

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

A DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY FOR CAMBRIDGE 2005-2008

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, Leader

Reference: 05/STR/01

Date of decision: 7 February 2005

Recorded on: 7 February 2005

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: To comment on the current draft of the Community Safety Strategy.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Council must have a Strategy in place for April 2005. The draft Strategy is the Partnership's recommendation as to where collective working can most make a difference over the next three years given crime rates in the City, government requirements and the views of local people. If changes were suggested, they would need to be supported by the Partnership.

The Leader's decision:

That the following comments on the draft strategy should be forwarded to the Community Safety Partnership:

- 1) That an initiative on cycle crime should be given specific coverage in the Strategy.
- 2) The Strategy document should highlight that fear of crime had reduced in recent years (as measured by the Council's Citizens' survey).
- 3) That the Jury's specific comment made in 4.3 of the covering report covering schools and churches should be understood to mean that the Partnership should involve community groups that work with young people in identifying and promoting awareness of acceptable behaviour.

Reasons for the decision: The above comments made by members of the Scrutiny Committee and Leader were considered appropriate for passing on to the Partnership.

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee agreed the comments be passed on by the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 5 of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee, 7 February 2005.

Conflicts of interest: -

Comments: -

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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SERVICE PLANS and General Fund Revenue & Capital Budgets - Revised 2004/05, Draft Budgets 2005/06 and Forecast 2006/07

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, Leader

Reference: 05/STR/02

Date of decision: 7 February 2005

Recorded on: 7 February 2005

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: The Strategy & Partnerships Service Plans sets 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 10 February, which will arrive at an overall set of proposals for Council to consider on 24 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.

<p>The Leader's decisions:</p> <p>Performance Targets:</p> <p>a) Agreed the service objectives and proposals for 2005/06 and future years, as set out in part 3 of the service plan, and the performance indicators and targets as set out in Appendix A of the plan.</p> <p>Revenue Budgets:</p> <p>b) Approved the revised revenue budget for 2004/05, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, for submission to Council, which results in no change to the use of reserves.</p> <p>c) Agreed proposals for revenue savings and bids, as set out in Appendix 2, which have been incorporated into the budgets presented to the committee.</p> <p>d) Agreed the Priority Policy Fund (PPF) bids, as shown in Appendix 2, for submission to Council.</p> <p>e) Approved the budget for 2005/06 as shown in Appendix 1, for submission to Council.</p>

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

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 6 of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee, 7 February 2005.

Conflicts of interest: -

Comments: -

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

SERVICE PLAN and General Fund Revenue & Capital Budgets - Revised 2004/05, Draft Budgets 2005/06 and Forecast 2006/07 -OVERVIEW

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, Leader

Reference: 05/STR/03

Date of decision: 7 February 2005 **Recorded on:** 7 February 2005

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision:

Part Three of the Service Plans have been considered in the current Scrutiny Committee cycle, and include the service proposals, objectives and budgets for 2005/06 and forecast for 2006/07. This information was to enable each Scrutiny Committee to consider whether service priorities and resources need to be refocused to enable objectives and targets for the current and future years to be met. The report summarises all the information for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and the Capital Plan. *The decisions will be passed to the Executive for consideration at its meeting on 10 February 2005.*

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The decisions are required as part of the overall Council's budgetary framework.

<p>The Leader's decisions for the Executive on 10 February:</p>

Budget 2004/05:

a) Approved the overall revised budget for 2004/05, as shown in Appendix A (a), for General Fund Services.

Budget 2005/06:

b) Agreed the revised level of funding, and associated parameters, for PPF bids that will form the basis for the consideration of individual PPF bids by the Executive at its meeting on 10 February 2005.

c) Approved the overall base budget for 2005/06 and the relevant Prudential Indicators highlighted at Appendix L, Annex A.

d) To recommend to Council the Council Tax base, as per Appendix C, and the level of Council Tax for 2005/06, based on a 98% collection rate [Table 6 refers].

e) To recommend to Council to approve:

(i) the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix L, Annex A and to note that the "Authorised Limit" determined for 2005/06 will be the statutory limit determined under section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003.

(ii) to delegate to the Director of Finance, within the borrowing totals for any financial year within (i) above, to effect movement between the separately agreed figures for 'borrowing' and 'other long term liabilities'.

(iii) the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy set out in Appendix J.

