

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

2008/09 Service Plans; Revenue & Capital Budgets 2007/08 (Revised); 2008/09 and 2009/2010 (Forecast)

Decision of: Executive Councillor (Environmental & Waste Services) Colin Rosenstiel

Reference: 08/ENV/01

Date of decision: 8 January 2008 **Recorded on:** 11 January 2008

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: In the last Committee cycle, members received Service Performance Reviews setting out the performance against objectives and targets for the first six months of 2007/08. The Service Plans for 2008/09 now look ahead at service proposals, objectives, targets and budget position for 2008/09 and forecast for 2009/10. This information will enable the Executive Councillor to consider whether service priorities and resources should be refocused, to enable objectives and targets for the coming year to be met.

The Service Plans of the following services were considered:

Environmental Health
Street Services
Waste Management

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 decisions:

Agreed Performance Targets:

- a) The service objectives and proposals for 2008/09 and future years for services contained within the Environmental & Waste Services portfolio, as set out in each service plan, and the performance indicators and targets as set out in Appendix 1 of each plan.
- b) To approve the proposed charges for Environmental & Waste Services and facilities, as shown in Appendix B of the officer report.
- c) To approve, with any amendments, the current year funding requests and savings, (shown in Appendix A of the officer report) and the resulting revised revenue budgets for 2007/08 (shown in Appendix F of the officer report) for submission to

the Executive.

Revenue Budgets:

d) Proposals for revenue savings and bids, as set out in Appendix C of the officer report, which have been incorporated into the budgets presented for this portfolio.

e) The Priority Policy Fund (PPF) bids and the order of priority for submission to the Executive as shown in Appendix E of the officer report,

f) To approve the budget for 2008/09 (excluding PPF bids) as shown in Appendix F of the officer report, for submission to the Executive.

Capital:

g) To seek approval from the Executive to carry forward resources from 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix G, to fund rephased capital spending.

h) To approve capital bids, as identified in Appendix H, for submission to the Executive for inclusion in the Capital Plan or addition to the Hold List, as indicated.

i) To confirm that there are no items covered by this portfolio to add to the Council's Hold List, for submission to the Executive, as shown in Appendix I of the officer report.

j) To approve the revised Capital Plan for 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix J of the officer report.

Reasons for the decision:

As set out in the officer's report

Scrutiny consideration:

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

Report:

Agenda Item 5 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.

Conflicts of interest:

None

Comments:

None

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County Council Consultation on Congestion Charging

Decision of:	Executive Councillor (Climate Change & Growth) Sian Reid		
Reference:	08/ENV/02		
Date of decision:	8 January 2008	Recorded on:	11 January 2008
Decision Type:	Key		
Matter for Decision:	The report seeks the initial views of the Committee on the County Council's transport strategy (TIF) proposals, which are currently out to consultation. The stated aim of the package put forward by the County Council is to reduce congestion and promote improved public transport through a range of measures including 'congestion charging'. Further detailed representation will be made in early 2008.		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	Responding to the County Council's Transport Strategy is part of the arrangements for joint working.		
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To support the development of a comprehensive transport strategy that includes substantial improvements to public transport, cycling and walking and some form of demand management, probably road pricing;2. To forward initial views to the County Council on their TIF proposals, based on the comments in this report and the further views of this Committee;3. To seek the views of Area Committees on the TIF proposals, and to communicate these to the County Council; and4. To discuss and develop the TIF proposals with the County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council via the Joint Transport Forum.	
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the officer's report		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0.		
Report:	Agenda Item 6 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.		
Conflicts of interest:	None		
Comments:	None		

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City-County-South Cambs Section 29 Committee

Decision of:	Executive Councillor (Climate Change & Growth) Sian Reid
Reference:	08/ENV/03
Date of decision:	8 January 2008 Recorded on: 11 January 2008
Decision Type:	Key
Matter for Decision:	Following the review of the Local delivery vehicle, Cambridgeshire Horizons, at the end of 2006, the local authorities were requested to develop joint planning arrangements. These arrangements include proposals for a joint plan making committee (the Section 29 (S29) Committee) to oversee the fringe sites. Agreement between the authorities on the scope of the S29 Committee has been reached, subject to setting up a Joint Transport Forum and this report seek the Scrutiny Committee's consideration and approval for taking the next steps towards the creation of a joint planning policy committee for the fringe areas of Cambridge.
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The establishment of the Section 29 Committee is required by central government.
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The Terms of Reference for the Joint Transport Forum (Appendix 1 of the officer report);b. The Protocol for the relationship between the Section 29 Committee and the Joint Transport Forum; andc. the outline Terms of Reference for the S29 Committee.
Reasons for the decision:	These are contained in the officer report.
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0.
Report:	Agenda Item 7 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None

