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Cabinet

Monday, 19th April, 2010
at 5.00 pm
Civic Centre

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Members

Councillor Samuels (Leader)
Councillor White, Cabinet Member for Adult Social
Care and Health
Councillor Holmes, Cabinet Member for Children's
Services and Learning
Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Economic
Development
Councillor Dean, Cabinet Member for Environment
and Transport
Councillor Williams, P, Cabinet Member for
Housing and Local Services
Councillor Hannides, Cabinet Member for Leisure,
Culture and Heritage
Councillor Moulton, Cabinet Member for Resources
and Workforce Planning
Councillor Walker, Cabinet Member for
Safeguarding Children and Youth Services

(QUORUM – 3)

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BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT INFORMATION

The Role of the Executive

The Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members make executive decisions relating to services provided by the Council, except for those matters which are reserved for decision by the full Council and planning and licensing matters which are dealt with by specialist regulatory panels.

Executive Functions

The specific functions for which the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members are responsible are contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. Copies of the Constitution are available on request or from the City Council website, www.southampton.gov.uk

The Forward Plan

The Forward Plan is published on a monthly basis and provides details of all the key executive decisions to be made in the four month period following its publication. The Forward Plan is available on request or on the Southampton City Council website, www.southampton.gov.uk

Key Decisions

A Key Decision is an Executive Decision that is likely to have a significant

- financial impact (£200,000 or more)
- impact on two or more wards
- impact on an identifiable community

Decisions to be discussed or taken that are key

Implementation of Decisions

Any Executive Decision may be "called-in" as part of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function for review and scrutiny. The relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel may ask the Executive to reconsider a decision, but does not have the power to change the decision themselves.

Southampton City Council's Six Priorities

- Providing good value, high quality services
- Getting the City working
- Investing in education and training
- Keeping people safe
- Keeping the City clean and green
- Looking after people

Procedure / Public Representations

Reports for decision by the Cabinet (Part A of the agenda) or by individual Cabinet Members (Part B of the agenda). Interested members of the public may, with the consent of the Cabinet Chair or the individual Cabinet Member as appropriate, make representations thereon.

Smoking policy – The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

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Access – Access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Cabinet Administrator who will help to make any necessary arrangements.

Municipal Year Dates (Mondays)

2009	2010
01 June	18 January
29 June	1 February
7 July	15 February
27 July	15 March
10 August	19 April
07 September	
28 September	
26 October	
23 November	
21 December	

CONDUCT OF MEETING

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Cabinet, and its Executive Members, are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Executive Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 3.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "personal" or "prejudicial" interests they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a personal interest in any matter:

- (i) if the matter relates to an interest in the Member's register of interests; or
- (ii) if a decision upon a matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting to a greater extent than other Council Tax payers, ratepayers and inhabitants of the District, the wellbeing or financial position of himself or herself, a relative or a friend or:-
 - (a) any employment or business carried on by such person;
 - (b) any person who employs or has appointed such a person, any firm in which such a person is a partner, or any company of which such a person is a director;
 - (c) any corporate body in which such a person has a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or
 - (d) any body listed in Article 14(a) to (e) in which such a person holds a position of general control or management.

A Member must disclose a personal interest.

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Prejudicial Interests

Having identified a personal interest, a Member must consider whether a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably think that the interest was so significant and particular that it could prejudice that Member's judgement of the public interest. If that is the case, the interest must be regarded as "prejudicial" and the Member must disclose the interest and withdraw from the meeting room during discussion on the item.

It should be noted that a prejudicial interest may apply to part or the whole of an item.

Where there are a series of inter-related financial or resource matters, with a limited resource available, under consideration a prejudicial interest in one matter relating to that resource may lead to a member being excluded from considering the other matters relating to that same limited resource.

There are some limited exceptions.

Note: Members are encouraged to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or his staff in Democratic Services if they have any problems or concerns in relation to the above.

Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 2000, and the Council's Code of Conduct adopted on 16th May, 2007, Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer

3 STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER

4 RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION MAKING

Record of the decision making held on 15th March and 19th March 2010, attached.

5 MATTERS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL OR BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION (IF ANY)

There are no matters referred for reconsideration.

6 REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

Report of the Chair of the Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel detailing the Panel's inquiry and presenting its final report into Domestic Violence, attached

7 EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

To deal with any executive appointments, as required.

8 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL PROGRAMME - VARIOUS SCHEME APPROVALS PHASE 1 2010/11

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services, seeking formal approval of Phase 1 Various Schemes in the approved HRA Capital Programme commencing in 2010/11, attached.

9 NEWTOWN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND: APPROVAL TO SPEND ON REBUILDING PROJECT

Report of the Head of Infrastructure and Capital Projects seeking approval for expenditure on the rebuilding of Newtown Adventure Playground, attached.

10 ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR TARGETED MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Report of the Head of Young People and Community Support seeking acceptance of additional Government funding for the Targeted Mental Health in Schools project, attached.

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

To move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the Confidential Appendices 1 and 2 to Item No 12.

Confidential Appendices 1 and 2 contain information deemed to be exempt from general publication by virtue of Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules as contained in the constitution.

The appendices include details of a proposed transaction which, if disclosed prior to entering into a contract, could put the Council at a commercial disadvantage in the future. In applying the public interest test it is not considered appropriate to make public offers made as this could lead to a revision of bids and therefore publication of this information could be to the Council's financial detriment.

12 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTATE REGENERATION PROGRAMME

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services, seeking authority to purchase properties in relation to the Estate Regeneration Programme, attached.

Friday, 9 April 2010

SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

Records of the previous meetings on

15 March 2010

19 March 2010

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EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 15th MARCH 2010

Present:

Councillor Samuels	-	Leader of the Council
Councillor White	-	Adult social Care and Health (except items 150/151)
Councillor Holmes	-	Children's Services and Learning (except items 150/151)
Councillor Smith	-	Economic Development (except items 150/151)
Councillor Dean	-	Environment and Transport
Councillor Williams	-	Housing and Local Services (except items 150/151)
Councillor Hannides	-	Leisure, Culture and Heritage (except items 150/151)
Councillor Moulton	-	Resources and Workforce Planning (except items 150/151)
Councillor Walker	-	Safeguarding Children and Youth Services

COUNCILLOR DEAN, CHAIRMAN

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

150. **OBJECTIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTONS OUTSIDE 278-282 BURGESS ROAD (TRO)**

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 09/10 2708)

On consideration of the report of the Head of Highways and Parking Services and representations made by residents at the meeting concerning objections to proposed waiting restrictions outside 278-282 Burgess Road, the decision maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To approve a "No Waiting at Any Time" restriction of 5m outside 278-282 Burgess Road.
- (ii) That the parking restriction is reviewed in 12 months time to establish whether the scheme has addressed potential safety and congestion issues.

Reason for the Decision:

The restricted area would be for loading and unloading by goods vehicles between 8am and 1pm every day, while serving as an unrestricted parking area the rest of the time. The purpose of the waiting restriction is to keep the area around the Methodist Church access clear of parked vehicles and to give easier access for delivery lorries to the parking bay.

151. **PROPOSALS FOR PERMIT PARKING IN VINERY GARDENS, ST. JAMES'S PARK ROAD, VINERY ROAD AND ST WINIFRED'S ROAD (TRO)**

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 09/10 2898)

On consideration of the report of the Head of Highways and Parking Services and representations made by residents and interested parties made at the

meeting concerning objections received to the design and or the implementation of a permit parking scheme in Vinery Gardens, St. James's Park Road, Vinery Road and St. Winifred's Road, the decision maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To approve a Traffic Regulation Order in Vinery Gardens, St. James's Park Road, Vinery Road and St. Winifred's Road as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
- (ii) That the scheme is reviewed in 12 months time.

Reason for the Decision:

To enable a permit parking scheme to be introduced to alleviate, where possible, some of the problems being experienced by residents and business customers parking within the scheme.

COUNCILLOR SAMUELS, CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

152. **RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION MAKING**

The record of the Executive decision making held on 15th February and 17th February 2010 were received and noted as a correct record.

153. **SELECTION OF PARTNERS FOR SPORT AND RECREATION PARTNERSHIPS**

CALL IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION NUMBER CAB09/10 1800

On consideration of the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee the decision maker refused the recommendations of the Committee and confirmed the following decision:

- (i) To consider the objections received and to authorise the disposal to the preferred bidder by way of a 15 year lease for Package 2 and an agreed lease for Package 1, the list of properties set out in appendix 1, in order to facilitate the contract awards.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources and the Solicitor to Council following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure,, to appoint a preferred partner for the management and operation of Package 1 (Southampton Municipal Golf Course) in accordance with the framework as set out in confidential appendix 2.
- (iii) To appoint the preferred partner (identified at confidential appendix 3) to manage and operate the leisure facilities identified in package 2 (excluding the grounds maintenance for outlying sports pitches), for a contractual period of 15 years, at or below the level of annual management fee set out in section 9 of confidential appendix 3, and delivering an average net annual saving equal to or greater than the savings figure set out in section 10 of confidential appendix 4.
- (iv) To delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council, following consultation with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Executive Director of Resources to finalise and enter into contractual arrangements with preferred partners for both package 1 and 2 with contracts commencing on 1st September 2010, subject to the preferred

partner for Package 1 fully meeting the criteria set out in confidential appendix 2.

- (v) To approve, in accordance with finance procedure rules, capital expenditure of £198,000 on Improvements to the Athletics Track at the sports centre and £48,000 on Improvements to synthetic turf pitches at the sports centre, provision for which exists in the Leisure, Culture and Heritage capital programme for 2010/11.
- (vi) To approve the preferred way forward for the development of PE and Sport facilities at Chamberlayne Park College and the ongoing relationship with Chamberlayne Leisure Centre.
- (vii) To authorise the Solicitor to the Council following consultation with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and the Executive Director of Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained within this report including, but not limited to, the entering into of agreements, bonds, leases, further advertisement of any property matters and such other matters as are ancillary to or expedient for the completion of the project.

154. DISTRICT CENTRES SCRUTINY INQUIRY

On consideration of the report of the Chair of Economic and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel detailing the Panel's inquiry and final report into Southampton's town and district centres the decision maker made the following decision:

- (i) To receive the inquiry report on Southampton's town and district centres to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's constitution.

