

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF CAMBRIDGE
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Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith
Executive Councillor Housing and Health

Reference: 03/h&h/01

Date of decision: 15 January 2003 **Recorded on:** 21 January 2003

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: A Plan for Improving the Health of the People of Cambridge has been developed in a partnership between the City Council, the Cambridge City Primary Care Trust (PCT), the County Council and Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Council needs to agree formally that it will support the Plan and undertake the actions required to help achieve its objectives.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To agree to support the Plan for Improving the Health of the People of Cambridge and that the Council will undertake the actions needed to help achieve its objectives.
To endorse the previous decision made on 30 October 2002, relating to the Home Safety and The Elderly Scheme, to refer the matter to the Scrutiny Committee and Executive Councillor for Community Development and Leisure for final determination.

Reasons for the decision: These are covered above and in the officer reports

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

Report: Agenda item 5 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 15 January 2003

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

Comments: See Scrutiny Committee minutes for voting

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GENERAL FUND SERVICE PLANS, DRAFT BUDGETS 2003/04 AND FORECAST 2004/05

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith
Executive Councillor Housing and Health

Reference: 03/h&h/02

Date of decision: 15 January 2003 **Recorded on:** 21 January 2003

Decision Type: Key Decision

Matter for Decision: The Service Plans of the following services were considered: Environmental Health and the General Fund Service Plans set out service priorities and the resources proposed to enable objectives and targets to be met. The decisions of the Executive Councillor will be considered at a meeting of the Executive on 30 January, which will arrive at an overall set of proposals for Council to consider on 13 February.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): Service Plans and draft budgets are key elements of the Council's budgetary and policy framework.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

- To approve the charging policies and review of charges shown as Annexe 1 to the report.
- To agree the performance targets (in Services Plans table 3) and proposals and other objectives (in Services Plans table 4).
- To approve the carry forward request of £27,000 in principal as detailed as detailed in Appendices B and D for referral to Strategy Scrutiny Committee for consideration, the Leader for recommendation and Council for approval subject to final outturn.
- To approve the revised budget for 2002/03, as shown in Appendix A, for submission to Strategy Scrutiny Committee.
- To agree proposals for revenue savings and bids, as set out in Appendix C, which have been incorporated into the budgets presented to the scrutiny committee.
- To agree proposals for bids above the Cash Limit as set out in Appendix C as amended at the meetingina Committee that

should be submitted for consideration by Strategy Scrutiny Committee for inclusion in this committee's budgets.

To approve the grants to housing agencies included in the service plan.

To agree the Capital Bids, as identified in Appendix C, that should be submitted for consideration by Strategy Scrutiny Committee for inclusion in the Capital Plan or addition to the Hold List as indicated.

To approve the revised cash limit for 2003/04 as shown in Appendix D.

Approve, with any amendments, the budget for 2003/04 as shown in Appendix A (which excludes bids above the Cash Limit) for submission to Strategy Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for the decision:

These are covered above and in the officer reports

Scrutiny consideration:

The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendation as recorded.

Report:

Agenda item 6 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 15 January 2003

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor

Comments:

See Scrutiny Committee minutes for voting

Reasons for the decision:

These are covered above and in the officer reports

Scrutiny consideration:

The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendation as recorded.

Report:

Agenda item 6 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 15 January 2003

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor

Comments:

See Scrutiny Committee minutes for voting

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SERVICE PLANS, DRAFT BUDGETS 2003/04 AND FORECAST 2004/05
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Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith
Executive Councillor Housing and Health

Reference: 03/h&h/03

Date of decision: 15 January 2003 **Recorded on:** 21 January 2003

Decision Type: Key Decision

Matter for Decision: The Service Plan of the Housing Revenue Account service was considered

Service Plans set out service priorities and the resources proposed to enable objectives and targets to be met. The decisions of the Executive Councillor will be considered at a meeting of the Executive on 30 January, which will arrive at an overall set of proposals for Council to consider on 13 February.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): Service Plans and draft budgets are key elements of the Council's budgetary and policy framework.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

