

## **Executive Councillor Records of Decision and Environment Scrutiny Committee minutes**

**09.30 – 14.45**

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Executive Councillors:**

Executive Councillor Reid (Climate Change & Growth)  
Executive Councillor Rosenstiel (Environmental and Waste Services)

#### **Scrutiny Committee:**

Councillors Baker, Herbert, Kightley, Newbold, Shah, Upstone, Ward  
(Chair), Wright and Zmura.

#### **09/ENV/01 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 4 November 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **09/ENV/02 Apologies for Absence**

None

#### **09/ENV/03 Declarations of Interest**

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 14 of the agenda as a Director of the Close The Door Campaign. She left the room when this item was considered and took no part in the discussion. The decision on the grant applications was referred to the Leader.

Councillor Blair declared a personal interest in item 15.1 of the agenda as Member of the Interim Community Council, and also Chair of Governors of the school on Orchard Park

Councillor Kightley declared a personal interest in item 15.1 as an employee of NIAB.

#### **09/ENV/04 Public Questions**

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The Co-ordinator of the Cambridge Cycling Campaign addressed the committee. His questions are detailed at the head of item 09/ENV/06 and 09/ENV/07 below.

09/ENV/05      **Taxi Card Review** (*Non Key Decision - Agenda Item 5*)

**Matter for Decision:** The Executive Councillor is requested to note the impact on the scheme of the 2007 changes and to consider increasing the value of Taxicard vouchers to £2.60.

**Decision of Exec Cllr for Climate Change & Growth:**

Agreed:

1. That the value of Taxicard vouchers be increased to £2.60
2. That the concession given to Cambridge Dial-a-Ride passengers with bus passes to also be increased to £2.60.

**Reason for the Decision:** There is scope to make a modest increase in the value of the Taxicard vouchers, but this needs to be done in line with the concession given to Dial-a-Ride passengers.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:** Any increase has to be considered alongside the need to fund the concessionary bus travel scheme, which is a statutory duty on the Council.

**Scrutiny Considerations:** This item had been raised at Council in December and some members expresses disappointment that it was not discussed further at that meeting. Members discussed the level of the increase and how much impact a small increase of 20p was likely to have. It was suggested that individuals be allowed to use two vouchers per trip as many eligible users only use half the vouchers they are allocated and there has been a general decrease in use of the scheme. The Executive Councillor explained that this would double the pressure on the budget and was not feasible. She suggested that opposition parties produced viable alternative proposals. The difficulty in doing this with the current level of uncertainty over budgets was discussed.

Members asked who is providing transport for the disabled who do not qualify for the scheme. Dial-a-ride, while praised for the caring service it provides, is not always the answer. It was suggested that members accompany the dial-a-ride service to see how well received their service is by users and carers.

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Problems for independent taxi drivers recovering the cost of the vouchers were discussed. In future this will be via the Customer Access Centre rather than Mill Road depot to improve efficiency.

Members expressed concern that national policy forces them to subsidise bus transport for healthy, able bodied and in many cases, working, over 60's when they are unable to do more for the most needy groups. The Executive Councillor said she would welcome cross party support to put pressure on central government for a rethink on this issue.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor Climate Change & Growth for approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)

N/A

09/ENV/06            **Arbury Park Report** (*Non Key Decision - Agenda Item 6*)

Peter Studdert, Director of Joint Planning (Growth Area) and Jo Mills, Corporate Manager for New Communities for South Cambridgeshire District Council joined the meeting for discussion of this issue.

**Public Question:** The Coordinator of the Cambridge Cycle Campaign expressed dismay that this report made no mention of transport beyond a street mapping exercise. There was no consultation on the junction layouts resulting in dangerous design errors. The result is an area that is difficult to use for both cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclists are forced to cross three lanes of traffic or use the pavements bringing them into conflict with pedestrians. The pavements are poor with many pinch points. Cycle parking within Arbury Park is inadequate. Why was there no consultation at the early stages of this project?

