

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>		COUNCIL	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>		EXECUTIVE BUSINESS	
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<b>REPORT OF:</b>		LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	
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#### STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

#### SUMMARY

This report outlines the decisions made by the executive since the November 2009 Council meeting. The report also provides an update on Traffic Regulation Order objections referred to the executive and an update on the Southampton Partnership's activities since the last executive business report was presented to Full Council.

Six policy priorities were approved by the Council at the budget setting meeting in February 2009. This report sets out the decisions made by the executive between the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 and the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009 which will progress these priorities. For ease of reference the titles of the individual decision making items are highlighted in bold throughout this report.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the report be noted.

#### REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

#### CONSULTATION

Appropriate consultation has taken place on each of the decision items summarised in this report.

#### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Not applicable.

#### DETAIL

##### 1. GETTING THE CITY WORKING

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority:

- Approval of the **REVIEW OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SERVICE:INTRODUCTION OF CHARGEABLE PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE SCHEME** and to agree the exemptions from pre-application charging, as set out in the report; and that the Head of Division for Planning and Sustainability, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, be given delegated authority to undertake the actions required to implement the scheme and to adjust fees to ensure that the scheme responds flexibly to market conditions and that charges do not exceed the cost of service provision.

- Agreement of **SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL STATION IMPROVEMENT** to approve capital expenditure of £800,000, phased £50,000 in 2009/10, £375,000 in 2010/11 and £375,000 in 2011/12 in the form of a grant to South West Trains towards the cost of an improvement programme of £2.4M to Southampton Central station. Cabinet agreed to delegate to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, authority to enter into an agreement relating to financial assistance with South West Trains and allocate and apportion strategic section 106 or local transport plan funding in accordance with managing the capital programme.
- Approval of the **REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER TYRRELL AND GREEN DEPARTMENT STORE** and delegated authority to the Head of City Development and Economy to proceed to enter into the necessary documentation (including all leases relating to the development and art complex) to facilitate the delivery of the Grosvenor proposal. The agreement with Grosvenor will be conditional upon the Council entering into a funding agreement with the Arts Council and in line with the financial information provided in Confidential Appendices 1a and 1b of the original 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Cabinet report.
- **ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY** which has been amended in accordance with the Inspector's recommendations to recommend that Council endorse the list of additional Local Plan Review policies (attached as Appendix 1) that will be replaced in part or in full by the Core Strategy.

## 2. INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority:

- Adoption of the **BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE – APPROVAL OF STRATEGY FOR CHANGE PART 2** to:
  - delegate authority to the Building Schools for the Future and Academies Project Director, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to amend, finalise and submit the Strategy for Change Part 2, to Partnerships for Schools and subject to relevant financial approvals required from Council,
  - delegate authority to the Executive Director, Children's Services and Learning following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director of Resources and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to take any necessary steps to prepare, finalise and submit the Outline Business Case, to Partnerships for Schools.
  - Subject to relevant financial approvals required from Council, to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources as the Council's Section 151 Officer to agree the Council's formal response and commitment on affordability in such form as required in order to submit OBC and obtain all necessary project approvals. To delegate authority to the Executive Director Children's Services and Learning to submit all necessary planning applications for the following schools sites to be included within the BSF programme:

- Bitterne Park School
    - Chamberlayne College for the Arts
    - St George VA Catholic College
    - The Sholing Technology College
    - Upper Shirley High School,

