



## Epping Forest District Council

### DECISIONS

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
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### **3. MINUTES**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2010 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**8. REDUCTION OF HEATING CHARGES - NINEFIELDS, WALTHAM ABBEY**

**Decision:**

(1) That the heating charge in respect of 216 one-bedroom properties at Ninefields, Waltham Abbey be reduced from £22.19 per week for 2010/11 to the amount charged in 2009/10 of £16.69 per week until the installation of new individual boilers; and

(2) That, in order to fund the cost of the reduction in 2010/11, a Housing Revenue Account supplementary estimate in the sum of £57,000 be recommended to the Council for approval.

**9. GYPSY & TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT - REVOCATION OF THE DIRECTION**

**Decision:**

(1) That the following proposals be recommended to the Council for approval:

(a) That all site owners, relevant Town and Parish Councils, known local Residents' Associations and the local travelling community be informed of the decision from the Minister for Decentralisation to revoke the direction which had required the Council to prepare a separate Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document;

(b) That further work on the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document be ceased immediately;

(c) That the Council's website be updated as soon as was practical;

(d) That the options and issues consultation work be discontinued; and

(e) That, as an impact of the decision above, those residents who own land or live in the vicinity of affected sites be reassured of the restoration of the identified sites to the planning status previously possessed as appropriate prior to the Direction of September 2007; and

(2) That the advice received from Counsel on this matter also be noted.

**10. PARKING REVIEWS**

**Decision:**

(1) That the consideration of alternative advertising arrangements by Essex County Council to significantly reduce the costs of compliance with their statutory obligations to advertise be noted;

(2) That, to avoid unnecessary delays, the following Portfolio Holders in association be authorised to recommence the parking Reviews:

(a) the Leader of Council;

(b) the Portfolio Holder for Operational Planning and Transport; and

(c) the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development;

(3) That, to keep the schemes within existing budget allocation, the Parking Reviews be recommenced subject to the following:

(a) confirmation from Essex County Council that the revised advertising arrangements complied with statutory requirements; and

(b) the revised advertising costs were acceptable and could be accommodated within the existing Parking Review budgets; and

(4) That, in the event of the budget being exceeded, the extent of the schemes be scaled back following consultation with the relevant Ward Members.

**11. FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE - 14 JUNE 2010**

**Decision:**

Provisional Capital Outturn

(1) That the provisional outturn report for 2009/10 be noted;

(2) That the over and underspends on certain capital schemes in 2009/10, as identified within the report, be retrospectively approved;

(3) That the carry forward of unspent capital estimates relating to schemes upon which slippage had occurred be approved; and

(4) That the funding of the capital programme in 2009/10 be retrospectively approved; and

Risk Management

(5) That the likelihood for the risk relating to the Reduction in Government Grant be updated from 'High' to 'Very High';

(6) That a new risk relating to the 2012 London Olympics and possible service disruption be added to the Risk Register and scored as B3 (High Likelihood, Marginal Impact);

(7) That the risks relating to Compliance with Regulations and Public Comments at Member Level which may Commit the Council to Policies or Actions be removed from the Register;

(8) That the risk relating to Gershon Rule Changes be removed from the Register;

(9) That all existing risks on the Register be considered by the Risk Management Group for relevance and recommendations made to the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet Committee;

(10) That the current tolerance line on the risk matrix be considered satisfactory and not be amended; and

(11) That, incorporating the above agreed changes, the amended Corporate Risk Register be approved.

**12. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CABINET COMMITTEE - 17 JUNE 2010**

**Decision:**

(1) That the minutes of the Local Development Framework Cabinet Committee held on 17 June 2010 be noted.

**13. RODING VALLEY AGREEMENT WITH BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Decision:**

(1) That the current stance of Buckhurst Hill Parish Council regarding the transfer of the Roding Valley Recreation Area be noted;

(2) That further negotiations be undertaken with Buckhurst Hill Parish Council regarding the transfer of the Roding Valley Recreation Area to emphasise the seriousness of the current situation;

(3) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet upon the outcome of the further negotiations with Buckhurst Hill Parish Council; and

(4) That the sum of £10,000 to deal with the urgent works required to reinstate key features of the Recreation Area be met from existing budgets.