- a) To approve that council dwellings rent be increased by inflation (2.25%) plus £2 per week maximum with effect from 7 April 2003 in accordance with government guidelines on rent restructuring.
- b) To approve, the charging policies for Housing Revenue Account and any review of charges, as detailed in Annexe 1.
- c) To note performance against the objectives and targets of HRA for 2001/02 and the first six months of 2002/03 and agree the performance targets (in Service Plan table 3) and proposals and other objectives (in the Service Plan table 4).
- d) To approve the revised budget for 2002/03, as shown in Appendix A.
- e) To agree proposals for revenue savings and bids, as set out in Appendix C, which have been incorporated into the budgets presented to the committee.

f) To approve, with any amendments, the budget for 2003/04 as shown in Appendix A.

Reasons for the decision:

These are covered above and in the officer reports

Scrutiny consideration:

The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendation as recorded.

Report:

Agenda item 7 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 15 January 2003

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor

Comments:

See Scrutiny Committee minutes for voting

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Record of Executive Decision

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER: PROPERTY B
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Decision of:	Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith Executive Councillor Housing and Health
Reference:	03/h&h/04
Date of decision:	15 January 2003 Recorded on: 21 January 2003
Decision Type:	Key Decision
Matter for Decision:	To consider the taking of Compulsory Purchase action in respect of a property (Property B) in the City
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>The Environmental Health & Waste Strategy Service has had dealings with this property dating back to at least 1997. This has included the need to make the property secure and to clear the gardens to prevent infestation by pests.</p> <p>The property is unfit for human habitation under the Housing Act 1985 because of disrepair and the lack of amenities. There are currently no utilities serving this property.</p>
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	To authorise the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Director of Finance to use compulsory purchase powers in respect of Property B in order to make it fit for human habitation and bring it back into habitable use. This is to be done in conjunction with Property C (see relevant Record of Decision), subject to approval of the required revenue and capital bids as part of the 2003/04 budget process.
Reasons for the decision:	These are covered above and in the officer reports
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendation as recorded.
Report:	Agenda item 11b of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 15 January 2003
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor
Comments:	See Scrutiny Committee minutes for voting. The report was not for publication for reasons set out on the agenda for the meeting and in accordance with the Council's constitution

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COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER: PROPERTY C
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Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith
Executive Councillor Housing and Health

Reference: 03/h&h/05

Date of decision: 15 January 2003 **Recorded on:** 21 January 2003

Decision Type: Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To consider the taking of Compulsory Purchase action in respect of a property (Property C) in the City

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Environmental Health & Waste Strategy Service has had dealings with this property dating back to at least 1997. This has included the need to make the property secure and to clear the gardens to prevent infestation by pests.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): The property is unfit for human habitation under the Housing Act 1985 because of disrepair and the lack of amenities. There are currently no utilities serving this property.
To authorise the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Director of Finance to use compulsory purchase powers in respect of Property C in order to make it fit for human habitation and bring it back into habitable use. This is to be done in conjunction with Property B (see relevant Record of Decision), subject to approval of the required revenue and capital bids as part of the 2003/04 budget process.

Reasons for the decision: These are covered above and in the officer reports

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

Report: Agenda item 11c of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 15 January 2003

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

Comments: See Scrutiny Committee minutes for voting.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

WRITE-OFF OF TENANT ARREARS

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith
Executive Councillor Housing and Health

Reference: 03/h&h/06

Date of decision: 15 January 2003 **Recorded on:** 21 January 2003

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To consider writing off thirteen cases of former tenant arrears together with a summary of the action taken in each case to recover the debt.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): All attempts to recover the debt have been exhausted, and the non-recovery of debt needs to be identified in the financial accounts.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To agree that the thirteen cases of former tenant arrears totalling £35,070.10 detailed in the confidential Appendix to the report be written off.

Reasons for the decision: These are covered above and in the officer report.

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

Report: Agenda item 12 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 15 January 2003

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

Comments: See Scrutiny Committee minutes for voting.
The report was not for publication for reasons set out on the agenda for the meeting and in accordance with the Council's constitution