

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decisions

Decisions of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /4 (Forward Plan 02/0024)

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To approve carry forwards in Appendix C of the officer report (agenda item 4) to Scrutiny Committee for referral to the Strategy Scrutiny Committee and Leader.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) : As stated in the officers report.

<p>The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To agree the carry forward requests in Appendix C for forwarding to the Leader.</p>

Reasons for the decision: The decisions are part of the Council's overall budget approach.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded.

Report: : Agenda Item 4 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: -

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /6 (Forward Plan 02/0008)

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: As in the decision box.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) : To enable the Council to participate with other local authorities in the area on strategic planning for Waste Management and Recycling Services and to achieve Best Value in Recycling Services. This could include bidding for government funds in partnership and joint procurement in future years. An alternative option was to reject the Strategy and explain the reasons why.

<p>The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To approve the adoption of a Joint Municipal Waste Strategy produced for all local authorities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough City Council. To approve the City Council's Recycling Plan.</p>

Reasons for the decision: See above 'why the decision had to be made.'

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded.

Report: : Agenda Item 6 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: -

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /7 (Forward Plan 02/0011)

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To endorse the findings of the Council's Urban Capacity Study, agree a period of consultation and then make any refinements prior to publication.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) Production of the Study is required under Planning Policy Guidance Note 3 - Housing.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To endorse the findings of the Cambridge Urban Capacity Study 2002 and agree that these be used to support new and revised policies towards housing in the Local Plan Review;

To allow a period of four weeks after the date of the decision on this report for any comments on the discount rates and site-specific comments to be made by stakeholders;

That the Director of Environment and Planning advise the Executive Councillor and members of the Scrutiny Committee on comments received during this period and;

That the Executive Councillor in consultation with the Chair and spokes of Scrutiny amend the study in the light of comments received prior to its final publication.

Reasons for the decision: To enable the Council to validate the housing capacity assumptions of the Structure Plan and to help ensure that the housing capacity assumptions of the draft Local Plan are soundly based.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 7 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: - See Scrutiny Committee minute for agreed amendment to a recommendation and alteration to the content of officer's report.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /8

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To endorse the County Council's Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report and the City Council statement for inclusion in the Report.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) Although the County Council is responsible for preparing the Annual Progress Report, this is done in partnership with District Councils and should be viewed in practice as a joint submission.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To endorse the County Council's Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report be endorsed subject to any comments the City Council would wish to make on receipt of Annexe E [ie. the detailed statement by the County Council of its requirements for a LRT system between Huntingdon and Addenbrookes] of the County Council's Report and for this to be agreed by the Executive Councillor after consulting Chair and spokes of the Scrutiny Committee.

That the City Council statement set out in Appendix 1 of the officer report be approved for inclusion in the Annual Progress Report.

Reasons for the decision: In the spirit of partnership working to build on the ongoing successes to tackle transport problems, the Council should endorse the County Council APR and the contribution to it.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 8 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: - See Scrutiny Committee minute for agreed amendment to a recommendation.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /9 (Forward Plan ref 02/0007)

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To agree to a Walking and Cycling Strategy and its publication following an assessment of the results of a public consultation undertaken in May/June 2002.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) Environment Committee on 29 January 2002 had instructed officers to consult the public on the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To note the outcome of public consultation on the Cambridge Walking and Cycling Strategy.

To agree the responses to comments made and amendments to the strategy and action plan as detailed in Appendix B of the report.

To agree to the printing and publication of the final document.

Reasons for the decision: To make the document an official Council Strategy.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded.

Report: : Agenda Item 9 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: -

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /10 (Forward Plan ref 02/0009)

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To agree to a Public Art Plan which is a key component of the Council's Arts Plan for Cambridge 2002-07.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) The Executive Councillor could decide not to agree the Plan, or some or all of the Action Plan proposals.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

That the Public Art Plan and the Action Plan be approved.

That an officer/member steering group be established.

That a monitoring report be prepared for November 2003.

Reasons for the decision: The range of City Council policies and the Arts Plan together with the wide range of resources and skills offered through locally based visual arts organisations, offers a sound basis for the development of an ambitious programme of public art activity.

Priorities for the City Council's role are seen as taking a lead by demonstrating good practice, offering advice, guidance and support, and a budget to support the infrastructure for promoting public art.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded.

Report: : Agenda Item 10 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: Scrutiny Committee nominated Cllrs Baker and Bradnack to the Steering Group.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /11 (Forward Plan ref 02/0012)

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To agree to adopt as Supplementary Planning Guidance: the Planning Obligation Strategy for Cambridge, Southern and Eastern Area Transport Plans, the Provision of Public Art .

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) To inform development proposals whilst awaiting government guidance on reform of the planning obligation system. The option would have been to delay adoption until government guidance was in place, but that is likely to be some time.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

Note the consultation responses made in respect of the draft Planning Obligation Strategy and its associated documents, and the officers' comments and recommendations in respect of those responses.

To agree that the Executive Councillor be authorised to make the amendments to the Planning Obligation Strategy as identified in the tabled documents at the meeting on 9 July having consulted Chair and spokes.

Adopt the Planning Obligation Strategy and its associated documents – Revised Southern and Eastern Corridor Area Transport Plans and Provision of Public Art as part of new development schemes SPG – as Supplementary Planning Guidance to be a material consideration in determining planning applications submitted to the City Council from 10th July 2002.

Review the Planning Obligation Strategy and any associated documents annually.

Reasons for the decision: Once adopted as SPG, the Planning Obligation Strategy and associated documents will provide a clear and open framework for all involved in negotiating planning obligations for development proposals in the city. A key element of the Strategy is the inclusion of a framework for the expenditure of planning obligations which will demonstrate how financial contributions are being used to address the impact of new development on the community.

