

Item 2

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Thursday,
19 June 2008

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong (Chairman) and
Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy, V. Crosby, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Hodgson,
D.A. Newell and W. Waters

In Attendance: Councillors D. Farry, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, J.G. Huntington,
Ms. I. Jackson, B. Lamb and T. Ward

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. L. Hovvels and J.M. Khan

CAB.8/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

CAB.9/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2008 were confirmed as a correct and signed by the Chairman.

CAB.10/08 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 (KEY DECISION)
Consideration was given to a report regarding the capital programme requirements and available resources for 2008/09. (For copy see file of Minutes)

Members were reminded that Council at its meeting on 29th February 2008 had agreed the budget framework for 2008/09, which contained proposals for a capital programme of £20m. The level had been based around updated Medium Term Financial Plan proposals and was reflective of the Council's Transitional Plan and the need to agree investment on previously agreed commitments and essential spending in the Council's final year. Final programme proposals had not been agreed at that time as not all resources had been confirmed, both in terms of land sales still to be completed and general external sources of funding.

It was reported that the position had now become much clearer as resources had been confirmed and the 2007/08 programme commitments had been financed and carry forward requirements identified. Additional work had also been carried out on a number of areas, allowing spending requirements to be firmed up.

It was pointed out that the level of available resources meant that the Council could still meet its broad expectations around the capital programme as outlined in the February report to Council.

Members noted that the level of capital receipts had been significantly affected by the proposed sale of land at Site O, Cobblers Hall not proceeding, however the position had been mitigated to some degree with an earlier than expected sale of land at Heighington Lane West.

Specific reference was made to paragraphs 3.6 to 3.13, which set out details of the variations to the original proposals put forward.

With regard to the Local Improvement Programme, it was proposed that a cut-off date for new applications should be set at 31st July 2008 to enable the Council to assess the remaining aspirations across the Borough against the resources available.

- RESOLVED :*
- 1. That the Capital Programme for 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix 2, be agreed.*
 - 2. That the comments regarding the Local Improvement Programme as set out in Paragraph 3.11 be noted and that a cut-off date for new applications set at 31st July 2008 be applied.*

CAB.11/08 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - SEDGFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TRANSITION PLAN 2008/09

Consideration was given to a report outlining revisions to the Council's Transitional Plan and sought approval for the Plan to be endorsed as the Council's Corporate Plan for its final year of operation and submitted to Council for approval. (For copy see file of Minutes).

A copy of the draft revised Transitional Plan was attached at Appendix 1.

It was explained that the Plan reflected changes to the countywide change programme, driving the development of the new authority and the developments since December 2007. It reviewed performance in 2007/08 and included a progress update on key interventions outlined in the 2007 - 2010 Corporate Plan. The key project section had been refined in line with developments since December 2007 and the short term financial plan section would be updated once final accounts were closed.

The Plan also contained a full breakdown of performance against national best value performance indicators to meet statutory requirements as well as a statement on workforce matters.

- RESOLVED :*
- 1. That the revised draft Transition Plan 2008/09 be endorsed as the Council's Corporate Plan for its final year of operation.*

2. *That the revised Draft Transition Plan 2008/2009 be referred to full Council for approval.*

Published on 20th June 2008.

The key decision contained in these Minutes will be implemented on Monday 30th June 2008, five working days after the date of publication unless it is called in by three Members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call in procedure rules.

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