together with such other schools sites as may be necessary in order to finalise the schools to be included within the Building Schools for the Future programme and submit the Outline Business Case.
  - delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children’s Services and Learning, to approve final sample school selection, subject to necessary planning approvals, site surveys and feasibility studies.
  - delegate authority to the Executive Director Children’s Services and Learning in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and Executive Director of Resources and following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, to undertake the procurement of the Wave 6a Building Schools for the Future programme in accordance with national and EU procurement legislation by such procurement route as is deemed to be legally most appropriate. Such delegation to include any and all procurement decisions necessary up to and including selection of preferred bidder.
  - note that a further report will be brought forward in due course seeking to approve formal award of contract, financial and contractual close and seeking all outstanding delegated authorities including authority for the Council’s Monitoring officer to enter into any necessary contract Act certificate under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 to confirm the Council has the requisite powers to enter into the BSF contracts
  - delegate authority to the Building Schools for the Future and Academies Project Director, to be a signatory on any required license in order to authorise use of land outside of Southampton City Council ownership.
  - delegate authority to the Head of Property and Procurement to acquire or dispose of any interest in land to be used/developed in connection with school sites or otherwise as required in order to progress the Building Schools for the Future programme.
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- Cabinet received the **REPORT OF THE CHILDREN’S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT SCRUTINY INQUIRY** to enable it to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council’s Constitution.
  - Endorsement of the **HIGHTOWN YOUTH CENTRE – SALE TO THORNHILL PLUS YOU** with a disposal transaction value of £215,000 be approved. Cabinet also endorsed that the future use of the building is secured for Early Years and Youth Services as set out in the report, including a binding agreement in relation to the proposed Early Years provision. Delegate authority to the Head of Property and Procurement to agree the final terms of sale was approved.
  - Endorsement of **BITTERNE PARK SCHOOL SIXTH FORM APPROVAL TO SPEND** the sum of £6,380,000 from the Children’s Services Capital Programme to provide a sixth form at Bitterne Park School.

- Approval of the **EASTPOINT REDEVELOPMENT** to support the principle of the redevelopment of the Eastpoint site by Eastpoint Centre Ltd; with Eastpoint Centre Ltd building the new Eastpoint on 1.5 acres and, through a revised Tripartite Legal Agreement, Itchen College retain an option to develop on the site at a future date; Request Council subject to certain conditions to approve a sum of up to £3,000,000 to be added to the Economic Development Portfolio Capital Programme as a payment to Eastpoint Centre Ltd as compensation for the surrender of their current unexpired lease, to enable them to fund the building and servicing of their new Community, Training and Conference Centre. The Council will gain 5.19 acres with Itchen retaining an option to locate to the site until March 2011 or such other later date as may be agreed by the Chief Executive.

### 3. **KEEPING THE CITY CLEAN AND GREEN**

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority:

- Adoption of the **AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN 2009** and its subsequent submission to DEFRA and to delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Sustainability following consultation with the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport to make any minor amendments necessary to the Air Quality Action Plan to give effect to issues arising out of Cabinet and any further consultation prior to it's submission to DEFRA .
- Approval of the **DOCK GATE 20 DEPOT DEVELOPMENT** and in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, to approve spend of £10.84 million to carry out the construction of a new depot on the site at Dock Gate 20; to be phased £0.7m in 2009/10, £6.6million in 2010/11 and £3.54 million in 2011/12, to approve spend of £250,000 to facilitate the relocation of the Neighbourhoods Services Management team to Red Lodge and to move this budget from the Environment and Transport Portfolio Capital Programme to the Neighbourhoods Capital Programme in 2010/11. Cabinet also delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to agree amendments to the scheme which will reduce costs or improve the final operation of the development; provided the amendments are retained within the overall £13.6 million cost envelope. Cabinet noted that delegated powers were exercised by the Head of Property and Procurement to purchase a warehouse in First Avenue at a cost of £370,600 and that costs for the relocation of Building Contracts and Stores will be funded by the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and will be the subject of a separate report to Cabinet.
- Approval of **PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CREMATORS, MERCURY ABATEMENT & OTHER ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR SOUTHAMPTON CREMATORIUM** in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure on the purchase of new cremators, associated mercury abatement equipment and other ancillary equipment and repairs, as set out in the confidential appendix.
- Approval of the **CONNECT2 CYCLE WAY LAND OWNERSHIP – COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER** having complied with paragraph 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules and having had regard to the

provisions of the Community Strategy and being satisfied that the proposals are likely to improve the economic, social or environmental well being of the area and to authorise the Solicitor to the Council, following consultation where appropriate with the Executive Director of Environment and the cabinet member for Environment and Transport, to do anything necessary.

