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## Minutes of the Executive

*Minutes of a meeting held on 8 February 2010  
in the Collingwood Room, Civic Offices, Fareham*

**Present:** Councillor S D T Woodward - Policy, Strategy and Finance  
(Executive Leader)

Councillor A Mandry – Public Protection  
(Deputy Executive Leader)

Councillor T M Cartwright – Service Performance and Improvement

Councillor K D Evans – Streetscene

Councillor Mrs C Hockley - Community

Councillor D C S Swanbrow – Planning and Transportation

**Also in attendance:** Councillors J V Bryant (Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Policy Development and Review Panel), Mrs P M Bryant (Chairman of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel), P J Davies (for minutes 5(4) and 5(5)), Mrs M E Ellerton (Chairman of the Service Performance and Improvement Policy Development and Review Panel), L Keeble (Chairman of the Scrutiny Board), Mrs K Mandry (Chairman of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel), R H Price JP (Leader of the Opposition, for minutes 5(2), 5(3) and 7(13)) and Mrs K K Trott (for minute 5(10)).

**Public Session****1. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 11 January 2010 ([x-100111-m](#) refers) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor S D T Woodward declared a personal interest in Item 7(2) (minute 5(2) below) - Traffic Management Programme 2010/11 as a Trustee of Whiteley Community Association, which is based in Gull Coppice, and because he also works in Gull Coppice. He remained in the meeting during the discussion.

**3. DEPUTATION**

The Executive received a deputation from Mr Charles Scott, who addressed members on Item 7(1) - Fareham Town Centre Residential Parking Review 2010 (minute 5(1) refers), and was thanked accordingly.

**4. MINUTES / REFERENCES**

(1) References from Policy Development and Review Panels:

The Executive received comments from Policy Development and Review Panels on a number of matters referred for noting.

(2) Minutes of the LDF Steering Group:

The Executive received the minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Steering Group held on 20 January 2010.

RESOLVED that:-

(a) the minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Steering Group held on 20 January 2010 ([ldf-100120-m](#)) be received; and

(b) the work programme be confirmed.

(3) Community Safety Partnership:

The Executive received the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Partnership held on 21 January 2010.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Partnership held on 21 January 2010 ([csp-100121-m](#)) be received.

(4) Minutes of the Housing Tenancy Board:

The Executive received the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Tenancy Board held on 21 January 2010 and took account of those

comments in determining the matters at minute 5(4) below.

RESOLVED, that:-

(a) the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Tenancy Board held on 21 January 2010 ([ht-100121-m](#)) be received; and

(b) the work programme be confirmed.

(5) References from Scrutiny Board:

(i) Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council tax 2010/11:

The Executive considered a matter referred from the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 28 January 2010 and took account of those comments in determining the matters at minute 5(3) below.

(ii) Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2010/11-

The Executive considered a matter referred from the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 28 January 2010 and took account of those comments in determining the matters at minute 5(4) below.

## 5. EXECUTIVE MATTERS FOR DECISION IN PUBLIC

The Executive considered the following matters for decision and resolved as indicated, in the Notices of Executive Decisions referred to and as set out below:-

### Planning and Transportation

(1) Fareham Town Centre Residential Parking Review 2010 (Key Decision) - Decision No. [2009/10-179](#)

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the meeting for this item. She expressed her thanks to the officers, the Executive member for Planning and Transportation and the Planning and Transportation Policy Development and Review Panel for all their hard work in carrying out a thorough consultation with residents. She advised the Executive that it was a mistake to assume that those who had not responded to the consultation were in favour of the scheme and that as most residents lived in small cottages without parking, she felt it was not ethical to charge for parking permits when there were not enough spaces for residents to park.

The Executive Leader asked Councillor Mrs Trott to confirm whether she wished the Executive to change any of the recommendations. She confirmed that she did not.

The Executive Member for Planning and Transportation advised the Executive of the outcome of the further consultation undertaken on proposals for the southern end of Serpentine Road in accordance with the

request from the Planning and Transportation Policy and Development Review Panel.

Having also considered the comments of the Deputee, it was RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the outcome of the two-stage consultation process undertaken for the review and the subsequent Planning and Transportation Policy development and Review Panel consideration and recommendations, as set out in the Executive Briefing Paper, be noted;
  - (b) the parking proposals identified in Appendix A of the report and progress of the preparation and publication of TROs be agreed; with exception of Proposal A8 in Serpentine Road; and
  - (c) the proposed operation and pricing of the residents' parking permit scheme, as detailed in Appendix B of the report be agreed.
- (2) Traffic Management Programme 2010/11 (Key Decision) - Decision No. [2009/10-180](#)

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price addressed the meeting on this item and advised that

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) progress on the 2009/10 Traffic Management Programme be noted;
- (b) the TRO Policy be amended to include an additional criterion related to the potential economic benefit of a proposed TRO;
- (c) the Traffic Management Programme for 2010/1,1 set out in the Appendices and the Executive Briefing Paper, in particular Appendix A Table 2: Proposed Traffic Investigation Programme 2010/11 and Appendix B Table 5: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Programme and Table 6 the Pool list, subject to the retention of Item 44 Raley Road (Locks Heath), be approved; and
- (d) the proposed TRO programme be recommended to Hampshire County Council.