In order to ensure that the Strategy remains up-to-date and relevant it will be necessary to review it on a periodic basis. It will also need to be reviewed to take into account any new national guidance on planning obligations produced in due course.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 11 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /12 (Forward Plan ref 02/006)

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 11 July 2002)

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To agree to declare some Local Nature Reserves and negotiate a lease for East Pit.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) To agree would be in line with the recommendation of the Local Nature Reserve Steering Group. The option was not to go ahead.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

That the declaration of Local Nature Reserves at Bramblefields, Byron's Pool, Nine Wells and Logan's Meadow be agreed in principle and that officers be requested to carry out negotiations with stakeholders and the formal procedure of declaration.

That officers be authorised to negotiate a lease for East Pit (on the basis of the terms in Appendix 1 of the report) and if appropriate a report be presented to the Commercial and Human Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration and a decision by the Executive Councillor.

Reasons for the decision: The remit of the LNR Steering Group is to oversee a strategic review of potential LNRs and submit recommendations to Committee for approval. The Group recommends that these sites be considered for declaration as LNRs.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 12 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: No comments were passed on from the Community Development & Leisure Scrutiny Committee which had considered the officer report on 4 July.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /13

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 12 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To endorse a review of the Sustainable City Grant programme and agree to some future changes.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) The Best Value of Grants recommended an annual review of the Council's Grant Programmes. No alternatives were proposed to the current funding strategy as it appeared to be working successfully.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

That the findings of the review of Sustainable City Grants is noted.

That the existing strategy for allocating Sustainable City Grants is reaffirmed with the addition that mapping poverty information be used as a formal benchmark in the allocation of these grants..

That the future actions identified in paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 of the report be agreed.

Reasons for the decision: To enable the allocation of grants to be carried out in an effective and efficient way.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 13 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: See Scrutiny Committee minutes for full reference of an amendment to the recommendations.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /14

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 12 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To endorse a adopt a strategy for tackling fly-posting.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) The Anti Social Behaviour Strategy includes an element to deal with graffiti. It has been considered that fly-posting as well as graffiti should be considered in this part of the Anti Social Behaviour Strategy.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

To adopt the fly-posting strategy as detailed in appendix 1 of the officer report and the Action Plan in appendix 2.

Reasons for the decision: As stated in the officer report.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 14 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /15

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 12 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To endorse guidance that supports good practice in coach based tourism.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) As stated in the report.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

To adopt a Code of Practice for coach-based tourism and to endorse CoachMarque as a badge of coaching quality.

Reasons for the decision: Tourism is an important industry for Cambridge and the Council's stated aim is to make it more sustainable. Proper management of coach based tourism – to maximise its benefits and reduce its adverse impacts – will make a valuable contribution to this. Adoption of the Code and endorsement of CoachMarque will strengthen the Council's position in negotiations with the tourism industry.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 15 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /16

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 12 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To seek lottery funding for the War Memorial and Market Square Fountain environmental improvement projects.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund specifically require a resolution authorising officers to make an application and confirm that costs would be guaranteed over a 10 year period.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

To authorise officers to apply for Heritage Lottery Fund grant towards the cost of the War Memorial and Market Square Fountain projects.

Reasons for the decision: In terms of the future maintenance of the War Memorial, the land is public highway and it is the responsibility of the County Council. In any event it is not considered likely that there will be a significant change in the running costs. In terms of the Market Square fountain there would be some additional costs, water, electricity, regular maintenance etc. This would not be able to be fully assessed until a final design has been agreed, but the costs are unlikely to be significant.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 16 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /18

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 12 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: See the box below.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) A formal requirement on the adoption of the Council's Constitution.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

To confirm the existing Highways Agency Agreement with the County Council (which runs until March 2005)

To confirm arrangements for the Environment & Transport Area Joint Committee as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution (Discharge of Functions), insofar as these relate to the discharge of executive functions which are the responsibility of the Executive Councillor.

Reasons for the decision: As stated above.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 18 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments:

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /19

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 12 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To appoint Councillors to outside bodies.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) These are annual appointments.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

To agree the following nominations:

Bus Policy County Advisory Group – Councillor Amanda Taylor

East of England Tourist Board – Councillor Evelyn Knowles

Rail Policy Advisory Group – Councillor Colin Rosenstiel

Archives County Advisory Group – Councillor John Durrant

Cambridgeshire Councils Association Waste Forum - Councillor Nichola Harrison

Reasons for the decision: As stated above.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 19 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: See Scrutiny Committee minutes for other details.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Decision of: Nichola Harrison, Executive Councillor for Environment

Reference: 02/ENV /20

Date of decision: 9 July 2002(recorded on 12 July 2002)

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To confirm the delegations to officers by the Executive Councillor made on 23 May and any amendments discovered since.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options) On adopting the Constitution, members were advised that delegations would be reported to the first Scrutiny Committee meetings for consideration.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

To amend the delegations as follows:

To include under delegations to the Director of Environment & Planning relating to planning and development control -

To operate and negotiate as necessary (recording the fees agreed) in response to the dictates of the market and other relevant circumstances in adjusting fee levels on major developments that are likely to be subject to particular competition from private Approved Inspectors as long as overall budget targets are met.

To include under delegations to the Director of Environment & Planning (specific delegation) -

To approve Access Grants up to £5,000 (anything over to be agreed by the Executive Councillor having consulted Chair and spokes of Environment Scrutiny)

Reasons for the decision: As stated above.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded above.

Report: : Agenda Item 20 of Environment Scrutiny Committee, 9 July 2002

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

Comments: