

**Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee**

19 November 2007

5.00pm – 6.40pm

**Present:** Councillors Taylor (Chair), Blackhurst, Boyce, Bradnack, Ellis-Miller, Herbert, Shah and Ward

**Also Present:**

Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources: Cllr Cantrill

The Leader: Cllr Nimmo-Smith

**For the Information of the Council****07/S&R/20 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2007 were confirmed as a correct record.

**07/S&R/21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Sadiq.

**07/S&R/22 Declarations of Interest**

None

**07/S&R/23 Public Questions**

None

**07/S&R/24 Service Plan Performance Review and Revised Budgets 2007/08: The Leader's Portfolio**

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

The Leader agreed the recommendations.

**07/S&R/25 Revised Budgets 2007/08: Overview**

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

The Leader agreed the recommendations.

## **07/S&R/26 Safer City Grants**

The Safer City grant programme was in its twelfth year having been set up to “reduce crime and the fear of crime, and anti-social behaviour”. Applications were considered at bidding rounds during the year to coincide with Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meetings.

The Leader, following consideration by the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, took decisions on applications for more than £5,000. Officers had delegated authority to take decisions on applications for less than £5,000. However, in this instance, because there were a number of applications over £5,000, all applications both over and under £5,000 were submitted for consideration. This was to allow for a decision to be taken based on the overall picture. A summary of the applications had been attached at Appendix A to the report.

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

The Leader agreed the recommendations.

## **07/S&R/27 Cambridgeshire Constabulary Application for Renewal of a Dispersal Order Under S.30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003**

Pursuant to Council policy, the Committee received the report of the Leader on a request from the Police, to which he had agreed following consultation with the Ward Councillor and Labour Group Spokesperson, for the renewal of the Market Square Dispersal Order issued under s.30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

## **07/S&R/28 Service Plan Performance Review and Revised Budgets 2007/08: Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources’ Portfolio**

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

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources agreed the recommendations.

## **07/S&R/29 Review of Guildhall Halls Charging Structure**

This report recommended a revised charging structure for the Guildhall Halls following transfer of the responsibility from Property Services to Arts & Entertainments.

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

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources agreed the recommendations.

### **07/S&R/30 Sale of Tiverton House**

The report sought approval from the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources to the disposal of Tiverton House sheltered housing scheme on the open market, in line with the Council's agreed sheltered housing strategy. The income generated by the disposal would be reinvested in the improvement of the Council's sheltered housing schemes, as identified in the Council's current sheltered housing modernisation strategy.

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

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources agreed the recommendations.

### **07/S&R/31 Project Appraisal: Repair and Refurbishment of Grafton East Multistorey Car Park**

The Project Appraisal sought approval of works for salvaging and restoring the structural integrity of the Grafton East Multistorey Car Park and of improving the overall appearance, lighting, and car-parking environment.

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

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources agreed the recommendations.

### **07/S&R/32 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Agreed that the public be excluded from the following item by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

**07/S&R/33 General Debts - Bad Debts For Write Off**

The report informed the Executive Councillor and Members of the Scrutiny Committee of General Income accounts in which there were amounts, which were deemed not to be collectable, and required to be written off in the financial year ended 31st March 2008.

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

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources agreed the recommendations.

**CHAIR**