**The Executive Councillor responded:** The Committee is pleased that this issue has been raised and the comments will be added to the review. Transport is a County issue although there are also strong links to the work of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The City often has no say in the way that S106 money is spent and members agree that consultation on this project has been poor. The issue has been raised by the City to the

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County. Lessons have been learnt from this project and increased joint working is a priority for future development. It would appear that the Design Guide was not used and the result is an example of bad practice requiring retrospective, remedial work. However, the best way forward would appear to be using this as a case study to improve future work rather than a blame game. Pressure will be put on the County to take this forward and to agree common standards.

**Matter for Decision:** A motion was passed at the Council meeting in September 2008, that the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth should bring a report to Environment Scrutiny with regards to the review South Cambridgeshire District Council has carried out of the Arbury Park (renamed Orchard Park) development. The findings of South Cambridgeshire's Scrutiny Review are particularly important given Arbury Park's location at the edge of Cambridge, its proposed transfer to Cambridge City Council and the opportunity it holds for learning lessons for other fringe developments.

Due to the pressures of work, this is an initial report to Environment Scrutiny Committee, and a more detailed report evaluating the findings of the Arbury Park Scrutiny Review and lessons to be learnt as set out in the Council motion, will subsequently be presented to Committee.

The Executive Councillor is asked to note the content of this.

**Decision of Exec Cllr for Climate Change & Growth:**

Agreed: To note the content of this report relating to the review of the Arbury Park Development by South Cambridgeshire District Council. A more detailed report evaluating these findings and identifying the lessons to be learnt for the other fringe developments around Cambridge will follow.

Subject to the following amendments:

- Exclude a box ticking exercise of areas of work already completed.
- Second report to focus primarily on transport.

**Reason for the Decision:** A more detailed stage 2 report addressing all of the points raised in the Council motion and the amendments made at this committee, will subsequently be produced, in consultation with Development Control Officers and the Joint Urban design team, and reported to Environment Scrutiny Committee.

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Lessons have been learnt and the subsequent report should be focused on transport.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:** Revisiting all areas from the first report. This was considered unnecessary as lessons have been learnt and remedial work is underway.

**Scrutiny Considerations:** Members discussed the report and Councillor Blair expressed the following concerns:

- Orchard Park has been treated as a separate entity rather than an extension of the existing community;
- physical barriers have become almost like borders;
- phasing has created a half finished community;
- social housing highlights differences and has not resulted in cohesion;
- transport issues.

She concluded that focusing on the future and learning the lessons from this development may be the overall goal, however, the residents of Orchard Park need action now.

Members felt there had been a lack of effective joint working and project management. The role of the developer was also questioned. The credit crunch has impacted on the development and it appears that the developers had no contingency plan in place for such events.

Peter Studdert responded that it's role was more of a market regulator when it enjoyed the luxury of S106 money. The collapse of the market has necessitated a change of role and the need for creative thinking to stimulate the completion of schemes such as Orchard Park. Some government money is available for the next two years to assist in the completions of various projects. Joined up thinking across Councils is viewed as the way forward to address community issues and progress has been made on the priorities of local residents. It was agreed that current residents must be consulted about any future decisions.

Lessons learnt include the problems of phased site completion and the impact this has on transport links and the school admissions policy. Integrating with an existing community when there is major access route to the City separating them was felt to be a big issue that should be avoided in future developments and addressed at the design stage.

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Members felt that a future report should concentrate on the as yet incomplete infrastructure issues Orchard Park. The problems of cyclists and pedestrians should be given high priority.

Members discussed the ways in which the Joint Development Control Committee, with its high standards, could be used for future developments to prevent the problems encountered at Orchard Park. The Head of Joint Urban Design outlined the work currently being undertaken on five sites in the area and the Design Guide is being used to improve standards. A number of plans have been rejected, as they do not conform. The team are now working with developers at a much earlier stage of the planning process.

Members discussed how productive it was to have officers spending time revisiting issues that have, or are being, addressed. The following amendments were suggested:

- Exclude a box ticking exercise of areas of work already completed.
- Second report to focus primarily on transport issues.

Vote taken and agreed unanimously.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report unanimously subject to the above amendments.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)

N/A

09/ENV/07            **Proposed Changes to Dry Recycling Scheme** (*Key Decision - Agenda Item 7*)

**Public Question:** The report does not contain any information about the second part of the process i.e. what happens to the materials once they have been through the sorting facility. Will a commingled scheme result in a lower quality, contaminated material that is harder to market?

What happens to the old boxes?

Additional bins will be a hazard on the pavements and how will this be addressed?

Could the bin be pale blue rather than dark?

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**The Executive Councillor responded:** New developments in technology allow mixed waste to be separated without loss of quality. Changing to commingled collections will increase the overall collection rates and lead to improvements in the amount of material recycled.

Residents will have a choice and can return the old boxes for re-issue to households where a third bin is not possible or they can retain them for their own use.

**Matter for Decision:** It is proposed to replace the two kerbside boxes with a third wheelie bin to be used for dry recyclables where this is appropriate for householders. Mixed recyclables would be taken to a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) to be sorted and then sent on to reprocessors for recycling. MRFs have only recently developed the ability to handle glass and so this has provided the opportunity for the Council to consider a third bin option. This proposal will also address other issues arising from collecting dry recyclables in boxes e.g. extra litter generated from the boxes, recycling in excess of box capacity ending up in the refuse bin and health and safety matters. Over 40% of all collection authorities are now collecting dry recyclables in a wheelie bin.

#### **Decision of Exec Cllr for Environmental and Waste Services:**

Agreed:

The following changes to the dry recycling collection service in October 2009:

- For all properties except flats, to change from kerbside sorting to a commingled system of mixed recyclables
- For suitable properties, to change from a two-box system to a single wheelie bin for dry recycling. This is expected to be in the region of 32,500 properties.
- To continue to use boxes for approximately 7,500 properties where the authority and the resident agree that it is not practical to use a wheelie bin
- To approve the procurement of dark blue wheelie bins to replace black and blue boxes
- To approve the procurement of sorting capacity at an appropriate Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and bulking up facilities for the storage of material prior to transfer to a MRF, either independently or in collaboration with some of the RECAP (Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) partners.

Subject to the following amendment:

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Full and thorough consultation with residents in streets which have a choice between retention of the current box system or migration to the third wheelie bin.

**Reason for the Decision:** At the end of October and during the early part of November 2008 the City Council consulted residents about the current dry recycling service. A representative sample across the City was interviewed over the telephone. The survey was also available to anyone on the website. The Council wanted to find out what residents liked and did not like about the current service and what would enable them to recycle more. The results highlighted a number of factors which are limiting or acting as a barrier to increased dry recycling. Full results are included in Appendix 1. The main findings from the combination of all responses are that:

- Residents would recycle more if they had a larger container
- Residents don't like the fact that litter blows out of the box
- Residents would recycle more if a wider range of materials could be put out for collection

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:**

N/A

**Scrutiny Considerations:**

Councillor Newbold proposed three additions to the recommendations:

1. 2.1.1 Add:  
Full and thorough consultation with residents in streets which have a choice between retention of the current box system or migration to the third wheelie bin
2. Bring forward a proposal to better engage with those groups not affected by the changes to improve recycling rates
3. 2.1.2 Add:  
Approve procurement of Cambridge light blue bins

Members discussed these suggestions.

The consultation process was discussed and it was agreed that in areas of the city where a blue bin is likely to be unsuitable, residents need to be consulted. Due to the complexity of housing in the city the council is keen to be flexible and offer residents, wherever possible, choice as to the size of the bin.

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Proposal two was considered to be outside the scope of the committee and this work is already underway. Regular promotional work is carried out to coincide with the annual influx of students.

This proposal was withdrawn.

Choice of colours was discussed and rationale behind the choice of dark blue explained. Dark blue is used across the region for this type of waste and light blue is used within the City for trade waste. Dark blue will avoid confusion and is also easier to use recycled plastic than light blue.

The Scrutiny Committee voted on the choice of colour:  
Light blue 2 votes and dark blue 6 votes.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)  
N/A

#### 09/ENV/08      **Budget Statement**

The Leader Councillor Nimmo-Smith attended the meeting and made the following statement on the budget preparation.

*This was always going to be a difficult year to set a budget, what with the niggardly 0.5% increase in government grant likely to be confirmed later this month, the need to subsidise the concessionary fares scheme, the initial effect of the credit crunch in the collapse of our investment income, and of the economic slowdown in falling income from planning fees. For these and other reasons it has not been possible to constrain the process of preparing next year's (2009/10) budget to follow the framework laid down in September when the Council agreed the Medium Term Strategy.*

*It had been planned that by the time of the current cycle of scrutiny committee meetings we would have identified in the various committee papers all the ingredients to create a balanced budget.*

*The Budget Setting Report that will be considered by Strategy and Resources scrutiny committee next Monday (17 Jan 09) identifies many of*

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*the exceptional factors that have made it difficult to follow in full the timetable.*

*On top of those factors, the government has now changed its mind during the past four weeks, on how we are to reflect the retrospective and prospective effects of deposits currently frozen in the Icelandic banks. And we now need to make provision for a potential bad debt in relation to the Folk Festival online ticket sales.*

*As if this were not enough, there has been a further collapse in bank interest rates and a consequential impact on estimates of likely future income from investments.*

*The Budget Setting Report concludes by stating that there is a requirement to identify further budget reduction measures.*

*Executive councillors are currently working with the officers on the components of an additional package of measures to achieve a balanced budget for the Executive to recommend to the Council.*

*There will be opportunities to debate the handling of the budget process at Strategy and Resources next Monday, and to scrutinise the further budget reduction proposals at the meeting of the Executive in two weeks time, and at the Council's budget setting meeting in February.*

Members discussed this statement and asked for clarity on the position of the papers being considered at the meeting. These are to be considered as supplementary and are subject to change.

09/ENV/09            **2009/10 Service Plans; Revenue & Capital Budgets  
2007/08 (Revised); 2009/10 and 2010/2011 (Forecast)**  
*(Key Decision - Agenda Item 8)*

**Matter for Decision:** In the last Committee cycle, Service Performance Reviews were published on the Council's website. They set out the performance against objectives and targets for the first six months of 2008/09. The Service Plans for 2009/10, which accompany this agenda, now look ahead at service proposals, objectives, targets and the budget position for 2009/10 and forecast for 2010/11. 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

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Appendix F of the report sets out the overall base revenue budget position for the Environmental & Waste Services portfolio. The appendix compares the proposed revised budget to the current year at September 2008 and details the proposed budget for 2009/10 and forecast for 2010/11.

### **Decision of Exec Cllr for Environmental and Waste Services:**

Agreed:

#### **Performance Targets:**

a) Agreed the service objectives and proposals for 2009/10 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.

#### **Review of Charges:**

b) Approved the proposed charges for Environmental & Waste Services and facilities, as shown in Appendix B to this report.

#### **Revenue Budgets:**

c) Approved, with any amendments, the current year funding requests and savings, (shown in Appendix A) and the resulting revised revenue budgets for 2008/09 (shown in Appendix F) for submission to the Executive.

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

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

f) Approved the budget for 2009/10 as shown in Appendix F, for submission to the Executive.

#### **Capital:**

g) Approved 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.

h) Seek approval from the Executive to carry forward resources from 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix G, to fund rephased capital spending.

i) Confirmed 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 report.

j) Approved the revised Capital Plan for 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix J, to be updated for amendments detailed in (g), (h) and (i) above.

k) Approved the project appraisals included in Appendix K for the Purchase of the Refuse Vehicle for Flats and in Appendix L for the modernisation of Romsey Recreation Ground Conveniences.

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**Reason for the Decision:**

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

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:** Changes to the budget are expected due to the current financial situation

**Scrutiny Considerations:** The committee discussed the proposals for Romsey Recreation ground toilets and questions were raised about the inclusion of a changing room. This has been done in other areas and the innovation has proved popular. S106 regulations allow this sort of expenditure. The officer will provide additional information to members outside the meeting.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)

N/A

09/ENV/10      **2009/10 Service Plans; Revenue & Capital Budgets 2007/08 (Revised); 2009/10 and 2010/2011 (Forecast)**  
*(Key Decision - Agenda Item 9)*

**Matter for Decision:** In the last Committee cycle, Service Performance Reviews were published on the Council's website. They set out the performance against objectives and targets for the first six months of 2008/09. The Service Plans for 2009/10, which accompany this agenda, now look ahead at service proposals, objectives, targets and the budget position for 2009/10 and forecast for 2010/11. 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  
Joint Urban Design Service  
Parking Services  
Policy and Projects

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## **Revenue Budget – 2008/09 Revised and 2009/10 Proposed**

1.2 Appendix F sets out the overall base revenue budget position for the Climate Change & Growth portfolio. The appendix compares the proposed revised budget to the current budget at September 2008 and details the proposed budget for 2009/10 and forecast for 2010/11.

### **Decision of Exec Cllr for Climate Change & Growth:**

Agreed:

#### **Performance Targets**

a) Agreed the service objectives and proposals for 2009/10 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. Page 45 of 104

#### **Review of Charges:**

b) Approved the proposed charges for Climate Change & Growth services and facilities, as shown in Appendix B to this report.

#### **Revenue Budgets:**

c) Approved, with any amendments, the current year funding requests and savings, (shown in Appendix A) and the resulting revised revenue budgets for 2008/09 (shown in Appendix F) for submission to the Executive.

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

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

f) Approve the budget for 2009/10 as shown in Appendix F, for submission to the Executive.

Capital:

g) Approved the transfer of £4,000 from the Local Nature Conservation **Capital Programme (PR022) to the Local Nature Reserves revenue budget in 2009/10 and 2010/11.**

h) Approved 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) Agreed to seek approval from the Executive to carry forward resources from 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix G, to fund rephased capital spending.

j) Confirmed 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.

k) Approved the revised Capital Plan for 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix J, to be updated for any amendments detailed in (g), (h) and (i) above.

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l) Approved the project appraisal as detailed in Appendix K, for the supply, installation and monitoring of a corrosion monitoring system at Park Street Multi-Storey Car Park.

**Reason for the Decision:**

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

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:** Changes to the budget are expected due to the current financial situation

**Scrutiny Considerations:** Members discussed the expected fall in development control applications and how this will impact on budgets. Vacant staff positions have been frozen but it is hoped that existing staff can be retained to maintain the skills base of the team. The situation will be monitored. There will be challenges in the next year and the situation will be monitored, as will changes to working practices such as the Customer Access Centre.

It is expected that there will be a decline in the major applications that are Horizon funded. Efficiency gains will need to be addressed within the team. This will be regarded as an opportunity to address design guidance issues. The planning service is also undergoing changes.

Members asked for clarification on training performance indicators for both members and staff. It is expected that government standards may result in changes to these performance indicators.

Parking Services were discussed. The budget has been adjusted to reflect the economic downturn. Overall use of the car parks has declined. However, the Grand Arcade car parks showed an increase. The Park and Ride service continues to do well.

LAPE funding of environmental projects was discussed. Members wanted evidence that there had been gains in environmental terms from this spending. The Executive Councillor explained that this is a hard budget to plan as it is not fixed or on-going.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 5 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth approved the recommendations.

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Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)

N/A

09/ENV/11

**Savings Cambridge Local Plan 2006** (*Key Decision - Agenda Item 10*)

**Matter for Decision:** The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that policies within old style Local Plans will be automatically 'saved' (i.e. remain in force) for a period of three years from the date of their adoption. It follows that, under the terms of this Act, the policies in the Cambridge Local Plan 2006 are due to expire on 20th July 2009. If the Council wishes to retain policies beyond their automatic end date, they must seek the Secretary of State's agreement to issue a direction to save them.

This is to be achieved by providing the Government Office for the East for England with a list of policies in the Local Plan, setting out the Authority's recommendations in respect of whether each policy should be saved, saved in part, or deleted. The list must be submitted 6 months before the policies within the Local Plan are due to expire. The Secretary of State will then issue a direction confirming which policies can be saved.

This report sets out the Council's approach to the saving of policies in the Cambridge Local Plan 2006 and Appendix 2 contains a schedule of all the Cambridge Local Plan Policies and assesses them against the criteria set out in the Government's protocol on how to save Local Plan policies.

**Decision of Exec Cllr for Climate Change & Growth:**

Agreed: To approve the schedule of policies detailed in Appendices 2 – 4 and that this is submitted to the Government Office for the East of England as the City Council's recommended approach to saving the policies of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

**Reason for the Decision:**

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

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:**

The Council's Development Plan Steering Group considered the proposed approach on 09 December 2008. On the whole, it was felt that the approach taken to assess which policies should be saved was appropriate and that the choice of policies to be deleted was suitable.

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**Scrutiny Considerations:**

Members were concerned that local groups may not get the assistance they need in understanding the new regulations. The officer confirmed that officers would be working with local groups to provide information. The web will also contain additional information. Planning officers have a role to play in advising the public to ensure that satisfaction rates do not suffer.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth approved the recommendations.

**Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)**

09/ENV/12      **Environmental Improvements Programme – Financial Procedure Amendments** (*Key Decision - Agenda Item 11*)

**Matter for Decision:** The report outlines proposed changes to financial and procedural management of the Environmental Improvements Programme, raising the upper value limit of schemes awarded under the Schedule of Rates for Engineering Projects contract from £50,000 to £75,000.

**Decision of Exec Cllr for Climate Change & Growth:** Agreed: To authorise the raising of the upper value limit of schemes awarded under the Schedule of Rates for Engineering Projects contract from £50,000 to £75,000.

**Reason for the Decision:**

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

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:**

N/A

**Scrutiny Considerations:**

Members expressed a desire to protect the funding.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 6 votes to 0.

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The Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth approved the recommendations.

### **Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)**

09/ENV/13      **Climate Change Fund Revision** (*Key Decision - Agenda Item 12*)

**Matter for Decision:** A Climate Change Fund with an initial investment of £250,000 was agreed at Council on 21 February 2008 to be used to provide funding for schemes or activities which will contribute to the achievement of the Council's climate change and carbon reduction Medium Term Objective. Detailed operational guidelines for management of the fund were agreed at Environment Scrutiny Committee in July 2007. In order to overcome a barrier identified from early experience of developing and appraising applications to the fund it is proposed to remove the requirement for the fund to support only capital expenditure and allow it to also support revenue expenditure.

### **Decision of Exec Cllr for Climate Change & Growth:**

Agreed: The revised operational guidelines for the Climate Change Fund, as detailed in Appendix A of this report, enabling it to support revenue as well as capital expenditure be approved.

### **Reason for the Decision:**

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

### **Any alternative options considered and rejected:**

N/A

### **Scrutiny Considerations:**

Members commented that they would like the money allocated faster. Work already completed was praised.

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 5 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)

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N/A

09/ENV/14            **Public Art Supplementary Planning Document and Public art Initiatives Fund Update** (*Key Decision - Agenda Item 13*)

**Matter for Decision:** This report provides an update on the process for the preparation and adoption of the Public Art Supplementary Planning Document and to receive as information an update on the Public Arts initiatives Fund.

**Decision of Exec Cllr for Climate Change & Growth:** Agreed: To endorse the process for the on-going preparation of the Public Art Supplementary Planning Document and to receive as information an update on the Public Art Initiatives Fund.

**Reason for the Decision:**

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

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:**

N/A

**Scrutiny Considerations:** Members requested an update on the Snowy Farr memorial artwork. The officer confirmed that a shortlist of artists and locations had been drawn up. Members suggested that this piece of art should be designed to appeal to children and reflect the entertainment side of Snowy Farr's character.

The Wall of Letters project has run into difficulties. The initial site was structurally unsuitable and a second site has encountered insurance problems as it was considered at high risk of vandalism. Lessons have been learnt from this exercise and in future problems should be identified earlier.

Members were concerned delays in allocating and spending money for Art project. Both officers and members expressed a desire to take good art project forward and to expand this across the City and not just in the city centre.

A decision making panel is being formed and members will be nominated to this panel.

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The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 5 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth approved the recommendations.

Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)

N/A

Councillor Reid left the room at 2.35pm. See Declarations of interest above.

09/ENV/15                      **Sustainable City Grants to Environmental Organisations 2009/10** (*Key Decision - Agenda Item 14*)

**Matter for Decision:** The Sustainable City initiative provides core funding to organisations working locally to progress the objectives within the Cambridge Environment Strategy. This report recommends future grant allocations which achieve this aim and prioritises those addressing the Council's Medium Term Objective regarding sustainability and climate change.

**Decision of The Leader:**

Agreed:

1. To approve the following grant allocations for 2009/10, subject to confirmation of the budget in March 2009:

	<b>2009/10</b>
• Cambridge Preservation Society	£1,500
• Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Real Nappy Network	£3,000
• Close the Door Campaign	£6,350
• CycleStreets	£0
• Travel for Work Partnership (for their Take A Stand initiative)	£,2,000

2. To enter into multi-year funding arrangements with Advice for Life and Cambridge Carbon Footprint, as detailed below:

	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>
• Advice for Life (Reboot Project)	£5,000	£3,000	-

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- Cambridge Carbon Footprint                      £20,000    £18,000    £15,000

**Reason for the Decision:**

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

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:**

N/A

**Scrutiny Considerations:**

The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations in the report by 6 votes to 0.

The Leader made the decision on 22 January 2009

Conflicts of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted):

The Executive Councillor declared a prejudicial interest as a Director of the Close The Door Campaign. The decision therefore was taken by the Leader in accordance with the Constitution.

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**DECISIONS BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS**

The Committee noted decisions made by the Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth since the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee in November:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council's Site Specific Policies – Public consultation Responding to Housing Shortfall. Decision taken at DPSG 08 December 2008.
- Public Art Supplementary Planning Document. Decision will have been considered at DPSG 16 December 2008.
- Local Development Framework – Annual Monitoring Report 2008. Decision will have been considered DPSG 16 December 2008.

The relevant part of the Constitution states:

***“Urgency Action***

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*33. Each Chief Officer is authorised to act on behalf of the Executive or the Council (after consultation, if practicable with the relevant Executive Councillor or, in respect of non-executive functions, the relevant Chair or, in either case, the Chief Executive) in relation to matters within his/her area(s) of responsibility in cases of urgency or emergency. Any such action to be reported as soon as possible to the relevant Executive Councillor and Scrutiny Committee or, for non-executive functions, the relevant committee or sub-committee.”*

The Committee noted the decisions.

The meeting ended at 2.45pm.

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