#### 4. **LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE**

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority since the last Council meeting:

- Approval of **THE FUTURE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE COUNCIL'S OWN HOME CARE SERVICES** as a first response rehabilitation and re-ablement service for people needing home care support and to determine that all elements of this service will not attract a charge to the service users. Cabinet also delegated authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health and the Solicitor to the Council, to implement these developments.
- Acceptance of the **RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION TRUST FOR PROVISION OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** upon such terms as the Solicitor to the Council considers reasonable under Section 75 of the National Health Services Act 2006 to continue to deliver integrated Mental Health Services for a period of two (2) years from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Cabinet also delegated authority to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, to continue to oversee the role of the Partnership Board which shall govern the arrangements.
- Approval of the **LOCAL AUTHORITY "NEW BUILD" SCHEME** and to accept the grant sum of £2,338,000 from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to build new Council homes under the LA New Build scheme on 6 sites in the city at:-
  - Borrowdale Road
  - Flamborough Close
  - Keynsham Road
  - Orpen Road
  - Pennine Road
  - Grateley Close

Approval of, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, overall capital expenditure of £4,722,000 within the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2010-2011 for the following LA New Build schemes to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services and Chief Financial Officer, to undertake all necessary actions to achieve the proposals within the Report, such as entering into the HCA grant contract, all consequential contracts, and rent setting for the new homes. To note that another funding bid to build more new Council homes was made to the HCA in October 2009, and that a further report will be submitted to the Cabinet meeting scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 if the bid is successful.

- Endorsement of the **SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD** and to delegate to the Director of Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, authority to make any further changes and awards following subsequent changes to commercial bus services.
- Approval of the **CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME 20010/11** to continue to provide from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 a local pass for disabled residents who meet the relevant criteria, for the provision of free travel at any time for registered blind residents of Southampton and the continuation of companion passes for pass holders who are unable to travel alone. Approval was also given for free travel between 0900 – midnight Mondays to Fridays and any time at weekends and bank holidays for all other Southampton pass holders and for Non-Southampton English National Concession pass holders free travel between 0930 and 2300 Monday to Friday and any time at weekends and bank holidays in line with the national scheme.

## 5. **KEEP PEOPLE SAFE**

This priority continues to be actively progressed with the Police and other organisations in the city to ensure that Southampton is a Safe City for residents and visitors alike.

- Cabinet received the **REPORT OF ENFORCEMENT REVIEW SCRUTINY INQUIRY** to enable it to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.

## 6. **PROVIDING GOOD VALUE, HIGH QUALITY SERVICES**

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this overarching priority since the last Council meeting:

- The Cabinet also noted the **CORPORATE FINANCIAL GENERAL FUND CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2009**, the **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT FINANCIAL REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2009** and the **2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT 2009/10**.
- Approval of the **FUTURE CONFIGURATION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH IN** to agree closer alignment of their health and social care commissioning arrangements and associated budget responsibilities (Phase 1). That the above arrangements are entered into in anticipation that a recommendation about Phase 2, which will involve moving to fully integrated commissioning, pooled budgets and a single responsible Executive Director across both organisations will be considered formally by both NHS Southampton City Board and the Council no later than September 2011, and if that is approved to implement Phase 2 no later than April 2012. Cabinet also agreed to delegate to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health all decisions with regard to matters concerning the Adult Social Care and Health portfolio that fall to be considered by the proposed Joint Strategic Board. That the Chief Executive, Executive Director of Resources and the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to undertake any such actions as considered necessary

to implement these matters.

