279,210
2011/12	£ 98,210
2012/13	£ 97,210

3) The General Fund bids for capital resources categorised as high set out in Appendix 15 be approved, as follows:

2010/11	£325,000
2011/12	£165,000
2012/13	£845,000;

together with the associated revenue implications as follows:

2010/11	£ 6,500
2011/12	£54,200
2012/13	£96,400

Future years £188,800;

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- 4) the proposal for how the Further Support for Town Centre Grant is utilised as set out in Appendix 18 be approved;
- 5) the bids as recommended by Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved as follows:
  - a) 2nd December 2009 Redditch Matters to be published quarterly. Cost of an additional edition £6,000;
- 6) the bid for Church Hill District Centre Redevelopment for £60,000 2010/11 which was approved in principle at Council on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009, be approved;
- 7) that any Direct Action Enforcement expenditure be funded from balances, pending recovery from the third party, and officers report back to Members on the success of any recovery action;
- 8) that any bids not approved at this stage be brought back to this Committee for reconsideration once the outturn position for 2009/10 is known and
- 9) the bid of £6,000 for the repair and maintenance of street lighting be included in the Initial Estimates 2010/11.

(Officers to write, in the first instance, to Worcestershire County Council highlighting the increasing pressure on the Council's budgets for staff pensions.)

8. FORMER COVERED MARKET - INITIAL OPTIONS APPRAISAL

#### **RESOLVED** that

- the site be declared surplus to the Council's requirements;
- 2) Property Services, in conjunction with Planning Services, be authorised to work up a development brief to be reported to a future Executive Committee meeting; and
- 3) the Property Services Manager be authorised to secure any short term interim uses of the former covered market area that would generate income, subject to

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planning considerations and in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.

#### 9. CORPORATE SICKNESS STATISTICS

#### **RESOLVED** that

- 1) the statistics be noted; and
- 2) the programme outlined in the report to reduce sickness absence be approved.

(Officers were asked to provide Councillor Hartnett with information regarding the SLA with Worcestershire County Council for the provision of Occupational Health services.)

The Meeting commenced at 7pm and closed at 8.50pm