

Executive Committee

20th October 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 Andrew Brazier

Officers:

M Bough, K Dicks, H Halls, S Hanley, S Horrobin, G Revans, A de Warr and L Williams

Committee Services Officer:

S Skinner

92. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

94. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Item 5 – Council Plan – Council Plan – Part 1
- Item 7 – Garden Waste – Supplementary Referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Item 11 – Joint Committee for Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier Regulatory Service (WETT) - Referral.

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Chair

95. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th September 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

96. COUNCIL PLAN - PART 1

RECOMMENDED that

the Vision and priorities, as set out in Appendix 1 (Paragraphs 6.1 – 6.6) of the report, be reconfirmed and the focus for the forthcoming budget round, in line with the analysis of the Council's national, regional and local context, be approved.

97. CUSTOMER FEEDBACK POLICY

RECOMMENDED that

the Customer Feedback Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

98. GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE - OUTCOMES OF TRIAL

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) subject to a publicity and consultation exercise to seek customer response on likely take up and viability of the scheme before rolling out the service further; and further report back to the Committee in due course,

Option D, as detailed at Paragraph 5.4 of the report, be the preferred option for the future of the garden waste collection service, namely:

'Stop trial in East and increase West trial to cover 10,000 properties (figures based on 10% take up)'; and

RESOLVED that

- 2) Members note the outcomes of the trial garden waste collection service to date, as detailed in the report.

(Members received a supplementary report which detailed the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's view that the service should not proceed further.

Executive Committee Members did not support this view but did amend Officers' original recommendations, as now detailed above.

The Committee indicated that, if take up was likely to be less than 10%, the service would not be sustainable; but if more than 10% could be achieved, options should be considered for a wider roll-out to areas which might benefit from the service.

It was agreed that the issue of further capital investment in equipment / bins etc. should therefore await further Committee decision. Similarly, in view of Members' revised recommendations, the possibility of sharing such a service with Bromsgrove DC would now also be considered as part of a further report.)

99. HOME REPAIRS ASSISTANCE POLICY

RECOMMENDED that

the Home Repairs Assistance Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

100. REGIONAL HOUSING POT GRANT - PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) up to £30,000 of the Regional Housing Pot be transferred to the 2010/11 Capital Programme for loans to landlords of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's); and**

RESOLVED that

- 2) up to £10,000 of the Regional Housing Pot be used for the purchase of appropriate management software for the Private Sector Housing Team;**
- 3) up to £50,000 of the Regional Housing Pot be used for the following strategic housing research & intelligence projects including:**
 - Private Sector Stock Condition report;**
 - Strategic Housing Market Assessment;**
 - Worcestershire Housing Strategy;**

- **Worcestershire Local Investment Plan; and**
- 4) **expenditure of up to the sum agreed by the Council at 1) above be approved in accordance with Standing Order 41, for the purposes defined in the report.**

101. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15th and 21st September 2010 be received and noted.

(The Committee noted that two recommended items had already been dealt with at earlier meetings of the Executive Committee.)

102. JOINT COMMITTEE FOR WORCESTERSHIRE ENHANCED TWO TIER REGULATORY SERVICE - REFERRAL

RECOMMENDED that

the Council adopt the proposed fees and charges for private water supplies as follows:

- **Risk Assessment - £40 per hour (up to £500 maximum);**
- **Investigation (each investigation) - £40 per hour (up to £100 maximum);**
- **Granting an Authorisation - £100 maximum;**
- **Sampling (each visit) - £100 maximum; and**
- **Analysing a sample**
 - **taken under regulation 10 - £25 maximum (small supplies)**
 - **taken during check - £100 maximum monitoring**
 - **taken during audit - £500 maximum monitoring**

103. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED that

subject to it being noted that the Grants Panel was next set to meet on 8th November 2010, the report be noted.

104. ACTION MONITORING

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

105. 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 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:

Proposed Charity Shop – Winyates Centre – Commercial Rent Reduction Request (as detailed at Minute 106 below).

106. PROPOSED CHARITY SHOP - WINYATES CENTRE

The Committee considered terms for the commercial letting of Council premises in Winyates.

(During consideration of this item Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).)