

DECISIONS OF CABINET

10 September 2008

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs Morris declared an interest in item 8 below (Madeley Community Development Project) and left the meeting during discussions and voting thereon.

| ITEM | | RECOMMENDATION(S) | DECISION |
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| 1. | Corporate Identity | That Cabinet approves the new corporate logo and endorses proposals to strengthen corporate branding across the Borough Council. | That, subject to the approval of the Portfolio Holder on the style of the font the new corporate logo be approved. |
| 2. | Performance Management Report to End of Quarter 1 (June) 2008 | <p>(a) That the performance report layout be amended as suggested below.</p> <p>(b) That the contents of the report be noted and that the Council continue to monitor performance alongside budgets.</p> <p>(c) That the specific recommendations contained in the performance indicator summary be endorsed.</p> | <p>(a), (b) and (c) as per recommendations.</p> <p>(d) That further action be taken as indicated to ensure the target for the payment of invoices is met.</p> <p>(e) That details of any revised telephone numbers of the Customer Contact Centre be published in The Reporter.</p> |
| 3. | Housing Services Improvement Plan: Homelessness Legislative Requirements and Customer Focus | <p>To endorse the Review of Homelessness Decision Reviews Procedure and to approve the new process</p> <p>To endorse the Complaints Review and to approve the new NHA complaints process.</p> <p>To approve the improved Housing Strategy Service</p> | As per recommendations |

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| | | Standards. | |
| 4. | Homelessness Prevention Programme Progress Report | <p>(a) To maintain the homelessness prevention programme in 2009/10 at the same level as in 2008/9 with DCLG funding at £70,000 and Council funding at £62,000.</p> <p>(b) On the basis of recommendation 1, to approve the following contractors to continue as service providers for 2008/2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sanctuary Scheme: First Stop Building Services. ▪ Mediation/family counselling: Relate. <p>Legal Advice Surgery: Beeston and Shenton Solicitors.</p> | As per recommendations |
| 5. | North Staffordshire Jobs Brokerage | <p>(a) That £50,000 funding from the interest element of the Renew & Regeneration Fund be approved for this project.</p> <p>(b) That the Borough Council chairs the Operational Group for JET Services within the Borough.</p> | <p>(a) As per recommendation.</p> <p>(b) That the Borough Council chairs the Operational Group for JET Services within the Borough, the Officer Chair to be agreed with the Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>(c) That a report on progress be submitted to Cabinet in six months.</p> |
| 6. | Newcastle-under-Lyme Race Equality Scheme 2008-11 | That the Race Equality Scheme 2008-11 be approved and recommended to the Council for adoption. | As per recommendation |
| 7. | Project House – Community Regeneration Project | <p>(a) That the Cabinet support this community regeneration project;</p> <p>(b) That members agree to the Council offering financial support (contribution) to a bid that is backed by other partners;</p> <p>(c) That the Borough Council provide match-</p> | As per recommendations |

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| | | <p>funding support of £16,200 (over two years) and;</p> <p>(d) That the Cabinet note the effective delivery of this project so far.</p> | <p>As per recommendation</p> |
| 8. | Madeley Community Development Project | <p>(a) To approve, in principle, financial support for the Madeley Community Development Project, in the sum of up to £160,000.</p> <p>(b) To approve appropriate officer representation on the Board.</p> | <p>(a) As per recommendation</p> <p>(b) That the Executive Director Resources and Support Services be appointed as the Council's representative on the Board.</p> |
| 9. | Leisure/Welling Centre | <p>(a) That Members agree the 'preferred' facility mix.</p> <p>(b) That officers be authorised to engage appropriate professional advisors to progress the scheme up to planning application stage and that a budget of £150,000 be made available to enable this.</p> <p>(c) That Members agree the broad approach to determining the scope of the project and site selection and that officers report back to Cabinet the outcome of formal consultations with prospective partners in the scheme to enable consideration of a partnership scheme.</p> <p>(d) That Members agree a broad cost envelope for the scheme of up to £14m on the basis set out in the report.</p> | <p>(a) That the 'preferred' facility mix as detailed in the report be agreed.</p> <p>(b) That further discussions be held with relevant organisations on the possibility of including an 8 lane 50 metre pool in the project.</p> <p>(c) That officers be authorised to engage appropriate professional advisors to progress the scheme up to planning application stage and that a budget of £150,000 be made available to enable this.</p> <p>(d) That Members agree the broad approach to determining the scope of the project and site selection and that officers report back to Cabinet the outcome of formal consultations with prospective partners in the scheme to enable consideration of a partnership scheme.</p> <p>(e) That due consideration be given to the site identified as being potentially suitable for future expansion if required.</p> <p>(f) That Cabinet approves a broad cost envelope for the scheme of up to £14m on the basis set out in</p> |

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| | | | <p>the report.</p> <p>(g) That the cut-off date for partners to indicate their willingness to participate in the project be 30 September 2008.</p> |
| 10. | 2012 Swimming Legacy Programme | <p>(a) That the Borough Council registers for the free provision of swimming programme for those aged sixty years and over.</p> <p>(b) That the Borough Council expresses an interest for future inclusion in free swimming provision for those aged under 16 years of age.</p> <p>(c) That the Borough Council expresses an interest in the Capital programme.</p> <p>(d) That the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager develops further local partnership working to ascertain optimum potential funding opportunities with key partners such as North Staffordshire Primary Care Trust to expand the scheme further.</p> <p>(e) That a post of Swimming Development Officer be created as a secondment opportunity at no additional cost to the Council.</p> <p>(f) That a further report is brought to Members highlighting the implications for free swimming provision for the under 16's and for the capital programme when further details become available.</p> | <p>(a) That the Borough Council registers for the Government backed scheme for the free provision of swimming programme for those persons aged 60 years and over for the 2 year period of government grant funding.</p> <p>(b) – (f) as per recommendations</p> |
| 11. | Integrated Waste Management Strategy – Project Management | <p>(a) That the report be received.</p> <p>(b) That the following powers be delegated to the Portfolio Holder to facilitate the delivery of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval of short lists for tender submission | <p>As per recommendations</p> |

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| | | <p>following evaluation of prequalification submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval of award of contracts following evaluation of submitted tenders in accordance with award criteria ▪ Approval of the commencement of procurement processes for goods and services where an approved budget is in place ▪ Approval of other actions to facilitate the progress of the Action Plan, where the delivery of the plan would be compromised by delay in obtaining Cabinet Approval. | <p>As per recommendations</p> |
| URGENT BUSINESS | | | |
| 12. | Chesterton 'My Place' Bidding Opportunity | | That Cabinet expresses its support for the bid for funding towards the provision of a sports hall in Chesterton. |
| 13. | New Victoria Theatre Funding Capital Contribution Request | That Cabinet agrees the contribution level of capital funding to the New Victoria Theatre Workspace Initiatives. | <p>(a) That, subject to Stoke-on-Trent City Council providing match funding, a sum of £25,000 be agreed as this Council's contribution towards the New Victoria Theatre Workspace Initiatives.</p> <p>(b) That should Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and/or Stoke-on-Trent City Council agree to provide funding for the project the total cost be met equally between the Borough Council and the other two local authorities.</p> |
| 14. | Integrated Waste Management Up-date - Tenders | | That consideration of this matter be deferred to a reconvened meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Wednesday 1 October 2008 at 10am. |