

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Decision

SUBURBS AND APPROACHES STUDIES

Decision of: The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth

Reference: 08/ENV/31

Date of decision: 4 November 2008 **Recorded on:** 4 November 2008

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To agree the methodology and approach to be adopted, and the first 3 studies due for completion in the current financial year as set out in the report.

The first 3 studies to be:

- 1 Huntingdon Road (to the City boundary);
Madingley Road (including Hedgerley Close and Bulstrode Gardens)
Barton Road (including Barton Close)
- 2 The approach to be a simplified version of the English Heritage Rapid Area Assessment, presented as an adapted version of the Historic Core Appraisal Street Analyses.
- 3 The programme for further studies to be developed on the basis of experience with the first three, and presented to Environment Scrutiny Committee in March 2009.

The Head of Historic Projects circulated additional information from the consultation process.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

The report of the Head of Policy and Projects explained that additional money had been made available to carry out proactive Conservation work from 2008-9 to 2010-11. The 2008-9 programme (agreed 4 April 2008) included a series of studies by consultants of Suburbs and Approaches subject to pressures for change. The idea and the scope of potential Suburbs and Approaches studies was set out in the report to Committee on 8 April 2008 (item 10).

The Executive Councillor's decisions:

- 1 Agreed to approve the methodology and approach to be adopted
- 2 Agreed to approve the first 3 studies due for completion in the current financial year as: Huntingdon Road (to the City boundary);
Madingley Road (including Hedgerley Close and Bulstrode Gardens)

Barton Road (including Barton Close)

3 Agreed that Newmarket Road to be a future priority

Reasons for the decision:

These are set out in the officer's report on the Agenda.

Scrutiny consideration:

Cllr Herbert proposed the following amendment which was endorsed by 8 votes to 0.

Newmarket Road to be a future priority.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 6 votes to 0

Report:

Agenda item 5 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.

Conflicts of interest:

None

Comments:

None

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PROGRAMME FOR FUTURE CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS, DESIGNATION AND REVIEW

Decision of: The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth

Reference: 08/ENV/32

Date of decision: 4 November 2008 **Recorded on:** 4 November 2008

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To approve the following areas as the highest priorities and to approve the proposed review and further development of the programme from July 2009, in the light of evolving legislation:

- 1 The Conduit Head Road Conservation Area, which does not have an Appraisal, and is bordered by the North-West Cambridge major development site. The West Cambridge Conservation Area also has no Appraisal. These areas are high priorities in terms of managing development pressures; a review of West Cambridge would take in Hedgerley Close.
- 2 Another potential high priority is the Mill Road and St Matthews Conservation Area, which stops at Mill Road railway bridge. There is strong public pressure for reviewing the boundary of the Conservation Area to include the Romsey end of Mill Road; the existing Appraisal also needs updating.
- 3 It is suggested that Huntingdon Road be covered by the Suburbs and Approaches assessment, with Howes Place being assessed for potential Conservation Area status as part of that process.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

Requests have been made for new Conservation Area Designations. Forty percent (by area) of the existing Conservation Areas are not covered by Conservation Area Appraisals. Only 3 of the existing Appraisals are "up to date" (i.e. under 5 years old). The Heritage Protection Bill is likely to include a requirement to ensure that Conservation Area Appraisals are kept up to date. This report sets out a basis for prioritising these pressures. Balances have to be struck between appraisal of existing Conservation Areas, and the

appraisal / designation of potential new ones. The extent of development pressures is a key factor in deciding priorities.

The Executive Councillor's decisions:

1. Agreed to approve the initial programme of work from April to July 2009, to include an Appraisal of the Conduit Head Road area, and work on Appraisals of West Cambridge, and of the Mill Road area (to include Romsey and updating the existing Mill Road and St Matthews Appraisals).
2. Agreed to approve the proposed review and further development of the programme from July 2009, in the light of evolving legislation.

Reasons for the decision:

These are set out in the officer's report on the Agenda.

Scrutiny consideration:

The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 6 votes to 0

Report:

Agenda item 6 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.

