

Executive Committee

Wednesday, 19 November 2008

Notice of Decisions

Present:

Councillor Michael Braley (Chair) and Councillors P Anderson, J Brunner, B Clayton, M Hall and C MacMillan

Also Present

Councillor K Banks and Mrs D Andrews (Chair, Standards Committee) and Mr M Collins (Vice-Chair, Standards Committee)

Officers:

T Horne, G Revans, H Halls, S Hanley, S Mullins, R Kindon, A Heighway and K Dicks

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

134. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Gandy.

135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

136. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following items of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this meeting, had been re-scheduled to a later meeting:

- Church Green Improvements; and
- Future Development of Waste Services and review of Joint Municipal Waste Strategy

The Chair also advised that he had accepted the following matter as Urgent Business:

Item 12 – Virement Request

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Chair

137. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

138. HACKNEY CARRIAGE - FARE TARIFF RATES

RESOLVED that

- 1) there be an increase in the Hackney Carriage tariff in line with the current average of Inflation Indices as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report and an increase in the charge for fouling the vehicle from £50.00 to £75.00 as detailed in paragraph 5.3 of the report and advertised as required under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 2) authority be delegated to the Director of Environment and Planning, in consultation with the Chair of the Executive Committee:**
 - (i) to consider any objections received, following public advertisement;**
 - (ii) to modify the tariff or confirm the tariff unmodified, as appropriate; and**
 - (iii) to set a date when the tariff shall come into operation in line with the statutory requirements as set out in paragraph 3.4;**

139. REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS - PREFERRED PARTNERS REVIEW

RECOMMENDED that

the Council end both Affordable Housing Development Partnerships and complete a new Partner Selection competition for Council owned land and Section 106 / Windfall development.

140. PROPERTY ACCREDITATION SCHEME

RECOMMENDED that

the Redditch Property Accreditation Scheme as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, be implemented.

141. CLIMATE CHANGE - KEY ISSUES FOR THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED that:

- 1) the key issues and obligations for the authority be noted, all as detailed throughout the report; and**
- 2) subject to the Council's eventual agreement to the budgetary and policy implications (see final recommendation below – budget to be considered during the Revenue Bids round), that**
- 3) subject to Bromsgrove District Council's agreement to jointly funding a post, officers submit a revenue bid for £25,000 to resource 50% of a new post to coordinate Climate Change and additional promotional budget for wider activity centred on Climate Change adaptation and mitigation awareness;**
- 4) a percentage of savings made as a result of Climate Change initiatives be (via "Spend to Save") are re-invested in further Climate Change activity, and that Officers investigate a mechanism for achieving and measuring this, and that authority is delegated to the Acting Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Planning; Head of Financial Services and the Head of Environment;**
- 5) a project management plan be finalised and implemented including the setting up of a corporate Officer Working Group, reporting to the Corporate Management Team and the Environmental Advisory Panel/Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport to ensure that actions are developed and implemented; implement during 2009/10;**
- 6) corporate and service plans make clear reference to Climate Change, including actions such as those detailed in Appendix B to the report; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 7) the budgetary and policy implications be approved in principle only at this stage, subject to consideration of a Revenue Bid in the appropriate cycle of meetings.**

(Officers offered to provide a comprehensive definition of NI 186 to Members following the meeting).

142. REDDITCH STREET MARKET - STALL DISCOUNTS

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) traders new to Redditch Market be entitled to an introductory stall hire fee as detailed in Appendix A to the report;**
- 2) Redditch Market stalls that have not been allocated by 08:30am on the day of trading may be allocated to licensed traders as detailed in Appendix B of this report;**
- 3) authority be delegated to the Head of Operations to apply discounts to Redditch Market stall fees in cases where significant disruption to trading is experienced, up to a maximum of 50% of the otherwise applicable fee; and**
- 4) authority be delegated to the Head of Operations to allocate up to two stalls per day free of charge to charitable / not for profit organisations when stalls are not required by licensed or casual traders.**

(Officers were invited to come forward with further suggestions as to how the vitality of the Market might be improved, such as through the re-introduction of the French Market, etc.).

143. REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN - PHASE 1

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the Vision and Priorities set out in paragraph 5.6 of this report be adopted;**
- 2) the revised corporate basket of performance indicators attached to this report at Appendix 2 be adopted; and**
- 3) Members consider revising the current values as set out in the Corporate Plan (2007-2010).**

(Members undertook to consider revisions to the current values as set out in the Corporate Plan prior to the end of March 2009).

144. WEST MERCIA POLICE - REQUEST TO OCCUPY WINYATES OFFICE

RESOLVED that

the Property Services Manager be authorised to negotiate a rent with the Police detailed as Option (B) in Confidential Appendix 1.

(In view of the fact that the report contained information relating to the provisional terms of land disposal under negotiation, part of this discussion took place after the exclusion of the press and public. There is nothing exempt, however, in this record of the proceedings.)

145. VIREMENT REQUEST - PLACE SURVEY 2008

RESOLVED that

up to £15,000 be vired from budget 0782 3000 (salary savings on vacant post) to a new budget for the purpose of funding Redditch Borough Council's proportion of the Place Survey 2008.

(This report had been accepted as a matter of Urgent Business – not on the Forward Plan for this meeting – and was considered at the meeting as such, with the approval of the Chair, in accordance with the Council's constitutional rules and the powers vested in the Chair by virtue of Section 100 (B) (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to agree to matters of urgency being discussed by reason of special circumstances.

In this case the special circumstances were that the information was required to be considered at the present meeting in order that the approval might be given to this course of action prior to the virement taking place).

146. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 October 2008 be received and noted.

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

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

148. FEES AND CHARGES SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meetings of the Fees and Charges Sub-Committee held on 29 September and 14 October 2008 be received and noted.

149. ADVISORY PANELS, WORKING GROUPS ETC. - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED that

subject to Members' comments, the reports and updates be noted.

150. ACTION MONITORING

Members noted the Action Monitoring sheet.

151. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that

- 1) 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 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.**

West Mercia Police – Request to Occupy Winyates Office (as detailed at Minute 144 above); and

- 2) non-Members, Mrs Andrews and Mr Collins, be permitted to remain.**

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The Meeting commenced at 7.01pm
and closed at 8.21pm

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Chair