- Approval of **REVIEW OF GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS** and agreed the Grants Criteria as a basis for allocating grants in 2010/11 and beyond. Cabinet also approved the principle that in future unallocated grants budgets are used to fund non-recurring, one-off projects and initiatives for discrete periods of time and that only in exceptional circumstances will consideration be given to repeat funding and in future the annual revenue grants scheme will be advertised and new applications encouraged. It was also agreed that where appropriate and for a limited number of organisations the council enters into Three Year Grant Funding Agreements from 2011/12.
- Noted the initial officer responses to the **COURT LEET PRESENTMENTS 2009** and agreed that individual Cabinet Members will ensure that appropriate responses are made to presenters regarding issues within their portfolios as soon as practically possible.
- Approval of the **SEA CITY MUSEUM PROJECT** and the addition of £375,000 to the Leisure, Culture and Heritage capital programme (phased £307,000 in 2009/10 and £68,000 in 2010/11).

## 7. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

- The Executive received a report on the **PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME, KINGSLAND ESTATE** and resolved to approve the introduction of Residents' Parking Scheme in the car park on Kingsland Estate subject to a review within one year of date of adoption.
- The Executive also received a report on the **ITCHEN BRIDGE TOLLS: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED EXEMPTION FOR MOTORCYCLISTS** and resolved to fulfil the Council's obligation to consult upon proposals and consider objections to enable the proposed concession to be introduced, if considered appropriate after consideration of the objections. This would encourage the use of motorcycles (i.e. powered two-wheelers of any description) as a means of reducing congestion and as a potentially environmentally-friendly form of transport. It would also ensure that safety is not compromised at the toll booths and avoid inappropriate expenditure in the context of possible future changes to the toll collection facilities

## 8. **City Partnerships Update**

### **Southampton Partnership Update:**

Since the last Council meeting, the date of the next meeting of the **Southampton Partnership Policy Board** has been agreed for the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Agenda planning is currently in progress and the outputs of that meeting will be reported to Council accordingly. Meanwhile, at its December 2009 meeting the **Southampton Partnership Delivery Board (DB)** agreed its approach to the **Local Area Agreement (LAA) Performance Reward Grant** and noted the current position regarding the **LAA refresh**; received an update on the **Economy & Enterprise Board Review**; received a report on the **Financial Inclusion Champions – South Coast Cities Project** and endorsed a number of recommendations to strengthen this project through the Southampton Partnership framework; approved a **Family Intervention Programme Plus bid** to PUSH; agreed to hold a **Southampton**

**Partnership Annual Conference** in June (date to be confirmed) coupled with the production of a **2009/10 SP Annual Report** and a **2010/11 SP Business Plan** building upon the success of the 2009/10 SP Business Plan. At its January 2010 meeting, the Delivery Board agreed a number of actions to accelerate the deliverability of the **LAA Stretch Target Programme**; received a year-one progress report from the **Southampton Energy Partnership**; received a report on the **City Centre Action Plan & Master Plan**; and a presentation on **Mosaic** and its potential applications and enhancements.

Further information on the activities of the Southampton Partnership and its partnership family can be found at [www.southampton-partnership.com](http://www.southampton-partnership.com) or by contacting the relevant partnership manager direct whose contact details can be found on the SP website by clicking on the 'Our Partners' page and then the relevant partnership page.

## **FORTHCOMING BUSINESS**

The Executive published its Forward Plan on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010 covering the period February to March 2010 and will publish its next plan on the 12<sup>th</sup> February covering the period March to June 2010. Details of all forthcoming executive decision items can be found at:

<http://sccwww1.southampton.gov.uk/decisionmaking/internet/forwardplanindex.asp>

## **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital**

Not applicable.

### **Revenue**

Not applicable.

### **Property**

Not applicable.

### **Other**

None.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

This report is brought forward in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The powers to undertake the proposals summarised in this report are detailed within the individual decision making reports presented to the executive over the past few months.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

Not applicable

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

None



**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**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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**Background documents available for inspection at:** Not applicable

**FORWARD PLAN No:**

**KEY DECISION?**

Not Applicable

No

**WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:**

None directly, since this report is presented for information purposes.

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