



DECISIONS

Committee:	CABINET
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Agenda item:

7. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TASK AND FINISH PANEL REPORT

Decision:

That the report and recommendations of the Local Strategic Partnership Task and Finish Panel be endorsed.

**8. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE -
26 MARCH 2007**

Decision:

(a) Use of Resources Auditor Judgements 2006

(1) That the Use of Resources Auditor Judgements 2006 report, including the key findings, conclusions and the improvement opportunities, be noted;

(b) Annual Audit and Inspection Letter

(2) That the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter report, and the actions needed to be taken by the Council, be noted; and

(c) Internal Audit Unit Business Plan 2007/08

(3) That the draft Internal Audit Plan for 2007/08 be approved.

9. CIVIL CONTINGENCIES ACT 2004 - EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER

Decision:

(1) That, in order to fund a shortfall over the existing budget provision for the creation of a new full-time post of Emergency Planning Officer, a revenue Continuing Services Budget virement in the sum of £19,200 from the Legal, Administration and Estates budget to the Emergency Planning budget be approved; and

(2) That regular updates and information on emergency planning issues for Councillors, including awareness sessions on their role as Councillors and other appropriate training opportunities, be provided.

10. BOUNDARY WALL WITH NUMBERS 4, 6 AND 8 BUTTERCROSS LANE, EPPING

Decision:

(1) That, in order to enable remedial works to be carried out to the boundary wall between the Council's land and numbers 4 and 6 Buttercross Lane in Epping, a revenue District Development Fund supplementary estimate in the sum of £15,000 be recommended to the Council for approval; and

(2) That full responsibility for the total cost of the works be met by the Council.

11. SOCIAL HOUSING GRANT - ANNUAL REVIEW OF CAPITAL BUDGET

Decision:

(1) That no additional budget provision be made available within the Capital Programme for further Local Authority Social Housing Grant (LA SHG) in 2007/8; and

(2) That, as part of next year's annual review of LA SHG, specific consideration be given to whether any budget provision should be made available in the Capital Programme to provide LA SHG for Phase 2 of the Council Housing Site Developments Project and/or any unsuccessful bids to the Housing Corporation in 2008/9 or beyond.

12. LEISURE TASK & FINISH PANEL REPORT

Decision:

That the report and recommendations of the Leisure Task and Finish Panel be endorsed.

13. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY - DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME AND GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME

Decision:

(1) That the requirement for the Council to develop and publish a Disability Equality Scheme and a Gender Equality Scheme be noted;

(2) That the draft Disability Equality and Gender Equality Schemes for 2006/07 to 2008/09 be agreed, for the purposes of undertaking consultation and engagement with local disabled people and relevant stakeholders, and the development of appropriate equality action plans;

(3) That the results of the disability and gender consultation and engagement exercises, and the final versions of the Disability Equality Scheme and the Gender Equality Scheme, be considered at future meetings of the Cabinet for adoption; and

(4) That, following the adoption of the Disability Equality Scheme and the Gender Equality Scheme, progress towards the achievement of key actions to promote disability and gender equality be monitored on an annual basis by the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel.

14. LOCAL AUTHORITY BUSINESS INCENTIVE SCHEME

Decision:

(1) That, as outlined in the report, the changes made to the Scheme be noted;

(2) That the income from the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme be credited to the District Development Fund; and

(3) That the allocation of £25,000 of the additional funding received to a programme of minor enhancement works in Waltham Abbey be recommended to the Council for approval.

15. REDUNDANCY AND REDEPLOYMENT, AND APPEALS PROCEDURES FOR CHIEF OFFICERS

Decision:

(1) That, as previously distributed, the draft Redundancy and Redeployment Procedure for Chief Officers be agreed, subject to the inclusion of the definition of a Chief Officer post in a more prominent position within the text;

(2) That the example provided of a notional cost of a redundancy payment for a Chief Officer be noted;

(3) That, as previously distributed, the draft Staff Appeals Panel Procedure for Chief Officers be agreed; and

(4) That, as requested by the Joint Consultative Committee, a review of the Council's Pay Protection Policy be carried out as agreed at the time of its initial implementation.

16. TELEPHONE USAGE AND EMAIL ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICIES

Decision:

That, as previously distributed, the Telephone Usage Policy and the E-Mail Acceptable Usage Policy be adopted.

17. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Decision:

(1) That the submission of revised Financial Regulations to the Council for approval at its meeting scheduled for 24 April 2007 by the Constitution and Member Services Scrutiny Panel be noted; and

(2) That no further comments be submitted to the Council by the Leader of the Council.

18. BROADWAY TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Decision:

(1) That the construction difficulties presented by the presence of the shallow medium pressure gas main be noted;

(2) That, in view of the costs and scheme delays associated with the diversion of the gas main, the enhancement scheme agreed by the Cabinet in April 2006 be abandoned;

(3) That, given the options set out in the report and subject to the agreed capital budget not being exceeded, the revised proposals be agreed in principle; and

(4) That, once the technical issues with National Grid Gas and Essex County Council have been resolved, a further report on the details of option 3 within the report (grouting solution) be submitted for consideration by the Cabinet.

19. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Decision:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of

Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

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Information**

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Waste Management Contract -
Procurement of Vehicles

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20. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT - PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES

Decision:

(1) That the purchase of the fleet of former South Herts Waste Management refuse and street cleansing vehicles in the sum of £800,000 from the Bank of Scotland be agreed; and

(2) That, in order to fund the purchase, a Capital supplementary estimate in the sum of £800,000 be recommended to the Council for approval.