**14. SPORTS & LEISURE MANAGEMENT - CONTRACT EXTENSION NEGOTIATIONS**

**Decision:**

(1) That, following negotiations with Sports and Leisure Management Ltd, the following proposals be agreed:

(a) to provide capital investment of £798,300 for structural alterations at the Loughton Leisure Centre to generate a reduction in the Continuing Services Budget management fee of £100,000 per annum;

(b) to provide capital investment of £192,000 for new fitness equipment at the Epping and Ongar Leisure Centres to generate a reduction in the Continuing Services Budget management fee of £53,000 per annum; and

(c) the withdrawal of the additional management fee of £15,530 in relation to the management of the proposed new Sports Hall at Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool ;

(2) That, in relation to recommendation 1 above, a supplementary capital estimate in the sum of £62,000 for new fitness equipment at the Epping and Ongar Leisure Centres be recommended to the Council for approval;

(3) That, with regard to the construction of a new Sports Hall at Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool, the scheme be suspended at the current time and reconsidered each year as part of the annual review of the Council's capital programme; and

(4) That, subject to the implementation of the works indicated in recommendations (1) & (2) above, the Council's contract with Sports and Leisure Management Ltd be extended from January 2013 to January 2016.

**15. COUNCIL PLAN 2006-10 & KEY PRIORITY OBJECTIVES 2009/10 - OUTTURN**

**Decision:**

(1) That the Council's performance against the objectives and actions within the Council Plan for the period 2006 to 2010 be noted; and

(2) That the Council's performance against the Key Priority Objectives for 2009/10 be noted.

**16. HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

**Decision:**

(1) That the updated Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy be approved and adopted.

**17. SHARED OLYMPIC OFFICER POST**

**Decision:**

(1) That the progress being made in relation to the construction of the Lea Valley White Water Canoe Centre and the potential Legacy Benefits arising from the 2012 Olympic Games be noted;

(2) That, subject to the formal agreement of the post's work programme, a contribution of £10,000 per annum from existing budgets within the District Development Fund over the next two years to fund the appointment of a shared Olympics Officer be agreed in principle; and

(3) That, in return for the Council's contribution to the funding of this post, the shared Olympics Officer be expected to report to Council meetings on a regular basis.

**18. LOCAL AUTHORITY BUSINESS GROWTH INCENTIVE SCHEME**

**Decision:**

(1) That the receipt of £71,584 under the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme in 2009/10 be noted;

(2) That the funds received in 2009/10 be ring fenced for economic development purposes;

(3) That the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development, in consultation with Officers and business support organisations, be delegated authority to allocate the funding to appropriate schemes within the District to promote economic development;

(4) That the request from Waltham Abbey Town Council to increase the grant for the Tourist Information Centre by £5,000 per annum for two years be given favourable consideration; and

(5) That the closure of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme by the new Government be noted.

**19. O2 MAST - HONEY LANE, WALTHAM ABBEY**

**Decision:**

(1) That consideration of further compensation for the residents of Honey Lane in Waltham Abbey who objected to the erection of a mobile phone mast be deferred pending a response from the Chief Executive Officer of O2 UK Ltd.

**20. PURCHASE OF THE FREEHOLD OF THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE BLACK LION PUBLIC HOUSE**

**Decision:**

(1) That a supplementary capital estimate in the sum of £150,000 to purchase the freehold of the Car Park at the rear of the Black Lion public house in Epping be recommended to the Council for approval.

**21. LANGSTON ROAD DEPOT - PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL PARK**

**Decision:**

(1) That negotiations be entered into with Polofind Ltd, the owners of the T11 site adjacent to the Langston Road Depot, for a joint development of both sites for a retail park of approximately 10,000 square metres;

(2) That a revenue supplementary estimate in the estimated sum of £16,587.50 to cover half of the cost (total £33,175 + VAT) for the preparation of a highways modelling and traffic impact assessment by JMP Consultants Ltd and negotiations with the Highway Authority (Essex County Council) for the upgrading of the A1168 Chigwell Lane in relation to the proposed development of Langston Road Depot be recommended to the Council for approval; and

(3) That, subject to successful negotiations with the Highways Authority, a revenue supplementary estimate for expenditure of half of the cost of a joint outline planning application for the redevelopment of the Langston Road Depot and adjoining T11 site be recommended to the Council for approval.