Conflicts of interest:

None

Comments:

None

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REVISION OF BUDGETS FOR SUSTAINABLE CITY PROJECT GRANTS

Decision of:	The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth
Reference:	08/ENV/33
Date of decision:	4 November 2008 Recorded on: 4 November 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	To seek approval to transfer funding from the 2008/09 Sustainable City capital grants budget to the 2008/09 revenue grants budget.
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The revenue budget was over-subscribed in the first quarter of the financial year, leaving insufficient funding to meet current and future revenue grant applications. If the budget transfer is not approved, there will be insufficient funding to meet current and future revenue grant applications. Furthermore, if demand for revenue funding continues to exceed demand for capital funding throughout the rest of the financial year, then there may be an under-spend in the capital budget at the end of the financial year.
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed to approve a one-off transfer of £10,000 from the Sustainable City Capital grants budget to the Revenue grants budget.
Reasons for the decision:	These are set out in the Officer's report on the Agenda.
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda item 7 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None

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TERMS OF REFERENCE: CYCLING CHAMPION

Decision of:	The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth
Reference:	08/ENV/34
Date of decision:	4 November 2008 Recorded on: 4 November 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	Approval of the redrafted Terms of Reference as detailed in the report.
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	Cycling is a key component in the provision of sustainable transport. A City Cycling Champion is needed to promote high quality cycling provision throughout the City. This involves both raising the profile of cycling within the City Council and seeking to persuade others of cycling's continuing importance. The Committee had asked for the Terms of Reference originally presented to them in July to be rewritten to reflect a more succinct and realistic approach to what could be achieved.
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed to approve the Terms of Reference for the Cycling Champion.
Reasons for the decision:	These are set out in the Officer's report on the Agenda.
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 8 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda item 8 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None

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APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY

Decision of:	The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth
Reference:	08/ENV/35
Date of decision:	4 November 2008 Recorded on: 4 November 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	To appoint members to the Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee.
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	These appointments are part of the Council's Decision Making process.
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed to appoint members as follows: Representative: Cllr Reid Substitute: Cllr Newbold
Reasons for the decision:	These are set out in the Officer's report on the Agenda.
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations. No vote taken.
Report:	Agenda item 9 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT: ANNEX 2 STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET

Decision of:	The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth
Reference:	08/ENV/36
Date of decision:	4 November 2008 Recorded on: 4 November 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	The approval of the draft Annex 2 for inclusion in the Affordable Housing SPD subject to the tabled amendment below.
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>The Affordable Housing SPD was adopted by the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth at the 8th January 2008 Environment Scrutiny Committee. At that time the Strategic Housing Market Assessment study (SHMA), had not been completed and so Annex 2 of the SPD stated that when available, key findings from the SHMA would be inserted at the back of the SPD and agreed by the Executive Councillor in consultation with the Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee and spokes.</p> <p>Officers have identified key data from the SHMA relevant to the operation of the Affordable Housing SPD and prepared a draft Annex 2 of the SPD for consideration and approval. This has been prepared in consultation with Housing Services officers and is attached as Appendix A to the report. The Annex was considered by Development Plan Steering Group on the 9th September, and the proposed wording of the guidance concerning housing mix has been amended in response to member concerns.</p>
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed to agree the draft Annex 2 for inclusion in the Affordable Housing SPD subject to the amendment below.
Reasons for the decision:	These are set out in the Officer's report on the Agenda.
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 7 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda item 10 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None

Comments: None

Tabled Amendment

The final part of the annex at agenda page 47 would read as follows: (new text underlined)

For new affordable housing provision, from the evidence set out above, and as a guide (allowing for variations from site to site as permitted by Local Plan policy 5/10), and subject to previous decisions and guidance on specified sites, the following mix should be provided in the urban extensions to Cambridge and on other sites as appropriate to their location and site area:

50% 1 and 2 bedroom dwellings, but with no more than 10% 1 bedroom dwellings

50% 3 bedroom or larger dwellings, but with no less than 20% 3 bedroom dwellings

*(For the avoidance of doubt, the mix will be applied separately to both the open market housing and the affordable housing parts of any scheme.)
DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH*

The household mix set out above will also be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for the market housing element of new developments because it relates to the best available evidence of future need as set out in the SHMA.

SO FINAL TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

For new affordable housing provision, from the evidence set out above, and as a guide (allowing for variations from site to site as permitted by Local Plan policy 5/10), and subject to previous decisions and guidance on specified sites, the following mix should be provided in the urban extensions to Cambridge and on other sites as appropriate to their location and site area:

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JOINT MEMBERS PANEL: REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

Decision of: The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth

Reference: 08/ENV/37

Date of decision: 4 November 2008 **Recorded on:** 4 November 2008

Decision Type: Non Key

Matter for Decision: In accordance with existing arrangements for nominations to other joint member groups such as the Joint Transport Forum, the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth is recommended to agree that the City Council appoint 3 representatives to the joint member panel comprising 2 Liberal Democrat Councillors and 1 Labour Councillor and an alternate from each party in case of the absence of a representative.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

A joint member panel has been proposed to meet the need to provide a public forum for local authority members to discuss issues arising from the recently commenced review of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils have been invited to nominate members to the Panel, to be administered by the County Council.

