

DECISIONS OF CABINET

20 February 2008

ITEM		RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISION
1.	Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2008/09		See item 14.
2.	Capital Programme 2007/08 – Monitoring Report	That the contents of the report be noted and approval be given to the new monitoring arrangements and the setting up of the Capital Programme Review Group.	That the contents of the report be noted and a Capital Programme Review Group be established to include the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Efficiency.
3.	Use of Resources – Financial Standing (Income Monitoring)	(a) The information be received. (b) The proposed monitoring changes be agreed.	As per recommendations
4.	William Meadon Charity Annual Accounts and Distributions of Funds	(a) That the information regarding distribution of funds be noted. (b) That the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007 be approved.	
5.	Performance Management Report to End of Quarter 3 (December) 2007	(a) That the contents of the report be noted and that the Council continue to monitor performance alongside budgets. (b) That the specific recommendations contained in the performance indicator summary be endorsed.	As per recommendations
6.	Service and Financial Plans	That Members approve the Service and Financial Plans for 2008/11 (copies available on request).	As per recommendation
7.	Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) Consultation	That Members approve your officers responses to the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) Consultation.	As per recommendation
8.	Ward Councillors and Community Leadership	That Cabinet support the establishment of a cross party working group of Group Leaders to work with the Chief Executive and Senior Managers to develop the proposals contained within this paper.	As per recommendation
9.	Customer Service Centre Project		See green paper item 1.

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10.	Strong and Prosperous Communities – the Local Government White Paper Implementation Plan: One Year On	That Members note the content of the report and actions that this Council has taken to date in respect of the Strong and Prosperous Communities (Local Govt White Paper) Implementation Plan	As per recommendation
11.	Local Area Agreement for Staffordshire	That the draft Local Area Agreement for Staffordshire be endorsed.	As per recommendation
12.	Area/Neighbourhood Working		See item 15.
13.	Clarification on Strategic Planning Policy in Relation to Housing Development	That the revised Housing Clarification Statement be approved (Copies are available in the Members' Room).	See item 16
SUPPLEMENTARY			
14.	Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2008/09	<p>(a) That the 2008/09 General Fund Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2010/11 be recommended to Full Council for approval, after consideration of any comments made by the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>(b) That £280,000 of the Contingency Reserve Fund be utilised to fund the 2008/09 budget in view of the uncertainty surrounding the LABGI grant.</p>	As per recommendations
15.	Area/Neighbourhood Working (Item 12 – Main Agenda)	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) endorse the general thrust of this report as a basis to engage in consultation with partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>(b) agree in principle to the geographically-defined neighbourhood areas as a basis for further consultation with local members, the communities and other partners/stakeholders.</p> <p>(c) officers report back on the outcome of the consultation described above.</p>	<p>That Cabinet:-</p> <p>(a) a per recommendation.</p> <p>(b) agree in principle to between 5 and 10 geographically defined neighbourhoods as a basis for further consultation with Local Members, Communities and other partner/stakeholders including Parish Councils and the Council's Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>(c) receives the views of the Chesterton Community Forum as part of the consultation.</p> <p>(d) receives a further report on the outcome of the consultation.</p>

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16.	The Clarification on Strategic and Planning Policy in Relation to Housing Development – Recommendations of the Planning Committee (Item 13 – Main Agenda)		That the revised Housing Clarification Statement including the proposed amendments made at the Planning Committee on 12 February 2008 be approved.
17.	Local Authority Business Growth Initiative (LABGI)	That the contents of the report be noted.	As per recommendation
18. *	Grants Assessment – Recommendations for Grant Aid 2008/09	<p><u>Decision Required</u></p> <p>Do you wish to approve the grants recommended by the Grants Assessment Panel for 2008/09, as listed above?</p>	That the grants recommended by the Grants Assessment Panel for 2008/09 as detailed in the report be approved.
19.	Voluntary Organisation Homelessness Grants 2008	That Members approve the allocations over £5000 and to note for information the ones under £5000, which were approved by the Grants Assessment Panel on 18 February 2008.	As per recommendation
20	Sub-National Review – West Midlands Progress	That Members note the information contained within this report.	As per recommendation
21.	Customer Service Centre	<p>It is recommended that:</p> <p>(a) a Customer Service Centre to handle all the Council's face-to-face enquiries be established in the Guildhall;</p> <p>(b) the financial proposals set out in this report to fund the initiative be approved.</p>	As per recommendation

* Councillor Holland declared an interest in the item relating to a grant for the North Staffordshire Special Adventure Playground being a Trustee of the organisation, and took no part in the discussion on this matter and did not vote.