



**DECISIONS**

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<b>Decision No:</b>
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**8. NORTH WEALD AIRFIELD STRATEGY CABINET COMMITTEE - 27 JULY 2009**

**Decision:**

Aviation Intensification Study – Briefing Document and Invitation to Bid for Consulting Services

(1) That the draft briefing document and invitation to bid for consultancy

services to undertake an aviation investigation study for North Weald Airfield be approved;

(2) That the study be undertaken in two stages with an initial scoping study allowing for the consideration of any proposals before proceeding with a more intensive level of assessment; and

(3) That, to allow for the possibility of different consultants undertaking the two stages, the documents should specify that all working papers and reports prepared by the consultants for the first stage be made available to the consultants undertaking the second stage;

#### North Weald Airfield – Market

(4) That the present arrangements for the holding of the North Weald Market be noted;

(5) That the performance of the present contractor be examined taking into account financial stability, management and feasibility of future proposals;

(6) That officers be authorised to approach landlords of other market operators with regards to references, financial viability and contract fulfilments;

(7) That officers submit a report to this Cabinet Committee in October 2009 on the findings of the reviews so that recommendations can be made to the Cabinet on the most beneficial and cost effective way forward to procure a market operator from August 2010; and

(8) That a report on any proposals in relation to the installation of a vehicle pay gate system be submitted to this Cabinet Committee for consideration;

#### Potential Role for North Weald Airfield during the London 2012 Olympic Games

(9) That the important role the airfield could play in supporting the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games be recognised; and

(10) That officers be authorised to undertake further feasibility work in relation to the proposals for park and ride, air passenger operations and caravan/camping on the understanding that any such roles for the airfield would be restricted to the period of the Olympic and Paralympic Games;

#### Depot Facilities

(11) That the status of decisions on the Langston Road Depot be noted;

(12) That the key factors linking the agreed disposal of the Langston Road Depot with the strategic review of the Airfield be acknowledged; and

(13) That the relocation of the Depot be pursued in conjunction with the strategic review of the Airfield whilst accepting that there may be other potential sites in the District which would be better suited to the relocation of the Depot; and

#### North Weald Airfield – Extensions of Existing Leases and Licences

(14) That the term of new leases granted without security of tenure remain at ten years from 2008 but that the certain lease term be reduced to four years from 2008 with a rolling six-month break clause.

**9. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CABINET COMMITTEE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Decision:**

Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document – Sustainability Appraisal & Strategic Environmental Assessment

(1) That the draft Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment not be consulted upon until a revised timetable had been received from the Government Office for the East of England;

(2) That external legal and planning advice be sought by the Council upon the process and risks still to be faced; and

(3) That Contract Standing Orders be waived to facilitate the appointment of external advisors who had knowledge of the District; and

Planning Advisory Service – Local Development Framework Diagnostic

(4) That the decision of the Corporate Executive Forum for the Council to participate in the Local Development Framework Diagnostic offered by the Planning Advisory Service be noted; and

(5) That the report from the Planning Advisory Service be received by the Cabinet Committee once it was complete, and any recommendations therein considered.

**10. FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE - 5 OCTOBER 2009**

**Decision:**

Corporate Risk Register

(1) That a new risk relating to Gypsy and Traveller Provision, risk 29, be added to the Corporate Risk Register and scored as B2 (high likelihood, critical impact);

(2) That a new risk relating to Reduction in Government Grant, risk 30, be added to the Corporate Risk Register and scored as B2 (high likelihood, critical impact);

(3) That the likelihood for the risk relating to Management Capacity in Planning be reduced from C (significant) to D (low) following the recent appointment of two Assistant Directors for Development Control and Forward Planning; and

(4) That, incorporating the above agreed changes, the amended Risk Register be approved;

Sundry Income & Debt Policy

(5) That approval of the Sundry Income & Debt Policy be deferred pending a further review following the Cabinet Committee's comments; and

(6) That the revised Sundry Income & Debt Policy be submitted to the Cabinet for approval; and