### **Policy, Strategy and Finance**

- (3) Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax (Key Decision) - Decision No. [2009/10-181](#)

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price addressed the meeting for this item. He explained that a minority report, supported by Councillors Davies, Forrest and Price, had been forwarded from the Scrutiny Board meeting on 28 January 2010 regarding the members' concern that if public spending was cut in Fareham, then this would have a

harmful effect on the economy of the private sector and jobs in private business.

RESOLVED that the following proposals be approved and recommended to the special meeting of the Council to be held on 19 February 2010:-

- (a) an overall revised revenue budget for 2009/10 of £11,699,200;
  - (b) a revenue budget for 2010/11 of £12,215,900; and
  - (c) a council tax for Fareham Borough Council for 2010/11 of £140.22 per band D property, which represents no increase when compared to the current year.
- (4) Housing Revenue Account Spending Plans, including the Capital Programme for 2010/11 (Key Decision) - Decision No. [2009/10-182](#)

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P J Davies addressed the meeting on this item. He was concerned that properties in the Fareham North West area had to cope with the highest increases in rent. He was also concerned about the level of negative subsidy paid by the Council to the Government and urged the Council to write to the Government in the strongest possible terms objecting to this payment.

The Executive Leader advised that the Council did make the point to the Government on the issue of negative subsidy each year and would do so again.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Council be recommended:-
  - (i) approve individual rent increases in line with the rent restructuring computer model, for Council dwellings with effect from 5 April 2010;
  - (ii) that rents for Council garages be unchanged with effect from 5 April 2010;
  - (iii) that the revised budget for 2009/10, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved; and
  - (iv) that the base budget for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.
- (b) the fees and charges for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix C to the report, be approved; and
- (c) the capital programme and its financing for 2009/10 to 2013/14, as set out in Appendices D and E to the report, be approved.

- (5) Maintenance of Housing Garage/Service Area (Key Decision) - Decision No. [2009/10-183](#)

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P J Davies addressed the meeting on this item. He clarified the situation regarding SORN vehicles and requested that the new signs within the garage/service areas needed to clearly state who is eligible to park there.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) expenditure of £15,000 from the HRA working balances to be spent on making improvements to housing garage service areas, and be approved; and
  - (b) the approach taken in dealing with SORN vehicles on Council housing land be endorsed.
- (6) Annual Review of the Council's Asset Management Plan - Decision No. [2009/10-184](#)

RESOLVED that the updated Asset Management Plan, Property Strategy, Disposal Strategy and Repairs and Maintenance Strategy, attached to the report, be approved.

- (7) Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2009/10 - Decision No. [2009/10-185](#)

RESOLVED that the report on revenue budget monitoring be noted.

- (8) Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2009/10 - Decision No. [2009/10-186](#)

RESOLVED that the report on capital budgeting monitoring be noted.

- (9) Prudential Indicators Monitoring Report 2009/10 - Decision No. [2009/10-187](#)

RESOLVED that the content of the Prudential Indicators Quarterly Monitoring report be noted.

- (10) Annual Review of the Council's Capital Strategy - Decision No. [2009/10-188](#)

The Executive member for Community advised that only two green flags had been achieved, not three as stated in paragraph 15 of the report.

RESOLVED that the Capital Strategy 2009/10, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.

- (11) Capital Finance - Supported Borrowing - Decision No. [2009/10-189](#)

RESOLVED that supported borrowing be used to finance the Council's capital expenditure in 2009/10.

(12) Prudential Indicators 2010/11 - Decision No. [2009/10-190](#)

RESOLVED that the Council be recommended to adopt the prudential indicators, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

## **6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting, as the Executive considers that it is not in the public interest to consider the matters in public on the grounds that they will involve the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

### **Private Session**

## **7. EXECUTIVE MATTERS FOR DECISION IN PRIVATE**

The Executive considered the following matters for decision in private and resolved as indicated in the Notices of Executive Decisions referred to and as set out below:-

### **Policy, Strategy and Finance**

(13) Day to Day Responsive Repairs - Decision No. [2009/10-193](#)

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price addressed the meeting for this item. He expressed concern regarding the quality of work and potential hidden costs and whether the Council would receive value for money.

The Executive member for Community expressed a preference for keeping the contract in-house, as this would allow the Council to have more control over spending and the quality of work provided.

On being put to the vote, there being five votes in favour of the recommendations and one vote against, the proposal was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) subject to the statutory leaseholder consultation not raising any significant objections, the tender submitted by Comserv (UK) Ltd for the contract to undertake responsive and packaged repairs across the Borough be accepted and a contract be awarded to the company; and
- (b) authority be delegated to the Director of Performance and Resources and Deputy Chief Executive Officer to consider any significant objections received from leaseholders and, in conjunction with the Executive Leader, make a final award of contract.

- (14) Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2009/10 - Decision No. [2009/10-192](#)

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management Monitoring report be noted

- (15) Fareham Shopping Centre (Key Decision) - Decision No. [2009/10-191](#)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) a capital investment be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 13 of the briefing paper; and
- (b) authority be delegated to the Acting Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Executive Leader, to agree specific terms for the release of the capital investment.

*(NOTE: All decisions are non-key decisions unless otherwise indicated)*

(The meeting started at 6.00pm  
and ended at 7:33pm).

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