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Landscape Architects' Fees

Decision of:	Executive Councillor (Climate Change & Growth) Sian Reid
Reference:	08/ENV/04
Date of decision:	8 January 2008 Recorded on: 11 January 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	<p>The Council's Urban Design Team (Landscape Section) currently project manage a wide range of environmental improvements as part of the Council's Environmental Improvements Programme.</p> <p>The officer report sets out the case for increasing the current fees of 11% charged against the annual environmental improvements budget (which currently stands at approximately £524,000).</p>
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>Due to an increasing work load in a number of areas (growth area work, commenting on planning applications, nature conservation, etc.) there is a need to find additional resources to support the growing program of environmental improvement work.</p>
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	<p>Agreed</p> <p>To approve an increase in Landscape Architects' fees for undertaking environmental improvements programme work from the current fee of 11% of the total annual environmental improvements budget to 20% in order to pay for the appointment of a full time Senior Landscape Architect to manage the environmental improvements programme.</p>
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the officer's report
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0.
Report:	Agenda Item 8 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	

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Sustainable City Grants to Environmental Organisations 2008/09

Decision of:	The Leader, Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith										
Reference:	08/ENV/05										
Date of decision:	14 January 2008 Recorded on: 14 January 2008										
Decision Type:	Non Key										
Matter for Decision:	The Sustainable City initiative provides core funding to organisations working locally to progress the objectives within the Cambridge Environment Strategy. The officer report recommends future grant allocations which achieve this aim and prioritises those addressing the Council's Medium Term Objective regarding sustainability and climate change.										
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The purpose of the officer report is to agree in principle the future allocation of these grants to allow grant applicants to start planning their budgets and activities for the forthcoming financial year.										
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	<p>Agreed</p> <p>a) subject to confirmation of the budget in February 2008 to award the following grants:</p> <table><tr><td>Cambridge Atmospheric Carbon Action Group</td><td>£0</td></tr><tr><td>Cambridge Carbon Footprint Ltd</td><td>£22,000</td></tr><tr><td>Cambridge Preservation Society</td><td>£1,500</td></tr><tr><td>Red2Green</td><td>£7,000</td></tr><tr><td>Shape East</td><td>£5,290</td></tr></table> <p>b) To provisionally approve a three-year funding arrangement with Red2Green, with the amounts payable in 2009/10 and 2010/11 to be confirmed at the end of 2008/09, once Red2Green has established a track record with the Council.</p> <p>c) To approve a review of the way in which these grants are allocated and managed in future years, as outlined in paragraphs 3.12 – 3.15 of the officer report, to allow the Council to ensure that the grants are used to best effect in delivering outcomes that are closely aligned to the Council's own environmental objectives.</p>	Cambridge Atmospheric Carbon Action Group	£0	Cambridge Carbon Footprint Ltd	£22,000	Cambridge Preservation Society	£1,500	Red2Green	£7,000	Shape East	£5,290
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Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the officer's report										
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 4 votes to 0.										
Report:	Agenda Item 9 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.										

Conflicts of interest: The Executive Councillor declared a prejudicial interest as her husband is a director of Cambridge Preservation Society. The decision therefore was taken by the Leader in accordance with the Constitution.

Comments: None

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Decision of: Executive Councillor (Climate Change & Growth) Sian Reid

Reference: 08/ENV/06

Date of decision: 8 January 2008 **Recorded on:** 11 January 2008

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: In the last Committee cycle, members received Service Performance Reviews setting out the performance against objectives and targets for the first six months of 2007/08. The Service Plans for 2008/09 now look ahead at service proposals, objectives, targets and budget position for 2008/09 and forecast for 2009/10. This information will enable the Executive Councillor to consider whether service priorities and resources should be refocused, to enable objectives and targets for the coming year to be met.

The Service Plans of the following services were considered:

Development Services
Parking Services
Planning Policy & Projects
Tourism

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 decisions:

Agreed

Performance Targets:

a) The service objectives and proposals for 2008/09 and future years for services contained within the Climate Change & Growth portfolio, as set out in each service plan, and the performance indicators and targets as set out in Appendix 1 of each plan.

Review of Charges:

b) To approve the proposed charges for Climate Change & Growth services and facilities, as shown in Appendix B of the officer report.

Revenue Budgets:

c) To approve, with any amendments, the current year funding requests and savings, (shown in Appendix A of the officer

report) and the resulting revised revenue budgets for 2007/08 (shown in Appendix F of the officer report) for submission to the Executive.

d) The proposals for revenue savings and bids, as set out in Appendix C of the officer report, which have been incorporated into the budgets presented for this portfolio.

e) The proposals for revenue bids funded from existing or external funding, as set out in Appendix D of the officer report, which are incorporated into the budgets presented for this portfolio.

f) The Priority Policy Fund (PPF) bids and the order of their relative priority as shown in Appendix E of the officer report, for submission to the Executive.

g) To approve the budget for 2008/09 (excluding PPF bids) as shown in Appendix F of the officer report, for submission to the Executive.

Capital:

h) To approve the new Capital remit for the Nature Conservation programme as detailed in paragraph 8.2 of the officer report.

i) To approve capital bids, as identified in Appendix H of the officer report, for submission to the Executive for inclusion in the Capital Plan or addition to the Hold List, as indicated.

j) To seek approval from the Executive to carry forward resources from 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix G of the officer report, to fund rephased capital spending.

k) To approve the revised Capital Plan for 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix J of the officer report.

Reasons for the decision:

As set out in the officer's report

Scrutiny consideration:

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

Report:

Agenda Item 10 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.

Conflicts of interest:

None

Comments:

None

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Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Decision of: Executive Councillor (Climate Change & Growth) Sian Reid

Reference: 08/ENV/07

Date of decision: 8 January 2008 **Recorded on:** 11 January 2008

Decision Type: Non Key

Matter for Decision: To adopt the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) following public consultation.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The Local Plan 2006 contains a number of policies relating to affordable housing, policy 3/7 'Creating Successful Places', 5/5 'Meeting Housing Needs' and 5/6 'Meeting Housing Needs from Employment Development'. The SPD supplements, expands and adds detail to these policies where appropriate. Its objectives are to facilitate delivery, mitigate the impact of employment development and deliver sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities.

The Executive Councillor's decisions:

Agreed

- 2.1 To adopt the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) including the amendment to paragraph 57 (as shown in Comments section below) with effect from Monday 14th January 2008.
- 2.2 That officers should not seek to implement Local Plan Policy 5/6 'Meeting Housing Needs from Employment Development' and that the SPD be amended accordingly.

Reasons for the decision: As set out in the officer's report

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

Report: Agenda Item 11 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.

Conflicts of interest: None

Comments: The Planning Policy Manager recommended the following amendment to paragraph 57 of the SPD (deleted text shown in strike through and replacement text underlined:
57. The City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are working with the Housing Corporation on a new

way of delivering affordable housing on large strategic sites entitled "*The Cambridge Challenge*". Sponsored by the Corporation's East of England Region, a strategic development partner will deliver affordable housing on strategic sites in the Cambridge area⁵. The successful partner, Cambridgeshire Partnerships Ltd, has been chosen and will have no competition for grant from other RSL's on these three sites ~~be given a five-year grant funding commitment~~. This ~~commitment to longer-term grant funding for an affordable housing programme~~ should maximise the impact of Government funding programmes by securing an affordable housing development partner from site inception to completion, improving the efficiency of housing investment, and enhancing the delivery of affordable homes in a Government priority area. The aim is provide high quality, cost effective and sustainable new communities that maximise the opportunities for improving design and energy efficiency standards. For further information on the Cambridge Challenge see the list of contacts at Annexe 5.

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Cambridge East Area Action Plan
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Decision of:	Executive Councillor (Climate Change & Growth) Sian Reid
Reference:	08/ENV/08
Date of decision:	8 January 2008 Recorded on: 11 January 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	To recommend to Council the adoption of the Cambridge East Area Action Plan (AAP).
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The Cambridge East AAP was subject to an Examination in Public in July 2007. The Inspector's Report was received on 27 th November 2007. The plan is found to be 'sound' and the City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council should adopt it subject to a number of binding changes.
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed To recommend that Council adopt the Cambridge East Area Action Plan.
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the officer's report
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 1.
Report:	Agenda Item 12 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
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Appointment of Historic Environment Champion

Decision of:	Executive Councillor (Climate Change & Growth) Sian Reid
Reference:	08/ENV/09
Date of decision:	8 January 2008 Recorded on: 11 January 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	To appoint Councillor Joye Rosenstiel as Historic Environment Champion
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	Local authorities are encouraged by national bodies such as English Heritage to appoint Historic Environment Champions. This is a reflection of their crucial and multi-faceted role in the protection and management of the historic environment. Historic Environment Champions provide leadership for heritage issues within local authorities, to ensure that pressures for change respect the community's historic assets and that the historic environment is at the centre of the authorities activities. Councillor John Hipkin was the Champion until May 2007, but the position has been vacant since then. Discussions about nominations for the role have been carried on between the two main groups on the Council and the leading group has nominated Councillor Joye Rosenstiel.
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed To approve Councillor Joye Rosenstiel's nomination as Historic Environment Champion.
Reasons for the decision:	As above.
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee agreed Councillor Rosenstiel's appointment.
Report:	Agenda Item 14 of Agenda A on 8 January 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None