155. AGREEMENT WITH HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION TRUST FOR PROVISION OF INTEGRATED LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

DECISION MADE (CAB 09/10 2920)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health seeking approval to enter into a legal partnership with Hampshire Partnership Foundation Trust, the decision maker made the following decision:

- (i) To approve the partnership arrangements between the Council and HPFT for a period of five(5) years from 1st April 2010 under Section 75 National Health Services Act 2006 and enable the Council to act as lead partner under the partnership arrangements and assume responsibility for the management and performance of the Integrated Team.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care to enter into partnership arrangements and approve future variations to the arrangements.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care to establish a Partnership Board to monitor and assist in the management of the partnership Arrangements and to agree the constitution and terms of reference for the Partnership Board.

156. ACADEMIES CAPITAL PROJECT – PREFERRED BIDDER APPOINTMENT

DECISION MADE (CAB 09/10 3055)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Learning seeking authority to select a preferred bidder and complete the procurement of a partner to develop and construct the Mayfield and Lordshill Academies, the decision-maker made the following decision:

Having complied with the requirements of Paragraph 15 (General Exception) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and subject to costs being within agreed resources, it is recommended that:

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Children’s Services and Learning, following consultation with the Executive Director of Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services & Learning, to appoint a preferred bidder for the schemes in accordance with the published evaluation criteria after completion of the design competition
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources to agree the final affordability position and to take any action necessary to complete financial close of the project or as otherwise required by Partnerships for Schools in this regard.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children’s Services and Learning, following consultation with the Executive Director of Resources, Solicitor to the Council and Cabinet Member for Children’s Services & Learning, to submit a Final Business Case (FBC) for the Mayfield Academy project.
- (iv) To delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council, following consultation with the Executive Director of Resources, and the Executive Director of Children’s Services, to complete commercial and contractual close and to enter into all necessary contracts / Agreements and other legal documentation including but not limited to the Development Agreement and Design and Build contract to construct the Mayfield Academy and develop pre-contract proposals for the Lordshill Academy.
- (v) To add in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules an additional sum of £15,372,400 to the Children’s Services Capital Programme to carry out works at the Mayfield Academy.
- (vi) To approve in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules capital expenditure in the sum of £16,397,400 including fees from the Children’s Services Capital Programme to carry out works at the Mayfield Academy.

157. DETERMINATION OF ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2011/12 ACADEMIC YEAR

DECISION MADE (CAB 09/10 2879)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Learning seeking determination of the admission arrangements and

Published Admission Numbers for community and voluntary controlled schools for 2011/12, the decision-maker made the following decision:

- (i) The responses from the consultation with Southampton Admissions Forum, schools, other relevant admission authorities, Councillors and the C of E and Roman Catholic dioceses be noted.
- (ii) The admissions policies and the published admission numbers (PANs) for community and voluntary controlled schools, the schemes for co-ordinating primary and secondary admissions for the academic year 2011-12, and the scheme for co-ordinating in year admissions from September 2010 as set out in Appendices 1- 6 be approved.
- (iii) The sibling link be recognised equally in applications to infant schools and junior schools as they are in applications for primary schools.
- (iv) The published admission numbers (PAN)s for the following schools be Bassett Green Primary School 60, Mansel Park Primary 60, Glenfield Infant School 90, Moorlands Primary School 60, Kanes Hill Primary School 60 Shirley Warren Primary School 60 for Year R admission in September 2011. These increases in admission numbers provide an extra 150 year R places to accommodate the expected increase in the number of children in the city who will need school places at that time.
- (v) The Executive Director for Children's Services and Learning be authorised to take any action necessary to give effect to the above proposals.

158. APPLICATION TO PLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT ON COMMON LAND AT FREEMANTLE COMMON AND PEARTREE GREEN

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2921)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning seeking permission to apply to the Secretary of State to develop 23 play areas within the City, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to make an application under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006, for the installation of play equipment on Freemantle Common and Peartree Green.
- (ii) Subject to the successful application, to approve the installation of equipment on Freemantle Common and Peartree Green.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council to take any action necessary to give effect to, ancillary to or likely to facilitate the recommendations set out in this report, including participation in any application, appeal or enquiry process required.

159. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

The Leader moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration

of the confidential appendices.

160. ROYAL PIER SITE

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2546)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development seeking approval for the proposed future disposal and redevelopment of the Royal Pier Site, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) That the Solicitor to the Council following consultation with the Head of City Development & Economy be authorised to negotiate terms and enter into any documentation necessary with ABP and the Crown Estate prior to marketing to facilitate the redevelopment of land at Royal Pier and surrounding land, as shown indicatively on Plan 1.
- (ii) That the Head of City Development & Economy, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, be given delegated authority to prepare the marketing documents and market the Council's land as shown on Plan 2, and subject to final Cabinet Member approval of the agreed Heads of Terms, dispose of land interests in the site, or parts of the site, to the selected developer.
- (iii) That the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to take any action including entering into any legal documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution and to take all necessary steps to undertake a marketing process in line with EU procurement regulations.
- (iv) To approve in accordance with financial regulations expenditure as documented in Appendix 2 on the first phase of the Royal Pier development. Funding for this is incorporated within the Capital Programme as part of the Major Site development feasibility project.
- (v) That the Head of City Development and Economy following consultation with the Executive Director of Resources be given delegated authority to progress the scheme to completion subject to Council adding the additional funding to the capital programme and the total costs of the scheme remaining within the financial boundaries shown in Annex 1 to the Confidential Appendix.

161. SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2629)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development seeking approval of the Safe City Partnership Annual Plan for 2010/11, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To approve the Safe City Partnership Annual Plan 2010/11 and approve the council's contribution, as detailed in the Plan.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods to agree the final version of the Annual Plan, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and the Performance Management Group of the Safe City Partnership.

162. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT THORNHILL TO ENABLE REDEVELOPMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 1694)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning seeking approval for the disposal of land at Thornhill to enable redevelopment for affordable housing, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

Subject to TPY receiving approval from the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG):

- (i) To approve the terms of disposal to, and receipt of overall consideration from, First Wessex Housing Association as set out in this report.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive (Economic Development and Regeneration) to enter into all such documentation and carry out all related action to give effect to these disposals, including any renegotiation of the capital receipts.
- (iii) To approve the portion of the capital receipt due to the Council being retained by Plus You Ltd as part of the NDC succession strategy.

163. THORNHILL PLUS YOU DELIVERY PLAN 2010/11

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 1769)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Economic Development seeking approval to endorse the Thornhill Plus You Delivery Plan, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

Having had regard to the Council's Community Strategy:

- (i) As Accountable Body, to both note the Annual Delivery Plan 2010/11 and the implications for the Council.

164. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE THORNHILL PLUS YOU SUCCESSION STRATEGY AND TO ENDORSE THE 2010/11 DELIVERY PLAN

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2713)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development seeking approval of changes in the Thornhill Plus You Succession Strategy, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

Having had regard to the Council's Community Strategy:

- (i) As Accountable Body, to endorse the Thornhill Plus You Succession Strategy set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive (Economic Development and Regeneration) to approve future amendments.

165. ANNUAL REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2700)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval for the increase of fees and charges applicable to the services provided by the Environment and Transport portfolio, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) That the charges detailed in the appendix be approved from 1st April 2010.
- (ii) To authorise the Solicitor to the Council to take any steps necessary to implement the proposals in this report, including the issue of Statutory Notices where appropriate.

166. PROJECT INTEGRA: ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2010-2015

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2701)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval for the Project Integra Annual Action Plan 2010-15, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To approve the Project Integra Draft Annual Action Plan 2010-2015.

167. APPROVAL TO SPEND CAPITAL FUNDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO SCHEMES IN 2010/11

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2710)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval of expenditure for schemes already included in the Capital Programme for 2010/11, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To approve variations, totalling £432,000 in 2010/11, to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme agreed at Council on 17th February 2010, as detailed in Appendix 4.
- (ii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £10,489,000 in 2010/11, as detailed in Appendix 2, from the total Environment and Transport Capital Programme of £21,172,000.
- (iii) To note the detail of the projects within the Capital Programme for 2010/11 as set out in Appendix 5.

168. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

The Leader moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendices.

169. DISPOSAL OF LAND IN DERBY ROAD

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 1933)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services seeking approval to dispose of land at Rope Walk, Derby Road, representations from community groups and Members of the Council, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To agree to dispose of the site at Rope Walk, Derby Rd to facilitate the provision of a community facility and retention of the community garden.
- (ii) If negotiated agreement for disposal for community use, in accordance with recommendation (i) cannot be reached, to agree disposal for affordable housing use.

- (iii) In the event that recommendations (i) and (ii) cannot be achieved, to agree disposal on the open market.
- (iv) To determine that the disposal will contribute to the improvement of social well-being of residents.
- (v) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services, the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and the Solicitor to the Council, to agree detailed terms of the disposal in line with the parameters set out in the Appendix to this report.
- (vi) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods following consultation with the Cabinet Member for housing and Local Services, Solicitor to the Council, Head of finance and Head of Property and Procurement to agree the future management arrangements for the Community Garden.
- (vii) Delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council, following consultation with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Executive Director of Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained within this report.

170. CENOTAPH MEMORIAL WALL

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2630)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage seeking approval to carry out works on the West Park to implement the proposed Cenotaph Memorial Wall, the decision-maker made the following decision:

- (i) To authorise officers of the City Council to apply to the Secretary of State under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 for consent to carry out works on registered common land (West Park) to place the proposed Cenotaph Memorial Wall.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to do anything necessary to support the proposals within the report.
- (iii) Subject to the successful consent of the Secretary of State to carry out the works proposed to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to approve the proposed Cenotaph Memorial Wall and add to the Neighbourhoods Capital Programme.

171. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

The Leader moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendices.

172. SOUTHAMPTON GUILDHALL – MANAGEMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2632)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage, seeking approval to extend the existing management contract, the decision-maker made the following decision:

- (i) To delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council, following consultation with the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage, to finalise and enter into a contract and any other associated documentation to extend the current Southampton Guildhall Management Contract with Live Nation (Music) UK Limited; formerly Clear Channel Entertainment (Music) Limited; for a further 15 years to the maximum Term permitted in the Contract of 25 years to 10 February 2028.

173. PRICE REVIEW FOR LEISURE, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2642)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage, seeking approval for the pricing structure for the use of facilities and services within the Leisure, Culture and Heritage Portfolio, the decision-maker made the following decision:

- (i) To approve the 2010-11 price structure for Leisure, Culture and Heritage Portfolio services, as per Appendix 1 to take effect from Thursday 1st April 2010.

174. LEASE OF TOWER HOUSE, TOWN QUAY

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2914)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, seeking approval for the grant of a new lease, the decision maker made the following modified decision:

- (i) To approve the grant of a lease of Tower House to ASPACE at less than market rent on the terms set out in this report and in accordance with the amendment moved at this meeting.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Head of Property and Procurement to finalise lease terms and to take all appropriate steps in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council to complete the lease.

NOTE: Paragraph 6 of the report deleted and replaced with:

ASPACE are willing to take a 5 year lease of Tower House, whilst its future is being reconsidered, with either party to be able to terminate the lease after the second year on the giving of 6 months notice. They will be unable to pay a rent but will cover all other outgoings for the building.

175. ARIADNE HOUSE, TOWN QUAY – RENEWAL OF LEASE TO THE COUNCIL

DECISION MADE: (CAB 09/10 2915)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, seeking approval for the renewal of the lease, the decision-

maker made the following decision:

- (i) To approve the renewal of the lease at Ariadne House on the terms set out in this report.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Head of Property and Procurement to finalise lease terms and to take all appropriate steps in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council to complete the lease.

176. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

The Leader moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendices.

177. THE PRINCIPLE AND DETAILED TERMS OF PROPERTY DISPOSALS UNDER THE PROPERTY DISPOSALS PROGRAMME

DECISION MADE: (CAB: 09/10 2973)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, seeking approval for the disposal of properties listed in the report, the decision-maker made the following decision:

- (i) To approve the provisionally agreed terms for the disposal of 1A-11 Burseldon Road and 6-18 Empress Road as set out in Confidential Appendix 1.

178. CAR PARKING SPACES AT SECOND AVENUE, MILLBROOK – TO GRANT AN OPTION TO LEASE

DECISION MADE: (CAB: 09/10 3043)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning seeking approval to grant a lease option following the expiry of an existing lease, the decision-maker made the following decision:

Having complied with the requirements of Paragraph 15 (General Exception) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, it is recommended:

- (i) That approval be given to grant Selex an option to lease the car park at Second Avenue, Millbrook, for a term of 9 years from 26 February 2013 at an open market rental to be determined in February 2013, the detailed terms and provisions of such lease to be approved by the Head of Property and Procurement and the Solicitor to the Council.

179. CITY CENTRE COASTAL FLOOD AND EROSION RISK STRATEGY STUDY-FUNDING

DECISION MADE: (CAB: 09/10 2963)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport detailing an increase in revenue budget to enable a grant to be claimed, the decision-maker made the following decision:

- (i) To approve the addition to Environment and Transport Portfolio's revenue estimates of a City Centre Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Strategy Study budget of £390,000 in 2010/11 and £122,000 in 2011/12. This study will

be fully funded by the Environment Agency and the recommendation is subject to their final confirmation of the study budget.

180. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

The Leader moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendices.

181. ST. MARY'S LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

DECISION MADE: (CAB: 09/10 2691)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage, detailing proposals for future management of the St. Mary's Leisure Centre, the decision-maker made the following decision:

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources and the Solicitor to Council following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage, to grant a service concession to Southampton Solent University for the management and operation of St Mary's Leisure Centre as a publicly accessible facility.
- (ii) To authorise the Solicitor to the Council following consultation with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and the Executive Director of Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained within this report including, but not limited to, the entering into of agreements, bonds, leases, and such other matters as are ancillary to or expedient for the completion of the project.

182. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

The Leader moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendices.

183. BITTERNE PARK SIXTH FORM – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT

DECISION MADE: (CAB: 09/10 3184)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning seeking approval to undertake the procurement process and enter into a contract to provide a sixth form at Bitterne Park School, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

Having complied with the requirements of Paragraph 15 (General Exception) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, it is recommended that:

- (i) Subject to meeting Learning and Skills Council (LSC) timescales for funding, to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Children's Services and Learning, following consultation with the Executive Director of Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning, to undertake all aspects of the

procurement of the sixth form facility, including award of contract, in accordance with contract procedure rules.

- (ii) To delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council and the Executive Director of Resources to do anything necessary to complete the procurement and contract award or otherwise give effect to the procurement of the sixth form facility including but not limited to entering into funding agreements, contracts, licenses and any other legal or financial documentation required as long as the scheme remains within the previously agreed time, cost and quality parameters.

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SPECIAL URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING
RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 19th MARCH 2010

Present:

- Councillor Smith - Economic Development
- Councillor Hannides - Leisure, Culture and Heritage
- Councillor Moulton - Resources and Workforce Planning

184. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

The Chair moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential report.

185. **STRATEGIC ASSET ACQUISITION**

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 09/10 3289)

On consideration of the confidential report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning the decision-maker approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

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DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	REPORT OF THE SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INQUIRY		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 APRIL 2010		
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF THE SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

SUMMARY

From January to March 2010 the Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel undertook an inquiry into the how the incidence of domestic violence, including sexual violence and so called ‘honour’ based violence, can be reduced, particularly focussing on the services for standard and medium risk cases. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) considered the final draft of the inquiry report on 25th March 2010 and approved it for submission to the Executive. The scrutiny inquiry report contains 9 recommendations which have been highlighted in Appendix A. The Cabinet needs to formally respond to these recommendations to meet the requirements in the Council’s constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To receive the attached inquiry report on domestic violence to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council’s Constitution.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The overview and scrutiny procedure rules in part 4 of the Council’s Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and to submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them.

CONSULTATION

2. The inquiry report, attached as Appendix B, lists the individuals and organisations that have contributed to this review.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None.

DETAIL

4. On 18th June 2009 the Overview and Scrutiny Panel agreed the indicative Terms of Reference for an inquiry into reducing the incidence of domestic violence in the city. The Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel conducted the inquiry and reported back their findings to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC). The inquiry was undertaken over 5 meetings between January and March 2010 and agreed, at its meeting on 10th March 2010, 8 recommendations contained within the Inquiry report attached at Appendix A.
5. At the first meeting of the Inquiry, the Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel was given an introduction and context to domestic violence issues in the city. The key definitions, common patterns of behaviour, the national and local context and performance indicators were outlined to the Panel.
6. The second meeting looked at local structures, roles and particularly the Police response to domestic violence. Meeting 3 concentrated on how the city tackles the cases identified at high risk/crisis cases and received information the SDVF Risk Assessment Model, Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (IDVAs), the Domestic Violence Specialist Court and sexual offences.. Evidence was given by the Police and the IDVA manager and the Panel notes the good work underway and national recognition of achievements in this area.
7. The fourth meeting looked at the services and support for standard and medium risk cases of domestic violence. The Panel heard evidence from the voluntary sector and the Safer Communities Manager and noted the gap in services for standard and medium domestic violence cases was an issue.
8. The fifth and final evidence meeting highlighted the impact of domestic violence on children and families and gave a focus on the support given by the Health Service on this issue. Diversity issues were also addressed.
9. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee considered the Scrutiny Panel's final report, attached at Appendix B, at its meeting on 25th March 2010. It agreed that the Domestic Violence Scrutiny Panel had met its terms of reference for the review and that the report should be forwarded to Cabinet to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it. OSMC also inserted an additional recommendation 9:

“If the Government publishes a consultation paper on the setting up of a DV Perpetrators Register, the scrutiny panel which will be responsible for scrutinising Crime and Disorder matters to be the statutory consultee”
9. The majority of recommendations from the inquiry require action from the Safe City Partnership and the Southampton Domestic Violence Forum. The chair of the Safe City Partnership's Performance Management Group and Southampton Domestic Violence Forum have been informed of the scrutiny panel's recommendations and a formal response has been requested.

10. Many of the recommendations also require specific actions from our partners. The chairs of the relevant partnerships, including the Children and Young People's Trust, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Economy and Enterprise Board, have been informed of the scrutiny panel's recommendations and a formal response has been requested as appropriate.
11. The Executive needs to consider the Domestic Violence Scrutiny Panel's recommendations relating to these issues and to formally respond to this report in order to meet the requirements set out in the Council's constitution.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

12. A number of the recommendations within the appended report could be progressed by re-focussing council officer and partner's time and existing work programmes.

Capital

13. No additional capital costs were identified during the course of the inquiry.

Revenue

14. It will be for the Executive and various partnerships to identify whether they can accommodate taking forward any of the recommendations outlined in Appendix B. Precise revenue implications will depend on how the individual recommendations are implemented.

Property

19. None

Other

20. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

21. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. This report is presented in accordance with section 7.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules which requires the Executive to submit its response to the inquiry recommendations.

Other Legal Implications:

22. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

23. The proposals contained within the appended report are in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework and, if implemented, the recommendations will help to deliver priorities within Southampton's Domestic Violence Strategy and the Southampton Safe City Partnership Plan.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

A.	Domestic Violence Inquiry – Summary of Recommendations
B.	Final report of the Domestic Violence Scrutiny Panel

Documents In Members' Rooms

	None.
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the
Access to Information
Procedure Rules / Schedule
12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if
applicable)

	None.	
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Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

KEY DECISION?

No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All wards would be affected by the Executive's implementation of the recommendations contained within the inquiry report.
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APPENDIX A

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INQUIRY	Lead Agencies	Target Date	Comments/ Actions <i>To be completed for Cabinet's response</i>
Recommendation 1: The Safe City Partnership should ensure the voluntary sector is fully involved and part of any future solutions to support standard/medium risk cases.	Safe City Partnership SCC	2010-12	
Recommendation 2: The Safe City Partnership should consider how the SDVF can be better supported with leadership and direction and have clearer links to other partnership boards such as the Children and Young People Trust	Safe City Partnership SCC	2010/11	
Recommendation 3: The SDVF should agree a more coordinated approach to key processes such as the use of risk assessments, training and information sharing	SDVF SCC	2010/11	
Recommendation 4: Agree and share key information to provide more data at standard and medium risk levels across the partnership to overcome gaps in data. This should be supported by a programme of problem solving analysis to better understand the reasons and causes of high levels of DV reporting and hot spots to help target stretched resources to maximum effect.	SDVF SCC	2010/11	

Recommendation 5: Children and Young People's Services to explore the extent and options for each school's child protection liaison officer (CPLO) to include a focus on DV in the promotion of healthy relationships in the curriculum.	CYPT SCC Schools	2010/11 Ongoing	
Recommendation 6: Awareness of DV issues to be raised with the School Governor's Forum with the recommendation that Safe! Pack and Star projects are delivered at school and college cluster groups to stretch limited resources to a wider number of schools.	CYPT SCC Schools	2010/11	
Recommendation 7: The SDVF and Health Service is urged to work more closely to improve the identification of DV in their patients and develop appropriate pathways for responding.	HWB Health Service	2010-12	
Recommendation 8: The Safe City Partnership and SDVF should develop and agree a communication strategy to raise awareness of DV more widely to communities, businesses and partners.	Safe City Partnership SDVF	2010/11	
Recommendation 9: If the Government publishes a consultation paper on the setting up of a DV Perpetrators Register, the scrutiny panel which will be responsible for scrutinising Crime & Disorder matters is to be a statutory consultee.	SCC	Ongoing	

APPENDIX B

Report of the Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel

Domestic Violence Inquiry January to March 2010

Panel Membership:

Cllr Fitzgerald (Chair)

Cllr Beckett

Cllr Capozzoli (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Odgers

Cllr Parnell

Cllr McEwing

Cllr Thomas

The Chair's foreword

The Safer Communities Panel has held a wide ranging inquiry into Domestic Violence and how we can better target resources.

It is worth stating that Southampton has a record to be proud of in dealing with high risk cases. We are, in effect a beacon authority. This is down to a strong team at the council, good working relationships with the police and the fantastic and dedicated work charities and other agencies do.

In a desire to improve all aspects of services relating to Domestic Violence, the Panel was tasked at looking what can be done to boost responses to standard and medium risk cases. The impact on children and the consideration of the issues within minority communities was also assessed.

Despite a wide remit, I believe the panel has come up with sensible, practical suggestions which will drive further improvements.

The Panel believes despite the good work in the city, Domestic Violence provision has gaps. We feel all statutory and voluntary bodies should coordinate better to ensure that resources go to the front line and are focused on outcomes.

The report sets out in detail our recommendations. I would stress that in a time of economic uncertainty it is important to note the impact Domestic Violence has on the city economy. Agencies spend £22 million a year on programmes and services.

Finally, on behalf of the panel, I would offer my thanks and praise to those who presented evidence to the Panel and to council officers for their time and commitment. I would personally like to thank fellow members for their input and support.

Cllr Neil Fitzgerald

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Introduction

1. The Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel conducted the Domestic Violence Inquiry between January and March 2010.
2. This Inquiry focussed on domestic violence, a significant contributor to violent crime in the city (21.5%), which continues to be an issue and showing an upward trend, especially Assault with Injury.
3. The Panel commended the nationally recognised achievements in a city of the size of Southampton to reduce domestic violence through strong partnerships, even extending outside of the city boundaries where good relationships with neighbouring authorities ensure that victims are never without refuge. Significant improvements have been achieved in high risk cases with extensive joint-working across the city through the use of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) which bring together many agencies across the city on each high risk DV case. The panel noted a national shift by the Police in their approach to domestic violence and also, locally, acknowledged that Southampton Police have a positive and supportive approach to this issue.
4. Southampton's MARAC has been cited as one of the top 4 in the country and seen a marked reduction of nearly 5% of repeat domestic violence incidents. More locally, the set up at Southampton's Surestart MRM (in Millbrook, Redbidge and Maybush) has been exemplified as a best practice model.
5. The Panel believe that the excellent work for high risk incidents of domestic violence in the city can be built upon to impact on the limited appropriate services for standard/medium risk cases to increase the capacity necessary to deliver improved services to Southampton. Domestic violence has been estimated to cost a population the size of Southampton over £22M per annum.
6. Overall, there were nearly 5,000 incidents relating to domestic violence reported to the Police with approximately a quarter subsequently recorded as crimes. It is estimated that at least 23% of victims do not report their abuse, a population the size of Southampton is estimated to have over 7,000 women and girls who have experienced domestic violence in the last year.
7. The purpose of the Inquiry was to examine how the incidence of Domestic Violence (DV), including sexual violence and so called honour based violence, can be reduced while still ensuring confidence to report, specifically how to reduce the amount of repeat victimisation. Evidence was gathered from a number of witnesses on the national and local context around domestic violence, the risk based response in Southampton, responses to high risk and crisis cases, medium and

standard risk cases, the health service and children's service response, the impact of domestic violence on children, young people and families and the diversity issues associated with domestic violence.

8. The Panel confirmed that despite a very high level of domestic violence cases in the city, Southampton's Domestic Violence Forum have successfully delivered an increased and strong 'risk based' response to victims of domestic violence through the MARAC process. The key areas of success and identified best practice are with those victims who are in crisis and at the highest risk of serious violence, with a reduction in repeat cases in the last few years. However, despite this best practice model and approach repeat offending rates are high.
9. Due to the well established response to higher risk cases the Inquiry focussed on potential improvements to the effectiveness for standard and medium risk cases, especially how these cases may avoid becoming high risk and how victims who have received a high risk intervention may be supported to avoid repeat victimisation. The Scrutiny Inquiry programme was agreed in summer 2009 and this Inquiry was scheduled from January – March 2010 to ensure that the lead officer for Domestic Violence/ Violent Crime was available to support the Panel.
10. During this period, some actions and initiatives were already underway although these need to be more focussed and coordinated to offer a more coherent and broader response to this issue. The work of the Think Family project will have an impact on the identification and support to families at risk of domestic violence at earlier stages.

The Issues

Objective 1: To examine the kind and level of support needed for standard/medium risk cases as well as the high risk cases that have stabilised or received a high risk intervention.

11. In 2008/09 Victim Support received 4,049 referrals from all sources in the city, although many did not take up contact. In the first 6 months of 2009/10 there were 1,326 medium and standard risk victims of domestic violence referred to Victim Support from the Police. It is estimated that each year in the city there are 750 domestic violence victims at medium risk, taking account of under-reporting and repeats, and 3200 standard risk cases. These numbers demonstrate the high levels of demand for these services.
12. Repeat victimisation of the highest risk cases has been reduced over the last few years but is still makes up about 33% of those cases referred to MARACs. The overall repeat domestic violence crime rate across the city

is recorded as about 28%¹. It is important to remember that a victim will experience an average of 35 incidents before reporting domestic violence to a service.

13. The Panel endorses the view of the Southampton Domestic Violence Forum that there is a gap in provision at standard and medium risk - and recognises the need for further investigation into how best to respond to this gap.
14. The SDVF commissioned a separate piece of work to assess the gap in provision due to the vacuum left by the focus and funding on high risk cases by Standing Together Against Domestic Violence. As a consequence, the Southampton Partnership Delivery Board have recommended that an 'invest to save' business case is developed to identify the potential cost savings to all key services if more funding was provided at the earlier intervention stages of domestic violence incidents. These will be reported in June to the Safe City Partnership and Southampton Partnership Delivery Board.
15. The Panel notes the potential positive effect that additional funding for those at high risk will have on the standard/medium risk cases and supports further investigation into the feasibility of further actions. The acute funding difficulties faced by all agencies are recognised by the Panel.
16. It is clear the voluntary sector has a lot to offer but is reliant on short term funding much of which is running out in April with no signs of changing. There is also a wide use of volunteers at medium/standard risk cases from Southampton Women's Aid helpline and Victim Support.
17. Although there are initiatives in place to deliver actions, these are limited in scale to deal with the potential numbers involved. Through out the Inquiry voluntary agencies have stressed the additional capacity needed to sufficiently deal with the high. However the wealth of experience and commitment to support domestic violence victims by a large number of volunteers should not be ignored.

Recommendation 1: The Safe City Partnership should ensure the voluntary sector is fully involved and part of any future solutions to support standard/medium risk cases.

18. In addition, processes are not always consistent or clear amongst agencies providing standard and medium risk services, for example there are various approaches to undertaking risk assessment. This can cause

¹ This is a figure from the Police and not a universal statistic – some victims will not report an incident to the Police.

difficulties, delays and inconsistent information, especially once a referral is needed to another agency.

19. As a result although there is a great deal of activity at individual agency/risk level there is currently limited joint working between agencies; ultimately this means that victims could fall foul of the system. Access to funds, training, risk assessment, information sharing and signposting of services is not given a sufficiently strategic or co-ordinated approach.
20. The Southampton Domestic Violence Forum has worked well for the operational delivery of the partnership, however it appears to have had limited strategic influence. Although individual agencies are all committed to supporting victims of domestic abuse there has been a lack of accountability to making the partnership work.
21. The Panel believes that better targeting of resources and a more strategic leadership structure will help further improve Southampton's status as a lead authority on reducing domestic violence.

Recommendation 2: *The Safe City Partnership should consider how the SDVF can be better supported with leadership and direction and have clearer links to other partnership boards such as the Children and Young People Trust*

Recommendation 3: *The SDVF should agree a more coordinated approach to key processes such as the use of risk assessments, training and information sharing*

22. It has also been identified that the statutory sector needs to improve ways of recognising and identifying domestic violence as a risk factor that impacts on the lives of their clients and customers.
23. This lack of identification of DV also links to limited availability and sharing of data, particularly at standard and medium risk levels. This is coupled to a heavy reliance on police data which understandably relates more to high risk cases and therefore not necessarily relevant or appropriate for other levels of risk. It is therefore difficult to identify the underlying causes of domestic violence and ultimately the success of intervention at the lower levels of risk.
24. The Panel heard that Southampton has well above average levels of reporting of DV which impacts on the city's crime figures. It also puts a lot of pressure on those responding to highest risk cases - i.e. more than national average number of cases through Multi Agency Risk Assessment

(MARAC²), pressure on Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs³) etc.

25. There was also discussion about hot spots areas such as Millbrook and Thornhill - however it is not clear if there is a real understanding of the causes for the high level of reporting and the issues specific to hot spot areas. Data is not readily available, shared or consistently recorded/monitored for standard and medium incidents and referrals and therefore the outcome of services provided are more difficult to assess.
26. Wider availability of better and more detailed information from standard and medium risk cases will enable further analysis of what the problems and potentially provide more targeted solutions to specific areas or issues.

Recommendation 4: Agree and share key information to provide more data at standard and medium risk levels across the partnership to overcome gaps in data. This should be supported by a programme of problem solving analysis to better understand the reasons and causes of high levels of DV reporting and hot spots to help target stretched resources to maximum effect.

Objective 2: To examine the impact of domestic violence on children and young people

27. The impact of domestic violence on children and young people (CYP) is well documented⁴ including a wide range of physical and emotional symptoms alongside the possibility of moving home and schools, coupled with the risk of losing friends, and one or more parent. The Children's Service and Learning Safeguarding Division have seen an increase of 15% of children and young people affected by domestic violence. The Department of Health estimates that nationally about 75% of children on the 'at risk' register live in households where domestic violence occurs.
28. Intervention and support services for children and young people are established to some extent, through safeguarding processes for high risk cases, and through Southampton Women's Aid. Existing IDVA and MARAC systems ensure the safety of adult survivors and their families and the mental health service 'Saucepans' is also available (although domestic violence is not often identified as an issue at referral point).

² A multi-agency response to the highest risk cases of domestic violence which focuses on improving the victim's safety and the safety of their children. Agency representatives attend MARACs to share all the know risks to the victim with one another, actions are then agreed to reduce these risks. In Southampton these meetings happen fortnightly.

³ IDVAs are trained specialists who work with clients identified as being at very high risk of significant harm and / or murder, the majority of clients will be identified by using a risk indicator checklist.

⁴ <http://www.womensaid.org.uk/domestic-violence-survivors-handbook.asp?section=000100010008000100380001>

29. The service provision at the standard and medium risk levels however is more limited. The NSPCC, Southampton's Woman's Aid and No Limits provide therapeutic services although these are limited although demand is high and funding at risk. There is the possibility for there to be no work of this kind in Southampton next year due to funding and restructuring.
30. An independent investigation by Standing Together Against Domestic Violence urges statutory agencies to do more as a key response to the volume of cases and limited resources. They advised that it should be possible to build on current good practice in services that work with children and young people - such as Sure Start MRM (for Millbrook Redbridge and Maybush area) which was cited as best practice for running a parent support group for DV victims. The Panel recognises that improving the provision for medium risk cases through an 'invest to save' business case would also provide improved care for children and young people experiencing DV at this level.
31. Evidence points to a current lack of identification of domestic violence as an issue within agencies referring cases to Children's Services given the high estimated proportion of children experiencing or witnessing some level of domestic violence. This is particularly in the statutory sector. In Southampton, the Police make 76% of all DV referrals to Children's social care, 11% of the referrals from schools indicate DV, and 3.4% of health referrals. Less than 1% of cases referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service indicated DV.
32. The importance of embedding domestic violence into child protection activities has already been identified, and Children's and Learning Services are working in partnership with the police, schools (through education welfare officers) and other partners to develop a triage system of identifying risk factors for children.
33. The Panel heard evidence that education is crucial in preventing harm to those young people experiencing domestic violence now or later in life. It is still too early to say whether the initiatives in place will achieve greater awareness of DV issues. Healthy relationships are already being promoted in the school curriculum through 'SEAL' (Social and Emotional aspects of learning) and 'Every Child Matters'; and it is expected that DV issues will continue to develop on an ongoing basis in schools.

Recommendation 5: Children and Young People's Services to explore the extent and options for each school's child protection liaison officer (CPLO) to include a focus on DV in the promotion of healthy relationships in the curriculum.

34. The Panel heard that efforts to raise awareness of DV and encourage healthy non-violent relationships through the Safe! Pack and Star project was proving difficult to deliver as settings such as schools were finding it

hard to commit time to this despite recognition of its impact on child safety and well being.

Recommendation 6: *Awareness of DV issues to be raised with the School Governor's Forum with the recommendation that Safe! Pack and Star projects are delivered at school and college cluster groups to stretch limited resources to a wider number of schools.*

35. Health services are also limited in their identification of DV as an issue within their patients. Referrals to children's services saw 3% from GPs and less than 1% from mental health services 'Saucepans'. The introduction of a 'family health assessment tool' which all practitioners and health visitors will use should help raise the profile of DV issues however it is too early to identify the success of these initiatives.

Recommendation 7: *The SDVF and Health Service is urged to work more closely to improve the identification of DV in their patients and develop appropriate pathways for responding.*

Objective 3: To examine ways to improve prevention activities and awareness raising on domestic violence, sexual violence and so called honour based violence issues.

36. The evidence to the Panel raised awareness amongst members of the scale and impact of DV. This is an issue that is clearly not fully or widely understood despite the level of activity in responding to DV at many levels of the community as well as amongst partners and agencies who may not appreciate the prevalence of domestic violence and their potential input into supporting and preventing future incidents.

37. The Panel heard that more training and support should be given to private and public sector employers in recognising DV as an issue which can affect staff attendance and productivity. Other groups such as charities and unions also have a role to play.

38. There are potentially significant gaps in awareness of the prevalence of, and response to DV, along with the effect and implications of domestic violence both to the victims and perpetrator. The success of the partnership in reducing and preventing incidents and the need for intolerance to it at all levels of the community.

39. Overall, it is clear that training and education work were crucial in preventing domestic violence incidents for future generations and the Panel believe a more strategic approach to training by the SDVF (**rec 2**) and promotion of healthy relationships in schools (**rec 5**) would lead to greater awareness and prevention.

Recommendation 8: *The Safe City Partnership and SDVF should develop and agree a communication strategy to raise awareness of DV more widely to communities, businesses and partners.*

40. Currently Police take the main responsibility and response for honour based violence and forced marriages. Given the sensitive and individual nature of these cases this was seen as appropriate, although it was clear that these cases were increasing alongside the estimated rise in BME population in the city.

41. Overall information on ethnicity for domestic violence cases is inconsistently recorded or not recorded at all. Current information suggests that there is a high level of under-reporting against the forecast BME population levels.

42. Once consistent and widespread information is available further analysis could be done to ascertain the depth of the problem and potential gaps in BME access to services. This should form part of the partnership data collection approach (**rec 3**) and problem solving work (**rec 4**).

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	Safe City Partnership	Children and Young People's Trust	Economy and Enterprise Board	Health and Well Being Board	Lead agency	Measurement	Timescale
Recommendation 1: <i>The Safe City Partnership should ensure the voluntary sector is fully involved and part of any future solutions to support standard/medium risk cases.</i>	✓				Safe City Partnership SCC	Voluntary sector included in future solutions	2010-12
Recommendation 2: <i>The Safe City Partnership should consider how the SDVF can be better supported with leadership and direction and have clearer links to other partnership boards such as the Children and Young People Trust</i>	✓	✓		✓	Safe City Partnership SCC	Agenda item and resolution on this issue at Safe City Partnership Board	2010/11
Recommendation 3: <i>The SDVF should agree a more coordinated approach to key processes such as the use of risk assessments, training and information sharing</i>	✓	✓		✓	SDVF SCC	Agenda items on this issue	2010/11
Recommendation 4: <i>Agree and share key information to provide more data at standard and medium risk levels across the partnership to overcome gaps in data. This should be supported by a programme of problem solving analysis to better understand the reasons and causes of high levels of DV reporting and hot spots to help target stretched resources to maximum effect.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	SDVF SCC	Information sharing and problem solving schedule agreed	2010/11

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	Safe City Partnership	Children and Young People's Trust	Economy and Enterprise Board	Health and Well Being Board	Lead agency	Measurement	Timescale
<i>Recommendation 5: Children and Young People's Services to explore the extent and options for each school's child protection liaison officer (CPLO) to include a focus on DV in the promotion of healthy relationships in the curriculum.</i>		✓			CYPT SCC Schools	Agenda items and resolution at C&YPT	2010/11 Ongoing
<i>Recommendation 6: Awareness of DV issues to be raised with the School Governor's Forum with the recommendation that Safe! Pack and Star projects are delivered at school and college cluster groups to stretch limited resources to a wider number of schools.</i>		✓			CYPT SCC Schools	Agenda item on School Governors Forum and School Cluster groups	2010/11
<i>Recommendation 7: The SDVF and Health Service are urged to work more closely together to improve the identification of DV and develop appropriate pathways for responding.</i>	✓			✓	HWB Health Service	Health service agenda item and resolution	2010-12
<i>Recommendation 8: The Safe City Partnership and SDVF should develop and agree a communication strategy to raise awareness of DV more widely to communities, businesses and partners.</i>	✓		✓		Safe City Partnership SDVF	Communication strategy in place	2010/11

Development and projected impact on the issue

43. Standing Together against Domestic Violence was commissioned to assess the gap in provision due to the vacuum left by the focus and funding on high risk cases.
44. While the good reputation of the council and other agencies is recognised they have identified that the statutory sector processes are not currently set up to identify domestic violence as a factor of the lives they impact.
45. They have also recommended an invest to save business case is developed to identify the potential cost savings to all key services if more funding was provided at the earlier intervention stages of DV.
46. The Panel received evidence about partnership work already planned including:
 - HR policy development
 - SCC's Children's and Learning Services Directorate are coordinating the development of a triage system together with the Police, Schools (through Education Welfare Officers) and other partners to enable a more coordinated response to children in need.
 - Health services are introducing Family Health Assessment across their services to provide a more coordinated response to family health issues such as mental health and substance abuse which are often evidence in domestic violence cases.
 - Joint work is ongoing to improve engagement with BME Communities. Initiatives include workshops during International Women's Week, discussions with the Muslim and Sikh community to raise awareness, confidence and levels of reporting, and Sure Start undertaking encouraging work with women with young children.
47. In addition, the Safe City Partnership's draft Action Plan for 2010/11 contains the following action to address this issue:
 - *Improving responses to Domestic Violence especially focusing on medium and standard risk cases and the impact of DV on children and young people, but also ensuring joined-up approaches to reduce repeat offending.*

Resourcing the actions

48. Domestic violence is estimated to cost a population the size of Southampton over £22M per annum (based on a Ready Reckoner).
49. Southampton City Council has committed funds of approximately £538,000 to DV specific services, for 2009/10 this was broken down as follows:
- £45,000 Safeguarding (Southampton Women's Aid CYP work in refuge)
 - £355,000 Supporting People (Raglan and Stonham - Refuge and outreach)
 - £23,572 Voluntary Sector Grants (Southampton Women's Aid - Outreach)
 - £114,000 Safer Communities budget (1 Manager and 2 IDVA's)
50. Safeguarding work already underway in Children's Services also addresses many issues which support domestic violence work, although these resources have not been specifically identified as part of this Inquiry. The Standing Together report urges Children's Services to review its funding arrangements relating to supporting children through DV.
51. The recommendations of the Standing Together report to prepare an invest to save business case may have some financial implications in the future but these will be the subject of future reports.
52. The recommendations of this Inquiry do not have any additional financial implication on the council and its partners, except in terms of additional input of people's time.

Measuring the impact of change

53. The potential impact of the work already underway and implementation of the emerging recommendations of the DV Scrutiny Inquiry aim to achieve:
- A reduction in the repeat incidents of DV incidents
 - A reduction of cases referred to MARAC
 - Less escalation of cases from standard/medium to high risk cases
 - Improved potential for children and young people within their current circumstance through the provision of support and earlier intervention, therefore avoiding the possible impact witnessing domestic violence may have later in life
54. The recommendation (6) of the Panel for the SDVF to identify and measure a clear consistent data set should enable a much clearer picture in future of the impacts of intervention and prevention work.

Terms of Reference: Domestic Violence

1. Scrutiny Panel: Safer Communities
2. Nature of Inquiry: Full
3. Membership:
 - a. Councillor Fitzgerald (Chair)
 - b. Councillor Capozzoli
 - c. Councillor Rayment
 - d. Councillor Parnell
 - e. Councillor Beckett
 - f. Councillor Odgers
 - g. Councillor Thomas
4. Purpose:
 - a. To examine how the incidence of Domestic Violence (DV), including sexual violence and honour based violence, can be reduced.
5. Background:
 - a. The Safe City Partnership Plan identifies that violent crime continues to be a concern and Assault with Injury (which forms 44% of violent crime offences) has increased by 29%.
 - b. The annual Southampton Domestic Violence Forum Snapshot Survey measures the volume of domestic violence and incidents reported to all services in the city. This shows an upward trend in the reporting of Domestic Violence, which features in the increase in the statistics for Assault with Injury
 - c. Significant improvements have been made to multi agency working with DV victims in the city, which in turn has resulted in increased confidence in reporting repeat DV incidents to the agencies
 - d. However, there are still few appropriate services for referring for low/medium risk cases for DV, sexual offences and honour based violence.
6. Objectives:
 - a. To examine the kind and level of support needed for low/medium risk cases as well as the high risk cases that have been stabilised
 - b. To examine the impact of Domestic Violence on children and young people
 - c. To examine ways to improve prevention activities and awareness raising on domestic violence, sexual violence and honour based violence issues

7. Methodology and Consultation:
 - a. Undertake desktop research
 - b. Identify best practice
 - c. Seek stakeholder views
 - d. Conduct interviews with Cabinet Members leading on issues related to Enforcement, Executive Director for Neighbourhoods, Policy Co-ordinator, Assistant Solicitor to the Council, relevant Heads of Services, Safer Communities Manager and other agencies, particularly the Police, Probation and the voluntary sector

8. Proposed Timetable: 7 meetings from Jan – March 2010 and report to the OSMC in May 2010.

Meeting 1: Domestic Violence - Introduction & Context
Definitions, common patterns of behaviour
National and local context
Performance Indicators

Presented by:

Linda Haitana – Safer Communities Manager

Michelle Barry – Southampton Domestic Violence Forum Chair

Meeting 2: Domestic Violence - Local structures, roles and responses

Presented by: Ch/Inspector Dick Pearson, Sgt Melanie Morgan and Linda Haitana

Meeting 3: Domestic Violence - High Risk / Crisis Cases

Risk Assessment model

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARACs)

Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (IDVAs)

Domestic Violence Specialist Court

Sexual offences

Presented by: Karen Marsh – IDVA Manager, Sgt Mel Morgan and Jo Pearce
- Manager Rape Crisis

Meeting 4: Domestic Violence - Standard and Low Risk Cases

Current Provision

Issues and Gaps

Presented by: Women's Aid; Linda Haitana or Anthony Wills

Meeting 5: Domestic Violence - Children and Families Impact and Diversity
Issues

Current provision, issues and gaps

Presented by:

Head of Safeguarding

Representative from Health

Representative from the Local Safeguarding Children Board

Representative from Southampton Domestic Violence Forum (SDVF)

regarding diversity issues including No Recourse to Public Funds and Honour

Based Violence.

Meeting 6: Focus on Health and views from Stakeholders, including Children and Young People's perspective written case histories without names to be considered by the Panel

Meeting 7: Agree Recommendations

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

APPENDIX 3

- Introduction and background information on DV presented by Linda Haitana, Safer Communities Manager
- Police response to domestic violence, 'honour' based violence and forced marriage presented by PS Melani Morgan
- Southampton's response to high risk and crisis DV cases presented by Karen Marsh and PS Melani Morgan
- Southampton's response to standard/medium risk DV incidents presented by
 - Lynn Shannon & Annett Odom - Woman's Aid
 - Jo Black – Victim Support
 - Anthony Wills – Chief Executive of Standing Together Against Domestic Violence
- The impact of DV and DV support/services for children and families and diversity issues for domestic violence presented by:
 - Trish Roscoe – Children's Social Care
 - Karen Watts – IDVA manager
- Focus on health response to DV:
 - Trish Newcombe – Health safeguarding lead
- Case studies of children affected by DV – anonymous

All presentations and notes on witness evidence available on request

SUMMARY OF OTHER INFORMATION, AND COMPARATIVE DATA

Evidence submitted to the Panel

- Southampton city council DV funding breakdown
- Ready reckoner of DV issues and costs to the city
- Domestic violence, incidents, crimes and level of repeats by ward including information on Surestart centres and priority areas in the city
- Southampton Strategy against DV 2007-2010
- Police key 20 questions used to assess risk for every DV incident they respond to
- Rick indicator check list used by IDVAs and other non-police agencies for MARAC case identification when DV, 'honour' based violence or stalking is identified
- Southampton DV Forum Snapshot Survey report of 2009 = service provider responses

Desktop research:

- Devon County Council Task Group on DV and Abuse
- Report on child victims of domestic abuse – Overview and Scrutiny Birmingham City Council
- Various BBC new reports covering:
 - New Government Policy to promote healthy relationships
 - Issues around disproportionate level of female DV victims
 - Tougher powers by the courts to impose restraining orders
 - Television campaigns against DV

All evidence, presentations and research are available on request

Performance

APPENDIX 5

PI Description	Target	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Current Status	Perf since prev Qtr	Projected Outturn	Previous Year Outturn	Forecast Direction of Travel from 2008/09 to 2009/10	Comments
Economic Development Portfolio											
Neighbourhood Services Division											
LAA 4b i Number of clients referred to the Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) service (LAA Local Indicator)	300	72	147	244		On Target	Improved	300	272	Improved	
LAA 4b ii Percentage of potential clearly identified victims of domestic violence engaged with the Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) service (LAA Local Indicator)	69	74	64	69		On Target	Improved	69	67	Improved	
LAA 4b iii Overall provision and effectiveness of local authority services designed to help victims of domestic violence and prevent further domestic violence. (BV225) (LAA Local Indicator)	90	90.9	90.9	90.09		On Target	Declined	90.9	90.9	No Change	It is not possible to report against this indicator. It was proposed to remove this from the suite of SCP measures at the start of 09/10.
LAA 4b iv Reduce the percentage of repeat attendances at MARACS by IDVA clients (LAA Local Indicator)	33	45		33.6		On Target	N/C	33	30.5	Declined	
NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence (LAA Designated Target)	33	45	43	33.6		On Target	Improved	33	36	Improved	Like many other cities Southampton has been seeking interpretation of guidance and definitions for this measure in previous months. Following this clarification and agreement from the local MARAC Strategy Group on the definition and criteria for what cases should return to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC's), we have seen a drop in the number of NI32 cases. Work continues to

<u>PI Description</u>	Target	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Current Status	Perf since prev Qtr	Projected Outturn	Previous Year Outturn	Forecast Direction of Travel from 2008/09 to 2009/10	Comments
NI 34 Number of domestic homicides per 1000 population	0	0	0	0.004		On Target	Declined	0.004	0	Declined	reduce the number of repeat cases. Unfortunately a domestic violence homicide occurred during this quarter. Southampton is recognised as one of the top 4 areas in the country for its progressive model of dealing with those at high risk of death or serious injury as a result of domestic violence. However the nature of this crime dictates that even with these robust mechanisms in place victims are still placed at significant risk from partners or ex partners.

ITEM NO: 8

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL PROGRAMME -VARIOUS SCHEME APPROVAL PHASE I 2010/11		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 APRIL 2010		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL SERVICES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

SUMMARY

This report seeks formal approval in accordance with Financial Procedures Rules for the preparation and execution of the HRA Capital programme schemes outlined within this report.

The proposed schemes will indirectly contribute to the Council's strategic housing objectives and will help ensure that the Council achieves the Decent Homes Standard by December 2010.

Following the approval of the 17th February 2010 Capital: Programme there are a number of schemes that require amendments to bring the scheme approval sums in line with approved budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To approve in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules an overall increase in the approval to spend across the following schemes:

	2010/11 £000s	2011/12 £000s
Decent Homes		
Structural Works	400	0
Total Decent Homes	400	
Decent Homes Plus		
Adaptations for Disabled People	1,350	1,350-
Energy Saving Programme	400	-
Heating System Upgrade Programme	250	
Window Replacement Programme	648	1,150
Programme Management Fees	400	-
Door Entry – Millbrook/Maybush (formerly Crime Reduction and Safety 2010/11)	450	-
Total Decent Homes Plus	3,498	2,500
TOTAL	3,898	2,500

- (ii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, an amendment to the HRA Capital Programme in relation to the Millbrook Parking capital project to rephase expenditure of £225,000 from 2011/12 to 2010/11.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Financial Procedure Rules require that all schemes with a total value of more than £100,000 be approved by the appropriate Cabinet Member before they can proceed. Schemes over £200,000 need to be approved by Cabinet.
2. Including sums in a capital programme does not give authority to spend the money. This is done by a separate scheme approval process. Following the capital updates it is necessary in some cases to bring scheme approvals in line with approved budgets.

CONSULTATION

3. A key role in the development of the capital programme has been the involvement of “groups” such as the Tenants Focus Groups, Block Wardens, tenant representatives, leaseholders and staff. Tenants and leaseholders have been closely involved in the production of our long term business plan for future investment.
4. We aim to actively continue consultation with these groups, beyond the point of statutory requirements to include involvement during detailed design, programme scheduling, implementation stages and assessment of tenders.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

5. During consultation with tenants groups and leaseholders over the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme and in the formation of the HRA Business Plan during the option appraisal process all parties expressed support for schemes of work at this time.
6. The alternative option of not undertaking this work would leave the properties and surrounding areas in their present condition and would not accord with the views expressed during the consultation process or with the Council’s policies of providing Decent Homes.