There is no existing joint body which meets in public which could fulfil this role. The Panel meetings will be held in public, with papers made available in advance of the meetings and with dedicated web pages to record its deliberations. These appointments are part of the Council's Decision Making process.

The Executive Councillor's decisions:

Agreed to appoint the following:

Liberal Democrat appointments:
Councillor Sian Reid.
Councillor Tim Ward.
And Councillor Clare Blair (Alternate)

Labour Group appointments:
Councillor Lewis Herbert
Councillor (Alternate) Kevin Blencowe

Reasons for the decision:	These are set out in the Officer's report on the Agenda.
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 7 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda item 11 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None

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PUBLIC ART INITIATIVES FUND TO KING GEORGE V PAVILION IN TRUMPINGTON

Decision of:	The Leader, Cllr Nimmo-Smith, deputising for Cllr Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth		
Reference:	08/ENV/38		
Date of decision:	4 November 2008	Recorded on:	4 November 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key		
Matter for Decision:	Community Services is proposing to expand and refurbish King George V Pavilion in Trumpington. As part of the works, the Department has requested funds be made available from the Public Art Initiatives Fund (PAIF) to support the provision of integrated public art features with the project.		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	On October 2, 2008, Community Facilities officers along with 5 th Studio Architects and artist Michael Tuck presented a scheme to the Public Art Steering Group to provide public art components as part of the King George V expansion and refurbishment project. The actual amount requested from the Public Art Initiatives Fund is £19,974.00. At the meeting of the Public Art Steering Group on October 2, 2008, members did not feel that the scheme had been sufficiently developed in order to recommend this amount of funding from the PAIF. However, the view of the Steering Group, and officers would concur with that view, was that the provision of public art for the building did have significant merit in terms of supporting community engagement and helping create a sense of ownership to the project. A figure of £3,500 was suggested which would support funding for artist and architect fees to develop final public art details informed by consultation with local residents. The Public Art Steering Group will consider a further provision from the PAIF for the art works for a sum up to £20,000 and subject to further consideration.		
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed to approve the contribution of £3, 500 (three thousand five hundred pounds) from the Public Art Initiatives Fund for the purposes of community engagement in order to develop public art features which can be integrated into the refurbishment and extension of the King George V Pavilion in Trumpington.		
Reasons for the	These are set out in the Officer's report on the Agenda.		

decision:

**Scrutiny
consideration:**

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

Report:

Agenda item 12 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.

Conflicts of interest:

None

Comments:

None

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PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – SERVICE REVIEW

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

Reference: 08/ENV/39

Date of decision: 4 November 2008 **Recorded on:** 4 November 2008

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision:

- 1 To agree a change of policy to allow door access charging at public conveniences for those with direct cubicle access from the street.
- 2 To instruct officers to investigate options for capital investment for the refurbishment of Drummer Street public convenience facilities.
- 3 To agree to investigate the expansion of public conveniences through partnerships.
- 4 To maintain full time attendants at public conveniences.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

As part of the Council's 2008/09 Savings Review, officers have undertaken a service review of public conveniences provided by the Council.

This report sets out the key findings of the review and makes recommendations that ensure public conveniences continue to be a high quality service that is value for money.

The Executive Councillor's decisions:

- 1 Agreed to agree a change of policy to allow door access charging at public conveniences for those with direct cubicle access from the street.
- 2 Agreed to instruct officers to investigate options for capital investment for the refurbishment of Drummer Street public convenience facilities.
- 3 Agreed to agree to investigate the expansion of public conveniences through partnerships.
- 4 Agreed to maintain full time attendants at public

conveniences.

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 1.

Report:

Agenda Item 13 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.

Conflicts of interest:

None

Comments:

None

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STREET SERVICES SERVICE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Decision of:	Executive Councillor (Environment & Waste Services) Colin Rosenstiel
Reference:	08/ENV/40
Date of decision:	4 November 2008 Recorded on: 4 November 2008
Decision Type:	Non Key
Matter for Decision:	Members were asked to consider the service plan progress reports and approve the actions proposed to ensure that objectives and performance targets for 2008-09 can be met.
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	Reviewing service plans progress reports is part of the annual cycle of business.
The Executive Councillor's decisions:	Agreed to approve the actions proposed to ensure that objectives and performance targets for 2008-09 can be met.
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the officer's report
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 6 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda Item 14 of Agenda A on 4 November 2008.
Conflicts of interest:	None
Comments:	None