

# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

## Record of Executive Decision

### Section 29 – Draft Regulations

Decision of:	The Leader, Ian Nimmo-Smith		
Reference:	08/S&R/37		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Key		
Matter for Decision:	Agreement that the terms of the draft regulations to set up the Section 29 Planning Policy Committee be reported to the Council meeting in December		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The terms of the order reflect the arrangements approved by Council last January and so are considered to be acceptable.  The Council resolution from the January meeting says:  <i>"That the Council note that final proposals will be referred back to the Council when the Secretary of State consults upon the draft Order, although consideration will be restricted by the terms of the Local agreement to which the Council will be a signatory."</i>		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<b>Agreed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To refer the draft regulations to Council in December for approval</li><li>- To agree that the draft regulations should specify that a joint Local Development Scheme be submitted to the Secretary of State within 6 months of the order coming into effect</li></ul>		
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report		

Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 6 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda Item 4a of Agenda A on 17 November 2008
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared
Comments:	None

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## Record of Executive Decision

### **Council appointment to City Centre Partnership Board**

Decision of:	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources, Rod Cantrill		
Reference:	08/S&R/38		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Non-Key		
Matter for Decision:	Appointment of a Director to the new City Centre Partnership Board		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>The report of 16th June 2008 recommended that this position would be best taken by the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources because the service sits within that portfolio</p> <p>The City Centre Management team, with the support of local solicitors Hewitsons, are in the advanced stages of drawing up the Memorandum and Articles for the new organisation. These are the legal documents which are required to set up the new partnership as a company limited by guarantee.</p> <p>At the meeting with Hewitsons on Friday 7th November it became apparent that in order to complete the Limited Company formation in line with the timetable as laid out in the report which went to Strategy and Resources on 16th June, it will be necessary for the City Council to appoint their nominated Director before the end of the year.</p>		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<b>Agreed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To nominate Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources as nominated Director</li></ul>	

Reasons for the decision:	As set out by Officer
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 6 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda Item 4b of Agenda A on 17 November 2008
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared
Comments:	None

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## Record of Executive Decision

### **Race Equality Scheme 2008-11**

Decision of:	The Leader, Ian Nimmo-Smith		
Reference:	08/S&R/39		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Key		
Matter for Decision:	To approve the Race Equality Scheme 2008-11		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 included a requirement for local authorities to develop and publish a Race Equality Scheme (RES) setting out how the Council would meet its duties under the Act to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- work towards eliminating race discrimination</li><li>- promote equality of opportunity</li><li>- promote good race relations between different racial groups.</li></ul>		

The Council adopted its first three-year scheme in 2002. This new scheme for 2008-2011 will be our third.

The Council's Race Equality Scheme 2008-2011 is an interim scheme. It is likely that the Equality Bill due to be published in the Spring of 2009, will streamline the present requirement to produce separate equalities schemes for race, disability and gender by moving to a requirement by public authorities to produce a Single Equalities Scheme. The Council intends to launch a Single Equalities Scheme by April 2010 subject to the Bill not specifying an earlier date. This new Race Equality Scheme will be incorporated within the Single Equalities Scheme at that point.

The Executive  
Councillor's  
decision(s):

**Agreed:**  
a) to approve the Race Equality Scheme for  
2008-2011

Reasons for the  
decision:

As set out in the Officers Report

Scrutiny  
consideration:

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

Report:

Agenda Item 5 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008

Conflicts of  
interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared

Comments:

None

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## Record of Executive Decision

### **New Legislation – Implications for the Council**

Decision of: The Leader, Ian Nimmo-Smith

Reference: 08/S&R/40

Date of decision: 17.11.08 Recorded on: 17.11.08

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: Council response to elements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the recent White Paper, 'Communities in Control, Real people, real power'. And investigation into how the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 might present opportunities for Cambridge

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

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health (LGPIH) Act 2007 seeks to enact some of the issues in the 2006 White Paper, particularly around the structure and governance of local government and the way we work in partnership with others to deliver local (and national government) priorities.

The recent Empowerment White Paper, 'Communities in Control, Real people, real power', published in July 2008 by the current Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Hazel Blears, takes things further and talks about "*greater democracy, devolution and control for communities*". Many of the issues in the 2008 White Paper are likely to appear in a "Community Empowerment, Housing and Economic Regeneration Bill" which is due to be published before the end of the year

In addition to the above, the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 also seeks to strengthen local communities. The Act places a duty on the Secretary of State to invite local authorities to make proposals which they consider would contribute to promoting the sustainability of local communities

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

**Agreed:**

- The recommendations in relation to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Empowerment White Paper as set out in the table in Appendix 1 of the Officers Report
  
- in relation to the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 - officers explore, in consultation with Members, whether there are any potential proposals that the Council would like to work up in detail. The outcome of this consultation to be reported back to Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee in March 2009.

Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 6 votes to 0
Report:	Agenda Item 6 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared
Comments:	None

# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

## Record of Executive Decision

### **Treasury Management Report**

Decision of: The Leader, Ian Nimmo-Smith

Reference: 08/S&R/41

Date of decision: 17.11.08                      Recorded                      17.11.08  
on:

Decision Type: Non-Key

Matter for Decision: In light of the unprecedented events in the banking and finance sector a number of changes are recommended to the Council's investment strategy and approach. These proposals, together with a revised Counterparty List are presented for consideration and for recommendation to full Council

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

Cambridge City Council is one of at least 123 local authorities that has been affected by the collapse of Icelandic banking institutions. The Council currently has a total of £9 million in short term investments (i.e. those with maturity periods of up to one year) with two of the affected banks.

The security of these investments is uncertain and, potentially, the Council might not be able to recover all of its investments. At this stage the extent of financial loss, if any, is unknown. The Council is co-operating with and supporting the work of the Local Government Association (LGA) in its discussions with Treasury on these matters and any Government support to be made available to the affected authorities.

The Council does not anticipate any immediate impact on its ability to finance and deliver its services. In the longer term, loss of interest earned, on any part of these investments not recovered, will impact on and further increase pressure on the Council's General Fund revenue budget.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

**Agreed:**

- increase the maximum sum that may be invested with HSBC Bank plc, the Council's bank, from £6 million to £10 million.
- To set a maximum sum which may be invested with counterparties belonging to the same company group at 1.5 times the level for a single named institution on the Council's approved counterparty list.
- To suspend overseas financial institutions and their UK subsidiaries from the Council's Counterparty List pending the outcome relating to investments with Icelandic Banks.
- To approve the changes to the Counterparty List, detailed in appendix A of the officers report
- To approve the revised Counterparty List attached at Appendix B of the officers report

- To continue to work with the LGA to seek to recover the outstanding amounts with Icelandic banks, and identify any lessons in terms of treasury management practice

Reasons for the decision:

As set out in the Officers Report

Scrutiny consideration:

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

Report:

Agenda Item 7 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared

Comments:

None

# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

## Record of Executive Decision

### Mapping Poverty Report

Decision of:	The Leader, Ian Nimmo-Smith		
Reference:	08/S&R/42		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Non-Key		
Matter for Decision:	To consider responses to poverty in the City using the framework of the government's national strategy to reduce poverty and social exclusion and highlights other recent proposals to reform the welfare system		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>Over the past eight years profiling has become an increasingly important tool to help public agencies understand the well-being status of local communities</p> <p>It is now possible to define with more certainty where inequalities exist between local communities and to associate health outcomes with communities experiencing disadvantage. Mapping Poverty research shows disadvantage at a smaller area, (Output Area consisting of about 125 dwellings) and can, therefore, more accurately identify distinct communities of disadvantage</p>		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To approve the actions for the future use of the research shown in appendix A of the officers report</li><li>- To repeat the research in 2009</li></ul>		
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report		

Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 8 votes to 0 (unanimous)
Report:	Agenda Item 8 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared
Comments:	None

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## Record of Executive Decision

### Countywide Review of Partnerships

Decision of:	The Leader, Ian Nimmo-Smith		
Reference:	08/S&R/43		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Non-Key		
Matter for Decision:	Confirmation of the City Council's support to the new Partnership structures and approach to partnership working endorsed by the Cambridgeshire Together Board		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The City Council and its partners have been reviewing partnership structures across the county to ensure that they are fit for purpose in the context of the new Local Area Agreement and the agreed Sustainable Community Strategy for the County.		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<b>Agreed:</b>  - To confirm the City Council's support to the new Partnership structures and approach to partnership working endorsed by the Cambridgeshire Together Board		
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 6 votes to 0		
Report:	Agenda Item 9 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared		
Comments:	None		

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## Record of Executive Decision

### Appointment to outside bodies

Decision of:	The Leader, Ian Nimmo-Smith		
Reference:	08/S&R/44		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Non-Key		
Matter for Decision:	Appointment of substitute member to Local Area Agreement Joint Accountability Committee		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	To act as substitute member in the absence of the nominated Councillor		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<b>Agreed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cllr Herbert be nominated as substitute member on Local Area Agreement Joint Accountability Committee</li></ul>		
Reasons for the decision:	As set out on agenda		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0		
Report:	Agenda Item 10 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared		
Comments:	None		

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## Record of Executive Decision

### Project Appraisal: Guildhall Project

Decision of:	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources, Rod Cantrill		
Reference:	08/S&R/45		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Key		
Matter for Decision:	To approve the commencement of the project and the procurement, and subsequent awarding, of the building contract		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The Council has entered into an agreement to lease with Jamie's Italian Ltd and has agreed to make the area available to them for lease  The Guildhall Project aims to maximise the Guildhall's role as a civic presence in the City Centre and to make the Guildhall more welcoming to the public		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<b>Agreed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To approve commencement of the project, which is already included in the Council's Capital Plan (Scheme ref. 342). The total capital cost of the project is £1,180,000, to be funded from use of reserves (£613,140) and the additional Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) receipt in respect of 2007 (£566,860).</li><li>- To approve the carrying out and completion of the procurement of £1,180,000. If the quotation or tender sum exceeds the estimated contract value by more than 15% the permission of the Executive Councillor and Director of Finance will be sought prior to proceeding.</li></ul>		

- To delegate to the Officers the approval of the award of the building contract following the procurement exercise

Reasons for the decision:

As set out in the Officers Report

Scrutiny consideration:

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

Report:

Agenda Item 11 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008

Conflicts of interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared

Comments:

None

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## Record of Executive Decision

### Service Plan Performance Review – Customer Services

Decision of:	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources, Rod Cantrill		
Reference:	08/S&R/46		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Non-Key		
Matter for Decision:	Consideration of Service Plan Progress Reports and approval of actions proposed		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	To ensure that objectives and performance targets for 2008-09 can be met		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<b>Agreed:</b> - proposed actions so that objectives and performance targets for 2008-09 can be met		
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0		
Report:	Agenda Item 12.1 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared		
Comments:	None		

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## Record of Executive Decision

### Service Plan Performance Review – Property and Building Services

Decision of:	Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources, Rod Cantrill		
Reference:	08/S&R/47		
Date of decision:	17.11.08	Recorded on:	17.11.08
Decision Type:	Non-Key		
Matter for Decision:	Consideration of Service Plan Progress Reports and approval of actions proposed		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	To ensure that objectives and performance targets for 2008-09 can be met		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	<b>Agreed:</b> - proposed actions so that objectives and performance targets for 2008-09 can be met		
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 5 votes to 0		
Report:	Agenda Item 12.1 of Agenda A on 17 November 2008		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared		
Comments:	None		