DETAIL

7. This report seeks permission to proceed with the development, procurement and implementation of capital projects which are included within the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2010/11 to 2011/12 approved by Council on 17th February 2010. This report deals with those new schemes that are currently ready for approval. Further reports will be submitted for other schemes later in the year.
8. The programme outlined in this report has been developed from the HRA Business Plan 2007-2037 following completion of the Stock Options appraisal in July 2005. It will contribute towards the aim of meeting the Decent Homes Standard by 31st December 2010. At the same time the programme reflects the aspirations of tenants identified during the option appraisal process which was completed in July 2005.

Decent Homes Programme

Structural Works

9. To enable essential structural works identified in the previous years' survey report to be carried out, and permit surveys to be commenced to other blocks in 2010/11. Blocks which will be receiving structural remedial works are Holyrood, Canute and St James high rise blocks as well as a further 99 medium rise blocks in Thornhill. Blocks to be surveyed / inspected are the medium rise blocks in Maybush, Shirley and Lordshill (102 blocks) and the high-rise blocks at Redbridge and Millbrook Towers.

Decent Homes Plus

Adaptations for Disabled People

10. Approval is being sought for investment of £2.7 million in adaptation works over the next 2 years. This project is intended to provide both minor and major adaptations to Housing properties where residents have a specific medical need to enable them to live independently. Referrals from Occupational Therapists can be either Critical or Substantial under both major and minor headings. Decent Homes then have a target period of nine months to deliver the major works. Critical and minor works have a target period for delivery within eight weeks.

Energy Saving Programme

11. To carry out insulation projects across the city where properties currently have either no existing cavity wall/ loft insulation or where the existing is insufficient - £250,000. The level of capital investment requested shall enable approximately 500 properties to benefit from this programme of works (Depending upon type of dwelling and Scaffold requirements). We have included £100,000 within this programme to replace un-economical / inefficient boilers with new condensing type boilers. The level of capital investment requested will enable 40 properties to benefit from this programme of works. We have included £50,000 to research and develop possible external insulation methods for the non-traditional build properties across the city.

Heating Systems Upgrade Programme

12. To improve existing heating systems working in conjunction with our gas servicing/repairs team. The funding will allow partial systems to be upgraded to full central heating when the existing boiler has reached the "end of its life" and due to be replaced. This level of Capital investment will see an expected 60 properties across the city benefiting from the new installations.

Window Replacement Programme

13. The Council has a number of properties (approx 900) that still have single glazed windows within either metal or timber frames. These homes can suffer from condensation that can lead to damp and mould problems. It is the intention to replace a number of these windows with PVCu double glazed windows over the next two years, resulting in an improvement to the living environment for our tenants. This programme will also improve the energy efficiency of the buildings and help reduce the need for additional

mould/condensation treatment. With the level of Capital investment requested (across the 2 years), approximately 500 properties will benefit from this programme.

Programme Management Fees

14. There are certain fees involved with managing the schemes of works included within the HRA Capital Programme that are not charged to the individual schemes. The cost of these fees in 2010/11 is £400,000.

Door Entry Systems – Millbrook and Maybush

15. This programme reflects the Council's desire to provide existing blocks of flats which do not have door entry systems with modern security systems which help to stop unauthorised access. This programme intends to carry out refurbishment / replacement of door entry controls and provision of new aluminium to the Millbrook and Maybush area. The level of Capital investment requested will allow approx 45 Blocks (324 properties) to benefit from this programme of works.

Decent Neighbourhoods – Millbrook Parking Improvements

16. On 16th March 2009, Cabinet approved investment of £1.450M on improvement works in the Millbrook & Maybush area as part of the Decent Neighbourhoods Programme including £0.6M for parking improvements which is currently scheduled to be undertaken over 3 years from 2009/10 to 2011/12. This position is shown in the HRA Capital Programme agreed by Council on 17th February 2010.

Following consultation with residents and having agreed the works involved it is now proposed to bring forward work on this project to enable completion early and within 2 years. This will require an amendment to the current HRA capital programme to rephase expenditure of £225,000 within the same overall cost from 2011/12 into 2010/11. Cabinet are requested in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules to approve this amendment to the HRA Capital Programme as set out above.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

17. The estimated capital expenditure arising from the approval of schemes in this report which are already in the capital programme is £3.898M in 2010/11 and £2.500M in 2011/12.

The expenditure on the Millbrook Parking project is already accommodated in the overall HRA programme, and the rephasing will bring forward £225,000 of expenditure from 2011/12 to 2010/11.

Revenue

18. The capital financing costs of spending £3.898M in 2010/11 and £2,500M in 2011/12 on the schemes approved in this report that are already included in the capital programme were allowed for in the revenue estimates that were approved by Council on 17th February 2010.

Provision already exists in the HRA Revenue Budget to meet the costs associated with the rephased Millbrook parking capital project.

Property

19. The HRA capital programme is fully reflected in the Corporate Asset Management Plan.

Other

20. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

21. There are no specific legal implications in connection with this report. The power to carry out the proposals is contained within Part 2 of the Housing Act 1985.

Other Legal Implications:

22. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

23. The proposed schemes set out in this report will contribute positively to the Council's objectives set out in the Housing Strategy and HRA Business Plan to maintain and improve the condition of the city's housing stock. They will also help in ensuring that all Council owned homes meet the Decent Homes Standard by December 2010.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	Business Cases: Programme Management Fees 2010/11 Heating System Upgrade 2010/11 Energy Saving Programme 2010/11 Door Entry Millbrook/Maybush 2010/11 Adaptations for Disabled People 2010/11 Adaptations for Disabled People 2011/12 Window Replacement Programme 2010/12 Structural Works 2010/11
2.	Project Initiation Documents: Adaptations for Disabled People 2010/11 Adaptations for Disabled People 2011/12 Window Replacement Programme 2010/12

Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

FORWARD PLAN No: N/A **KEY DECISION?** Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All wards in the city
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DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
SUBJECT:	NEWTOWN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND : APPROVAL TO SPEND ON RE-BUILDING PROJECT		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 APRIL 2010		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to commit expenditure of £422,900 on the rebuilding of the play building at Newtown Adventure Playground (Northumberland Road) to be funded from Extended Schools £180,900 and Modernisation £242,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Having had regards to the provisions of the City of Southampton Strategy

- (i) To vire in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules a sum of £422,900 within the Children's Services and Learning Capital programme for the Newtown Adventure Playground, funded from Extended Schools and Modernisation Grant.
- (ii) To approve in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules capital expenditure in the sum of £422,900 including fees from the Children's Services and Learning Capital Programme for the rebuilding of the play building at Newtown Adventure Playground (Northumberland Road)

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Play Strategy seeks to provide facilities for supervised play in each locality.
2. The facility at Newtown Adventure Playground is in accommodation which is at the end of its design life and has been identified as being in urgent need of replacement.
3. The project has been prioritised for funding from the Extended Schools and Modernisation Capital allocations 2008-11.

CONSULTATION

4. The adjoining Maytree Nursery and Infant school has been consulted on possible shared use of the building to deliver community learning.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

5. To combine the funding with Primary Review scheme funding to provide a larger facility to enable dedicated use by the school for a crèche/parents room. This has been rejected due to the unavailability of Primary Review funding for this scheme.
6. To provide a replacement modular building. This has been rejected due to the vulnerability of such a building to vandalism and the marginal cost saving to be achieved.
7. To not replace the building would mean closing down the play facility.

DETAIL

8. The primary function of the replacement building is to support dedicated play work sessions, but it will be designed to also enable use by the adjoining Maytree School and the surrounding community.
9. Proposed Accommodation:
 - Two main activity spaces with a divider which can be withdrawn to create one whole space.
 - A small kitchenette space
 - Office to accommodate 2 – 3 staff
 - Toilet – male, female, disabled
 - Two lockable internal storage spaces
 - One outside storage space for garden equipment
 - Outside fenced garden space for mini allotment
10. Capita Symonds has been commissioned to undertake a feasibility study. Design work is due to start in May / June 2010, a contract formed in early 2011 and work on site completed by August 2011. The contract for the building will be procured in accordance with the Corporate Procurement Regulations using the SCC framework.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

The costs of the scheme are summarised in the following table:

Scheme costs	Estimated cost £
Building works	312,000
Fees	87,386
Furniture and equipment	23,514
Total	£422,900

11. The Extended Schools and Modernisation allocations for 2008 – 11 were added to the Children’s Services and Learning Capital Programme in April 2008. Funding for this project is shown below:

Funding Source	
Extended Schools	£180,900
Modernisation	<u>£242,000</u>
Total	£422,900

12. The Extended Schools funding must be spent by the end of August 2011.

Revenue

13. Revenue costs will be met as for the existing building from the Play Services budget.
14. The new building will have lower long term maintenance costs (which will mean a reduced cost on the planned maintenance budget) and the new building will benefit from lower running costs than the existing building.

Property

15. The proposed project will remove the repairs and maintenance backlog for this building. The new building will be provided in accordance with Corporate procedures.

Other

16. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

17. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 permits the Council to do anything likely to improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of it’s area. The proposals in this report will achieve that aim and are consistent with the provision of the City of Southampton Strategy.
- Capital expenditure within the Council is subject to the provision of the Financial Procedure Rules as set out in the Council’s Constitution.

Other Legal Implications:

18. In designing and constructing the new building, regard will be had to the Human Rights Act 1998, Equalities

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

19. The proposals outlined in this report will meet a key objective of the City Southampton Strategy in terms of promoting health and wellbeing and improving the quality of life of all its people.
20. The proposals are also consistent with the objectives of the Play Strategy and Children and Young People’s Plan.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Appendices

1.	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the
Access to Information
Procedure Rules / Schedule
12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if
applicable)

1.	None	
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KEY DECISION YES

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	Bevois
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ITEM NO: 10

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET			
SUBJECT:	ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR THE TARGETED MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME			
DATE OF DECISION:	19 APRIL 2010			
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFEGUARDING AND YOUTH SERVICES			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

A bid was submitted for government funding to develop evidence-based targeted mental health interventions in schools in order to improve the mental and emotional health and well-being of children and young people in Southampton.

