

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Record of Decisions

GENERAL FUND: REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CARRY FORWARDS AND SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES FOR 2003/04
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Decision of:	Councillor Smart, Executive councillor for Housing and Health		
Reference:	040707/h&h/01		
Date of decision:	7 July 2004	Recorded:	8 July 2004
Decision Type:	Not a key decision.		
Matter for Decision:	This report presents the final outturn position against revenue and capital budgets for the financial year, 2003/04, for the General Fund services reporting to this Scrutiny Committee. It highlights any significant variances from budget and updates the requests for approval to carry forward certain budget underspends to 2004/05 (subject to the Council's overall final outturn position).		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	This process is one of the key elements of the Council's budgetary and policy framework.		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	Agree that the changes to the carry forward requests, totalling a £27,900 reduction, as detailed in Appendix C and amended at the meeting, are recommended to Council for approval.		
Reasons for the decision:	These are described in the report.		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0.		
Report:	Agenda Item 6 of Housing & Health Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2004.		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared.		
Comments:			

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT: REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CARRY FORWARDS AND SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES FOR 2003/04

Decision of: Councillor Smart, Executive councillor for Housing and Health

Reference: 040707/h&h/02

Date of decision: 7 July 2004 **Recorded:** 8 July 2004

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: This report presents the latest position against revenue and capital budgets for the financial year 2003/04, for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). It highlights any significant variances from budget and updates the requests for approval to carry forward certain budget underspends to 2004/05.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): This process is one of the key elements of the Council's budgetary and policy framework.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

- a) Agree that the changes to the carry forward requests, totalling a £100,000 reduction, as detailed in Appendix C, are recommended to Council for approval.
- b) Seek approval from Council to the HRA capital programme reflecting slippage of £117,228 from 2003/04 to 2004/05 and note the rephasing of expenditure on Rawlyn Court and PVCu programmed work, as detailed in Section 5 and Appendix D, subject to the final outturn position.

Reasons for the decision: These are described in the report.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 7 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2004.

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared.

Comments:

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MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY

Decision of: Councillor Smart, Executive councillor for Housing and Health

Reference: 040707/h&h/03

Date of decision: 7 July 2004 **Recorded:** 8 July 2004

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: Whether to recommend the section of the Medium Term Strategy that falls within the responsibility of Executive Councillor Housing and Health, for approval by Council.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Medium term Strategy is a key element of the Council's budgetary and policy framework.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To endorse the Strategy for approval by Council

Reasons for the decision: These are described in the report.

Scrutiny consideration: The Committee noted that there was to be a Special Meeting on the Stock Options Review and this would have an effect on the Strategy.

Report: Agenda Item 8 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2004.

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared.

Comments:

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GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS – ANNUAL REVIEW 2004

Decision of: Councillor Smart, Executive councillor for Housing and Health

Reference: 040707/h&h/04

Date of decision: 7 July 2004 **Recorded:** 8 July 2004

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: To review the grants that were awarded in 2003–04 and 2004-05 to date in the context of the funding strategy for Community Development grants and the corporate policy and to agree a funding strategy for 2005-06.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The decision is part of the corporate funding strategy for grants

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To agree that the Council should continue the move away from recurrent grant funding of housing-related services, towards purchasing of services through Service Level Agreements wherever possible

To approve the policy for giving grants set out in section 7 of the report to shape the allocations for 2005/06

To agree that Womens Aid be given discretionary business rate relief for their premises at 94 Regent St for 2004/05, funded from the 2004/05 grant already approved for Womens Aid as set out in section 8 of the report.

Reasons for the decision: These are described in the report.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0

Report: Agenda Item 9 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee on 2004.

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared.

Comments:

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WRITE-OFF OF FORMER TENANT ARREARS

Decision of:	Councillor Smart, Executive councillor for Housing and Health		
Reference:	04/0707h&h/05		
Date of decision:	7 July 2004	Recorded on:	8 July 2004
Decision Type:	Not a key decision.		
Matter for Decision:	To consider writing off tenant arrears in four cases.		
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 this debt needs to be identified in the financial accounts. Resurrection of the debt if the tenant applies for housing in the future.		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	To write off the two cases of former tenant arrears totalling £5,747.40 detailed in the Appendix to the report.		
Reasons for the decision:	These are described in the report.		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0		
Report:	Agenda Item 10 of the Housing & Health Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2004.		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared.		
Comments:			

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Decision of: Councillor Catherine Smart, Executive Councillor
Housing and Health

Reference: 040707/h&h/06

Date of decision: 7 July 2004 **Recorded on:** 8 July 2004

Decision Type: Not a Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To appoint representatives to a number of Outside Bodies

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Council is obliged to appoint representatives to Outside Bodies

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To appoint the following representatives on the Outside Bodies indicated:

Organisation	Representatives
Ditchburn Place Management Committee	Cllrs Blencowe, J Rosenstiel and Smart (Chair)
Free Nursing Care Complaints (formerly Continuing Care Review Panel)	Cllrs Hughes and Smart

Reasons for the decision: These are covered above

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations as recorded. Cllr Smart was appointed Chair of the Ditchburn Place Management Committee.

Report: Agenda item 11 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 7 July 2004

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

Comments:

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VACANT HOUSE: PROPERTY Q COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

Decision of:	Councillor Smart, Executive councillor for Housing and Health
Reference:	04/0707h&h/07
Date of decision:	7 July 2004 Recorded on: 8 July 2004
Decision Type:	Not a Key Decision
Matter for Decision:	To authorise the taking of Compulsory Purchase action under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985, Acquisition of Land Act 1981, Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and 2004, circular 02/2003 and PPG15, in respect of this property.
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	As part of the City Councils policy on compulsory purchase, such action is only taken as a last resort. Officers take the view that the use of compulsory purchase powers are necessary to bring this dwelling up to standard and ensure its reoccupation as soon as is reasonably possible. This action will contribute to the Medium Term Objective of providing Better Housing and Strong Economy and Attractive Environment.
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	That the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Director of Finance be authorised to use compulsory purchase powers set out in the report, in respect of property Q in order to make it fit for human habitation and bring it back into habitable use. That the revenue and capital resources already approved for progressing a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on other identified properties are used to progress this CPO, given that other forms of financial assistance are likely to be used to bring these properties back up to the required standard and get them reoccupied.
Reasons for the decision:	These are covered above
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendation as recorded.
Report:	Agenda item 13 of the Housing and Health Scrutiny Committee, 7 July 2004

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor

Comments:

The report was not for publication for reasons set out on the agenda for the meeting and in accordance with the Council's constitution