#### Financial Issues Paper

(7) That the 2010/11 budget guidelines be set in accordance with the revised four-year forecast as follows:

(a) the ceiling for Continuing Services Budget net expenditure be no more than £18.319million including net growth;

(b) the ceiling for DDF (one-off) expenditure be no more than £819,000;

(c) that balances continue to be aligned to the Council's net budget requirement and that balances be allowed to fall no lower than 25% of the net budget requirement; and

(d) the Council Tax to be increased by no more than 2.5%, giving rise to a Council Tax for a Band D property of £150.30;

(8) That a revised Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period to 2013/14 be developed accordingly;

(9) That communication of the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy to staff, partners and other stakeholders be undertaken by way of publishing key bullet points in appropriate publications;

(10) That the policy of capitalisation of additional pension fund deficit payments be continued;

(11) That a joint Officer and Member Working Group be established to identify areas for review and ensure that resources were allocated in line with the key Cabinet priorities; and

(12) That the Joint Member and Officer Working Group consist of the following members:

(a) The Leader of the Council;

(b) The Portfolio Holder for Finance & Economic Development;

(c) The Performance Management Portfolio Holder;

(d) The Deputy Chief Executive; and

(e) The Director of Finance & ICT.

## **11. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING STRATEGY**

### **Decision:**

That the provisions of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy 2007-2009 be extended until 2011 to facilitate the development of a new Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy.

## **12. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMME**

### **Decision:**

- (1) That the anticipated income and expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grants and other Private Sector Grants in 2009/2010 be noted;
- (2) That the budget provision for Disabled Facilities Grants and other Private Sector Grants within the Housing Capital Programme be re-phased as shown in the appendix to the report; and,
- (3) That the future budgetary position for Disabled Facilities Grants, other Private Sector Grants, the Private Sector Capital Contingency and off-street parking be reviewed in twelve months.

## **13. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - MORETON, BOBBINGWORTH AND THE LAVERS**

### **Decision:**

That the proposed Community Governance Review of Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Parish Council be deferred pending further negotiation with the Parish Council over:

- (a) reducing the proposed number of Parish Councillors; and
- (b) contributing towards the cost of the consultation.

## **14. CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW 2009/10 -2013/14**

### **Decision:**

- (1) That the latest five-year forecast of capital receipts be noted;
- (2) That the level of usable capital receipts currently predicted to be £11,030,000 at 31 March 2014 be noted;
- (3) That the revised Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2013/14 be approved; and
- (4) That the following amendments to the Capital Programme be approved or, where relevant, recommended to Council to approve:
  - (a) carry forwards of £314,000 and £104,000 from 2010/11 to 2011/12 with regard to capital schemes planned at the Civic Offices and for IT projects respectively;
  - (b) a rescheduling of the Customer Services Transformation Programme and Ongar Playing Field Development into 2010/11 and 2011/12;
  - (c) a carry forward of £545,000 from 2009/10 to 2010/11 in respect of the General Fund contribution towards housing estate parking schemes and other parking reviews;
  - (d) carry forwards of £47,000, £7,000 and £9,000 for capital works to flood alleviation schemes, grounds maintenance vehicles and youth sports facilities respectively;

(e) a rescheduling of the private sector housing grants in line with expected demand;

(f) carry forwards totalling £680,000 from 2009/10 to 2010/11 in respect of Housing General Fund schemes; and

(g) carry forwards totalling £831,000 from 2009/10 to 2010/11 and virements within the Housing Revenue Account in respect of the categories of work identified in the report.

## 15. 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:

<b><u>Agenda Item No</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Exempt Info Paragraph No</u></b>
16	Springfields Improvement Scheme - Quarterly Progress Report	3

## 16. SPRINGFIELDS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

### Decision:

(1) That the issue of a Practical Completion Certificate for the Springfields Improvement Scheme be noted; and

(2) That the next report to the Cabinet regarding this contract would be in relation to the outcome of the Final Account.