The Department for Children, Schools and Families' (DCSF) Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) project is now in its third phase. Local authorities that have already been involved in the first two phases have used the funding to deliver training for school staff and to implement targeted interventions in schools aimed at delivering positive outcomes for children (aged 5 to 13) in terms of promoting their mental health and emotional well-being. The DCSF has now confirmed that the bid has been successful in securing funding and a Cabinet decision is required in order to accept the additional resources available.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Having had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy:

1. To accept Government grant funding of £222,500 for one year for the Targeted Mental Health in Schools programme
2. To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services & Learning to do anything necessary to deliver the TaMHS project subject to remaining within the overall approved funding.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The DCSF has agreed the Southampton bid and awarded £222,500 for the Targeted Mental Health in Schools project. Acceptance of this funding requires Cabinet approval.

CONSULTATION

2. The Be Healthy Strategic Commissioning Group agreed the broad direction of the project brief. A needs analysis was then conducted through discussion with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Forum. The Project Plan was developed in consultation at all stages with the potential providers of interventions, including representatives from Children's Services and Learning, Health (CAMHS) and the voluntary sector.

- 3 The schools to be invited to take part in the project will be consulted on 31st March 2010 at a 'launch' event hosted by The Sholing Technology College, when available interventions will be matched to need by inviting schools to bid for interventions that best suit their requirements. The invited schools cover the three localities, ensuring that there is a legacy from the project that will build on locality working and have benefits across the city.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 4 Not accepting this funding will prevent the delivery of these targeted, evidence-based interventions, which are additional to currently available services, and are to be delivered in collaboration between Children's Services, Health and the voluntary sector, through innovative models of practice. This option has therefore been rejected.

DETAIL

5. The Southampton TaMHS Project will bring together the city's work on mental health and emotional well-being, with professionals working collaboratively on interventions delivered in a co-ordinated way in order to develop models of good practice, which will enhance locality working across the three localities. It will promote positive outcomes for children in line with the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan.
6. Southampton is in a very strong position to benefit from the additional resources available as Southampton Psychology Service already has a strong reputation as national leaders on emotional literacy and emotional well-being. In addition Southampton CAMHS has also received national acclaim for its Emotional First Aid course and has also provided this training for other local authorities. In both cases the training has been funded through phases 1 and 2 of the TaMHS project.
7. The Southampton TaMHS project builds on the following principles:
 - a whole school, systemic approach, building on Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL), Healthy Schools etc
 - a preventative approach, that is not focused on diagnosis or labelling, but that is inextricably linked to learning and behaviour,
 - a means of enhancing skills and building capacity in schools, based on sustainable models of service delivery,
 - a support to schools in developing an ethos and environment that promotes positive mental health and emotional well-being,
 - an opportunity to evaluate the outcomes achieved by the implementation of these interventions and to identify the factors that contribute to their effectiveness.
8. The Southampton TaMHS project will provide interventions which will:
 - be implemented in each locality, in order to build capacity and provide learning opportunities for the locality service delivery model being developed in the city.
 - focus on systemic and whole school approaches in order to support schools to develop a culture and ethos which promotes positive mental health and emotional well-being.
 - focus on the provision of training and support to school staff to build capacity, capability and confidence in responding to mental health needs.

- include Health, Children’s Services and Voluntary Sector services to explore ways of working together effectively, making best use of the distinctive skills of a range of professionals.
9. In order to ensure sustainability of the model of delivery, all interventions will include an element of staff training and development. Some of the interventions will be available for all schools to access, others will be delivered on a locality basis or targeted schools.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

10. None

Revenue

11. The DCSF grant funding totals £222,500 in 2010/11. The planned expenditure has taken account of the fact that this funding will only be available for one year by utilising existing personnel, where possible.

It is anticipated that the grant will be spent as follows:

CAMHS providers	£80,450
Voluntary Sector providers	£48,540
Children’s Services providers	£48,000
Project Co-ordination, evaluation and Admin support	£35,232
Contingency to backfill school staff, if necessary	£10,278
Total	£222,500

Property

12. The service will be delivered from within existing property resources

Other

None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

13. S.2 Local Government Act 2000 permits a Local Authority to do anything likely to improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of it’s area having had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy. It is considered that the proposals within the report meet this objective and fully accord with the provisions of the Community Strategy.

Other Legal Implications:

The proposals in the report are fully consistent with the Council’s pervasive duties under equalities legislation and the Human Rights Act 1998.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. Acceptance of this funding is consistent with the priorities set out in the Children and Young People’s Plan 2009-12.

ITEM NO: 12

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTATE REGENERATION PROGRAMME
DATE OF DECISION:	19 TH APRIL 2010

REPORT OF: CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING & LOCAL SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential Appendices 1 & 2 contain information deemed to be exempt from general publication by virtue of Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules as contained in the constitution.

The appendices include details of a proposed transaction which, if disclosed prior to entering into a contract, could put the Council at a commercial disadvantage in the future. In applying the public interest test it is not considered appropriate to make public offers made as this could lead to a revision of bids.

Therefore, publication of this information could be to the Council's financial detriment.

SUMMARY

The purchase of properties that will assist the regeneration of estates in Southampton with details of the proposed purchases contained in Confidential Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To negotiate and acquire by agreement any legal interests in the properties listed at Confidential Appendix 2 and not held by the Council
- (ii) To delegate authority to Head of Property and Procurement to negotiate final terms and to undertake such ancillary action as necessary in order to exchange contracts for the purchase of the property with vacant possession.
- (iii) To authorise the Solicitor to the Council to enter into any legal documentation necessary in respect of the purchase and any ancillary action to facilitate the purchase.
- (iv) To hold the acquired properties within the Housing Revenue Account pending future estate regeneration.
- (v) To reduce the uncommitted provision in the 2012/2013 HRA capital programme for "Future Estate Regeneration schemes" by the sum specified in Confidential Appendix 1 and to add a scheme to the 2010/2011 HRA capital programme for the "Acquisition of properties" for the same value
- (vi) To approve, in accordance with Finance Procedure Rules, expenditure in 2010/2011 in the sum set out in the Confidential Appendix 1 for the acquisition of properties.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report seeks authority to acquire, where terms can be agreed, parcels of land which it would be desirable to incorporate within the potential regeneration sites now where Cabinet has given approval for consultation with residents to ensure these opportunities are not missed. These properties may be let out on a short term basis providing the Council with a fairly modest rental income pending site redevelopment, care would be taken not to enter into any letting agreements that would result in the tenants obtaining security of tenure.

CONSULTATION

2. Consultation and negotiation with the affected property owners has taken place. Wider consultation will be undertaken with residents in the area as actual scheme proposals are developed.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. **Not acquiring the properties now**
This would delay potential site redevelopment, and raise the costs of development if they were to be acquired in the future, especially if this could not be done through agreement. There also exists now the opportunity to acquire these properties through agreement which officers consider would be best taken.
4. **Not acquiring the properties at all**
This would not make the best potential of future estate regeneration.

DETAIL

5. This item was originally added to the Forward Plan as an Officer decision in the Resources Portfolio, however subsequent advice received on the financial aspects of the proposal mean that the decision now needs to go to Cabinet. The report has been drafted for a decision in April due to the risk that the site purchase may fall through if delayed further.
6. The acquisition of this property, which is currently privately owned, would help to facilitate estate regeneration.
7. Terms have been discussed with the current leaseholder at the affected properties and there is agreement to purchase the site. The business intends to relocate and have found alternative premises, but the certainty of that acquisition depends on the certainty and speed of the Council's acquisition of their property.
8. Once the properties have been acquired it is intended to let them out on a short term basis to avoid dereliction and securing the buildings for long periods of time. Any income generated is likely to be modest.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

9. It is legally possible to charge the acquisition of these properties to the HRA but there is no specific budget provision for this in the approved HRA capital programme for 2010/11. There is however, an uncommitted provision in 2012/13 of £500,000 for expenditure on future unspecified schemes.
10. The HRA budget report to Council in February advised that the HRA capital programme for 2010/11 required £3.1M of short term prudential borrowing and the overall programme to the end of 2012/13 had a resource shortfall of £2.471M. Actions to address this involved continuing negotiation with the HCA over grant funding for Estate Regeneration, further prudential borrowing or expenditure cuts.
11. The negotiations with the HCA have progressed well and there is now a higher level of confidence that grant funding will be received that would substantially, but not completely close the funding gap. That grant funding could be claimed in 2010/11, which would reduce the need for short term prudential borrowing.
12. The expected costs of acquiring the two properties in Northam can be contained within the 2012/13 uncommitted budget provision for further estate regeneration. With the expected availability of HCA grant in 2010/11 it would be possible to bring forward part of this budget provision into 2010/11 to fund the purchase without increasing the requirement for short term prudential borrowing. This action has no impact on the overall resource position to the end of 2012/13.
13. It is therefore proposed to bring forward some of the £500,000 budget provision from 2012/13 to 2010/11 in order to fund the acquisition of the properties. The sum involved is set out in Confidential Appendix 1.

Revenue

14. The revenue implications of the purchase will not be significant. There is likely to be modest income from letting out the acquired property / properties on a short term basis but there will also be ongoing maintenance costs etc. Both will be accounted for in the HRA. There is no additional capital financing cost as there is no overall increase in the level of HRA borrowing.

Property

15. Approval is being sought to acquire properties. The properties, as shown at Confidential Appendix 2, will be acquired and held within the Housing Revenue Account.
16. As detailed above, it is intended that the properties can be rented out on a short term basis to generate modest income.

Other

17. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

18. The Council has powers under the Housing Acts 1985 and 2004, Section 120 Local Government Act 1972, Section 2 Local Government Act 2000, Landlord and Tenant Legislation and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase and Compensation legislation to undertake estate regeneration proposals.
19. Section 17 Housing Act 1985 permits the purchase of the properties by the HRA for land acquisition planning purposes as the land is likely to be required for housing purposes within the next 10 years.

Other Legal Implications:

20. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

21. **Housing Strategy 2007 – 2011, Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2007 - 2037**

The proposal contributes to the key priorities of 'Developing Balanced and Sustainable Communities', 'Promoting Neighbourhood Renewal' and 'Preventing Homelessness'.

Furthermore, these proposals will help deliver the new homes including affordable homes required in both the Housing Strategy 2007-2011 and as part of the Council's partnership with PUSH.

22. **Medium Term Plan**

The Medium Term and Corporate Improvement Plans also require 2000 new affordable homes to be provided in the city by 2012.

The regeneration of Southampton's Council estates will play an important part in delivering a number of corporate policy objectives for regeneration.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Confidential Appendix 1
2.	Confidential Appendix 2 - Plan of the site

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	N/A
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Background Documents

Title of Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure
Background Paper(s) Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

None.

Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

KEY DECISION Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	Bevois Ward
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