

EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2011

Present:

Councillor Smith	-	Leader of the Council
Councillor Moulton	-	Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning
Councillor Baillie	-	Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Fitzhenry	-	Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Hannides	-	Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture
Councillor White	-	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health

62. STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER

The Leader announced the following change to delegation moving from the Housing Portfolio to Environment and Transport Portfolio:

All statutory responsibilities and policies relating to Private Sector Housing, Houses in Multiple Occupation, unit houses, renovation grants, enforcement action, compulsory purchase and housing advice and welfare rights services.

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

On considering recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting on 15th December 2011, Cabinet made the following modification to Executive Decision CAB 11.12 7331 – Southampton City Council's Change Programme, recommendation (ii):

To remove the words 'and implement'

Amended recommendation (ii) to read:

- (ii) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to develop the Change Programme projects detailed in this report, following consultation with the Leader of the Council.

64. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROGRAMME GRANT APPROVAL

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 11/12 7454)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and having had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy and being satisfied that the proposals in this report will or are likely to improve the economic, social or environmental well being of the Southampton area, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To accept the £3.96m funding package from the Department for Transport (DfT) and to approve the total match funding commitment of £1.7M over the 4 year funding period, principally from SCC Local Transport Plan grant and strategic 'Section 106' developer contributions.
- (ii) To add £230,000 to the 2011/12 revenue estimates and £1,080,000 to the 2012/13 revenue estimates of the Environment and Transport Portfolio funded by the DfT grant (subject to approval of the budget strategy at full Council in February 2012) and to note that further additions of £1,170,000 to the 2013/14 revenue estimates and £1,030,000 to the 2014/15 revenue estimates will be formally made as part of the preparation of those financial years' budgets.
- (iii) To increase by £450,000 the Smarter Travel Choices Capital Scheme within the Environment and Transport Portfolio capital programme, and approve capital expenditure of £450,000, phased £170,000 in 2012/13, £170,000 in 2013/14 and £110,000 in 2014/15.
- (iv) To instruct officers to bring a further report to cabinet in March 2012 detailing the options for governance arrangements and mechanisms for delivery of the programme.

65. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECT APPROVAL 2011/12 - PHASE 4

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 11/12 7529)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Cabinet approved the following

- (i) To bring forward to 2011/12 £1,634K of expenditure that was originally scheduled for 2012/13 in the HRA 5 year Capital Plan that was approved by Council on the 16th November 2011 as part of the "Reform of Council Housing Finance" paper.
- (ii) To approve in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules spend against schemes in the HRA 5 year Capital Plan as detailed in the table below

	2011/12	2012/13
Modern Facilities	000s	000s
Kitchens	861	3,924
Bathrooms	261	2,196
Total Modern Facilities	1, 122	6,120
Safe Wind & Weather Tight		
Supported Housing walkway repairs	312	722
Well Maintained Communal Facilities		
Communal Works	200	200
TOTAL	1,634	7,042

66. RE-CATEGORISATION OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 11/12 7537)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To approve the re-categorisation of Investment Property into 'Strategic Investment Property' and 'Managed Investment Property' as set out in Confidential Appendix 2 to this report.
- (ii) To increase the delegated authority to the Head of Property and Procurement to approve any potential disposals from the current limit of £50,000 to £300,000.
- (iii) To increase the delegated authority to the Head of Property and Procurement, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture, to approve any potential disposals from the current limits of £50,000 - £500,000, to new limits of £300,000 - £1,000,000.