

Notes of Key Decisions/ Action Points

Meeting: Council

Date: 11 July 2012

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Item 1 Minutes	The minutes of the meetings held on 16 and 22 May 2012 were agreed by the Members present and were then signed by the Mayor.
Item 2 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
Item 3 Public Participation	None.
Item 4 Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Mayor:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congratulated and thanked all the participants and all those involved with the organisation of the Hemel Hempstead Olympic Torch Relay for making it such a successful day.• Announced that a group of teenage business people who call themselves Element from Berkhamsted School won the East of England Young Enterprise regional final and came third nationally with an innovative money off voucher scheme.2. The Chief Executive announced the results of the by-elections held on 21 June 2012:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woodhall Farm Ward of Dacorum Borough Council – Councillor Rosemary Sutton duly elected.• Hemel Hempstead Town Centre Division of Hertfordshire County Council – Councillor William Wyatt-Lowe duly elected.3. By the Group Leaders: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Anderson, Bhinder, Mrs Green, Griffiths, Harris, Laws, Macdonald, Marshall, Rance and Laws. Councillors Bateman, Wood and White were also absent.4. By the Leader and Members of the Cabinet: (Full details are in the minutes under Announcements of the Leader and Cabinet).
Item 5 Questions	None.
Item 6 Business from last Council	None.
Item 7	<u>Resolved:</u>

Referrals from
Cabinet 24 April,
29 May and 26
June 2012

That the following be approved:

24 April 2012

7.1 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN – ASSET RATIONALISATION (CA/042/12)

1. The Strategic Asset Management Plan.
2. The proposed work programme as set out in the report.

7.2 TREASURY MANAGEMENT (CA/043/12)

1. Approval of the following amendments to the Council's Treasury Management Strategy (in the case of point 2, subject to approval of participation in the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme):
 - i. that the maximum investment limit for each institution rated 'blue' under the Sector creditworthiness scheme be raised from £10m to £12.5m;
 - ii. that a cash-backed guarantee in support of the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme is permitted to be invested in a participating institution for a maximum period of 7 years.
2. Approval of 'cash-backed' participation in the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme, in tandem with Hertfordshire County Council.

29 May 2012

7.3 APPRENTICESHIPS SCHEME FRAMEWORK(CA/053/12)

A supplementary estimate of a maximum of £331,140 to fund the apprenticeships scheme, to be drawn from the Management of Change Reserve.

7.4 CAPITAL STRATEGY STEERING GROUP REPORT - REQUEST FOR CAPITAL APPROVAL (CA/060/12)

The amendment of the Capital Programme to include the following scheme:

Vehicle Exhaust Extractor Equipment for vehicle hanger at Cupid Green Depot (from capital receipts)	£15,000
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26 June 2012

7.5 ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT 2011/2012 (CA/067/12)

Noted the year-end report for 2011/12.

7.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE SCHEME (CA/070/12)

Relating to the implementation of the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme, Council:

1. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director (Finance and Governance) to determine the allocation of the £1m Council scheme funding to a specific mortgage lender.
2. A maximum loan size of £190k per property be implemented.
3. That qualifying post codes to be limited to those contained within Dacorum.
4. Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to give opinion letter(s) as required to any Local Authority Mortgage Scheme lender.
5. That the Council enter into a deed of indemnity with the Monitoring Officer in respect of each opinion letter he gives, the form of such deed to be approved by the Corporate Director (Finance and Governance).

7.7 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME (CA/072/12)

The revised capital programme, as amended, for the five year period 2012/13 to 2016/17.

7.8 MANAGING CHANGE IN REVENUES AND BENEFITS (CA/073/12)

1. A supplementary estimate of £100,000 to be financed from the DCLG funding for Localisation of Council Tax Support and the Management of Change reserve, of which:
 - £50,000 is to be added to the Benefit Administration budget to fund continued use of extra resources in the form of ongoing resilience contract and staff extra hours and overtime; and
 - Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director (Finance & Governance) and the Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources to authorise the release of a further £50,000 in the event that there is a need to increase capacity to maintain service levels throughout the transition period.
2. A supplementary income estimate of £84,000 for Localisation of Council Tax Support.

7.9 CAPITAL STRATEGY STEERING GROUP REPORT ON

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REQUEST FOR CAPITAL APPROVAL (CA/074/12)</u></p> <p>The amendment of the Capital Programme to include the following schemes:</p> <p>Co-location of the Council's Data Centre £194,000</p> <p>External Electrical Supply to Town Centre £45,000</p>
Item 8 Overview & Scrutiny Committee Referrals	None
Item 9 Changes and Appointments to Committee Membership	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>That the following changes to Committee Membership be made:</p> <p>Health in Dacorum Councillor Whitman to replace Councillor Macdonald.</p> <p>Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Rosie Sutton to replace Councillor G Chapman. Councillor G Chapman to be a substitute.</p> <p>Hertfordshire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Councillor Guest to replace Councillor W Wyatt-Lowe.</p>
Item 10 The Localism Act 2011 – Update on the Changes to the Standards Regime	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>That Council-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the amendments to the Code of Conduct For Members which are required as a result of the publication of the definition of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests; and re-adopts the amended Code appended to the agenda. 2. Notes the requirement for Members to register their disclosable pecuniary interests, and those of their partners, by notifying the Monitoring Officer by 28th July 2012. 3. Appoints Cllr John Allan and Cllr Julie Steer as co-opted members of the Standards Committee to serve as the two representatives of the Parish and Town Councils for a term of one year; and appoints Cllr Robin McCarthy as a substitute Parish and Town Council co-opted member for one year. <p>The recruitment of the Independent Person was reported under agenda item 11</p>
Item 11 The Localism Act 2011 – Appointment of Independent Person	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the decision on the appointment of the Independent Person be deferred until the Full Council meeting on 26 September. 2. That consideration of the appointment of the Independent Person be delegated to the Group leaders in consultation with the Chief Executive.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="491 197 1453 293">3. That until an appointment is agreed by Full Council, the position of Independent Person be offered to the incumbent Independent Member of the Standards Committee.<li data-bbox="491 315 1453 371">4. Appoints Amy Willcox as an independent member of the Standards Committee for a term of two years.
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The meeting ended at 8.15 pm