

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 24 October 2011

Decision No: (CAB 11/12 7304)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING
SUBJECT:	POTENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES
AUTHOR:	Geoffrey Miller

THE DECISION

- (i) Subject to Council approving the new HRA capital programme at its meeting on 16 November, to approve in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, spending of £3M (phased £498,000 in 2011/12 and £2,502,000 in 2012/13) on the central heating distribution system and related works at Oslo, Havre, Copenhagen and Hampton Towers, utilising the funding in the HRA capital programme currently shown under the heading "International Way Cladding".
- (ii) To note that this is a contribution towards a larger scheme that provides significant structural and environmental improvements to these blocks in a key area of the City including new windows, heating, and external insulation as well as the installation of energy-saving Photo-Voltaic (PV) panels on roof tops.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Including sums in a Capital Programme does not give authority to spend the money. This is done by a separate scheme approval process. Financial Procedure Rules require that all schemes with a total estimated cost of more than £500,000 are to be approved by Cabinet before they can proceed.
2. Schemes with an estimated cost of up to £500,000 can be approved by an Executive Director following consultation with appropriate officers and Cabinet Members. Within this, schemes over £200,000 will usually require a formal report, decision-making meeting and decision notice.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (i) If Southampton City Council were to fully fund the project this would cost in excess of £9M.

- (ii) An alternative solution is not to carry out these works immediately but this would result in these particular buildings requiring Health & Safety repair works to the external “eternet” asbestos panels and fixings within the next 12 -18 months. This element alone would cost the Council approx £5–6M. Following this in a further 4-5 years, the windows would have to be replaced having reached the end of their effective life. This would cost the Council a further approx £2-3M.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 24th October 2011

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council’s Scrutiny “Call-In” provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