(iv) amendments to the Council's Approved Lending List, shown in Appendix K.

f) To delegate to the Director of Finance authority to finalise changes relating to the reallocation of support service and central costs in accordance with the CIPFA Best Value Accounting Code of Practice [paragraph 6.16 refers].

Capital Plan: [Paragraph 11 refers]

- a) Approved the new capital bids in the January cycle, shown in Appendix I, for inclusion in the Capital Plan, where no additional funding is required.
- b) Agreed that the bids outlined in Appendix I should be approved for inclusion in the Capital Plan, or on the Hold List, including the additional use of reserves required as indicated in the Appendix
- c) Agreed the re-phrased Capital Plan as presented to committees and reproduced as Appendix F(a), as amended by the above decisions.
- d) Approved the level of reserves to be used to:
 - a. support the 2004/05 budget
 - b. support 2005/06 and future years.

[Section 12 refers].

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

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 7 of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee, 7 February 2005.

Conflicts of interest: -

Comment:

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S DECISION MAKING AND SCRUTINY STRUCTURE

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, Leader

Reference: 05/STR/04

Date of decision: 7 February 2005 **Recorded on:** 7 February 2005

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision:

The Leader is asked to make an 'in principle' decision on proposed changes to the Council's decision making and scrutiny structure which are outlined in section 4 of the report. If the Leader agrees in principle to the proposed changes officers will work up detailed proposals with the Review of Decision Making Working Party, including changes to the Council's Constitution which will be required to implement the new structure in May.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The decisions are required to progress the decision making review to the next stage.

<p>The Leader's decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) That the proposed changes to the Council's decision making and scrutiny structure, including the revised criteria for determining a Key Decision, as outlined in section 4 of the report, are agreed in principle.2) To instruct officers to work up detailed proposals with the Review of Decision Making Working Party, including any changes to the Council's Constitution which will be required to implement the new structure in May.3) That detailed proposals for a new decision making and scrutiny structure, together with any changes that are required to the Council's Constitution be reported to Civic Affairs Committee on 13th April and Council on 28th April

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

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 8 of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee, 7 February 2005.

Conflicts of interest: -

Comment: There are Scrutiny Committee additions for the Working Party to consider and these are recorded in the minutes.

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CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN CAMBRIDGE A RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN FOR 2005/06

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, Leader

Reference: 05/STR/05

Date of decision: 7 February 2005

Recorded on: 7 February 2005

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: To endorse the proposed document "Cultural Diversity in Cambridge, A Race Equality Action Plan for 2005/06" which has been developed (in partnership with Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum and public sector organisations) through the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Steering Group.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Action Plan has included tasks and targets for the City Council. The alternative would be that the Action Plan is agreed and pursued by partners without City Council involvement.

<p>The Leader's decision:</p>

<p>That the proposed document "Cultural Diversity in Cambridge, A Race Equality Action Plan for 2005/06", as agreed by the BME Steering Group be endorsed</p>

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

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 9 of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee, 7 February 2005.

Conflicts of interest: -

Comments: -

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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COUNTY-WIDE CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK CONTRACT

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, Leader

Reference: 05/STR/06

Date of decision: 7 February 2005

Recorded on: 7 February 2005

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: To agree that the City Council continues as a partner of the County-Wide Consultation Framework Contract and to proceed with the re-tendering of the contract as described in this report.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Council is a partner in this Framework Contract. The alternative would be that the Council does not continue to be a partner.

<p>The Leader's decision:</p>

<p>That the City Council continues as a partner of the County-Wide Consultation Framework Contract and proceeds with the re-tendering of the contract, with partners, as described in this report.</p>

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

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 10 of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee, 7 February 2005.

Conflicts of interest: -

Comments: -

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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PROGRESS WITH COUNTYWIDE LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES AGREEMENT (LPSA)

Decision of: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, Leader

Reference: 05/STR/07

Date of decision: 7 February 2005

Recorded on: 7 February 2005

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: To agree the process for finalising the Countywide LPSA agreement

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The County is required to consult district councils. It can agree an LPSA without the City Council's involvement. Not participating would have implications for partnership working and deny access to the Reward Grant from Government.

<p>The Leader's decision:</p> <p>That the Leader of the Council agrees to consult opposition spokespeople and the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee on the detailed content before signing the City Council's LPSA Partnership Agreement with the County Council.</p>

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

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

Report: Agenda Item 11 of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee, 7 February 2005.

Conflicts of interest: -

Comments: see Scrutiny Committee minutes for updated information on the report.