

EXECUTIVE (CABINET) DECISION MAKING
RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 1ST JUNE 2009

Present:

Councillor Samuels	-	Leader of the Council
Councillor White	-	Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio
Councillor Baillie	-	Children's Services
Councillor Smith	-	Economic Development Portfolio
Councillor Dean	-	Environment and Transport Portfolio
Councillor P Williams	-	Housing and Local Services Portfolio
Councillor Hannides	-	Leisure, Culture and Heritage Portfolio
Councillor Moulton	-	Resources and Workforce Portfolio
Councillor Matthews	-	Young People and Skills

1. STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER

The Leader announced the resignation of Cllr Baillie as Cabinet Member for Children's Services, due to work and family commitments.

The Cabinet had decided to appoint two cabinet members to succeed Cllr Baillie. Cllr Holmes would assume the responsibility of Statutory Cabinet Member for Children's Services and would have the strategic political overview for all services for children and young people in the City. Consequently he would be chairman of the City's Children and Young People's Trust.

Cllr Walker would lead on the critical area of Safeguarding and would be working closely across the Directorate, Council and Trust to ensure the ongoing support and protection of children and young people. He also confirmed that Cllr Matthews would continue as Cabinet Member for Young People and Skills.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

2. RECORDS OF PREVIOUS DECISION MAKING

The Record of the Executive decision making held on 11th May 2009 were received and noted as a correct record.

3. EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

On consideration of the report of the Solicitor to the Council, detailing the executive appointments to all organisations and bodies which relate to executive functions with the amendments set out below the decision maker made the following decision:

Replace Cllr White with Cllr Cooke on the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority.

Replace Cllr P Williams with Cllr Dean on the Solent European Maritime Sites.

- (i) That the Executive appointments for the 2009/10 Municipal Year be approved as set out in Sections D, E, F, G and H of the attached revised Register; and
- (ii) That all appointments be for one year save where the terms of reference and or constitution of the body or organisation concerned specify the duration of an appointment or where the decision on any nomination by the City Council to their membership is reserved to the body or organisation concerned to determine the appointment or continuation of appointments, in light of any changes in City Council Administration.

DECISIONS BY CABINET

4. RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO CLOSE WHITEHAVEN LODGE AND BIRCH LAWN RESIDENTIAL HOMES TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF NEW FACTORS

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB001-06/2009)

On consideration of the report of the Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, providing details of Judicial Review proceedings which have been issued by solicitors representing some residents likely to be affected by the decision taken by Cabinet on 27th October 2008 and requesting that Cabinet reconsider the matter in light of the recent case law, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To note the implications for residents involved in residential home closures identified in legal proceedings related to other recent home closures.
- (ii) To acknowledge the audit of residents' needs now undertaken and provided in appendix 2 to this report.
- (iii) To determine that Birch Lawn and Whitehaven Residential Care Homes should be closed in the light of this information and requires the Executive Director of Communities, Health and Care to implement a closure plan for the two homes which takes full account of the needs of individual residents.

5. SECURE FUNDING TO PROCURE CITY CENTRE PEDESTRIAN WAY FINDING SIGNS AND OTHER LEGIBLE CITY PROJECTS

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB002-06/2009)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking financial approval to enter into the OJEU process to procure design and manufacturing contracts to implement the Legible City Project to deliver way finding equipment to key areas within the City Centre, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £60,000 on the Legible City Project in 2009 – 2010

- (ii) To add, in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules, £150,000 of Strategic Transport Contributions to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme to be used on the Legible City Project in 2010 – 2011.
- (iii) To note that, subject to recommendation (ii) being agreed, the total allocation of funding for the Legible City Project in 2010 – 2011 will be £285,000.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE YOUTH CRIME ACTION PLAN

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB003-06/2009)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Young People and Skills recommending that £348,395.60 of funding be accepted from the Department of Children, Schools and Families to implement the Youth Crime Action Plan in 2009-10, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To accept the grant of £348,395 from the Department of Children, Schools and Families for the Youth Crime Action Plan.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Children's Services and Learning to work collaboratively with other Directorates, the Police, Wessex Youth Offending Team and the Safe City Partnership to deliver the programme.

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTION

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB004-06/2009)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning seeking to endorse the restructure proposals for the Council's Communications function as set out in the report commissioned by Westminster City Council and to authorise the Chief Executive to implement the report's recommendations, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To endorse the restructure proposals set out in the consultant's report, available in Members Rooms, and to authorise the Chief Executive to implement the recommendations for the new role of the Division and its Head of Service to enable the unification, centralisation and coordination of all Council communications.
- (ii) To endorse the implementation of the consultant's recommendations in terms of the adoption a campaign-based approach to communications; the use of research and evaluation as the basis of decision-making.

8. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS REVIEW

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB005-06/2009)

On consideration of the report of the Head of Infrastructure and Capital Projects seeking authority to initiate pre-statutory consultation on a review of Special Educational Needs in the City, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To commence pre-statutory consultation on the options set out in Appendix A of this report to meet the needs of the future profile of children and young people with Special Educational Needs.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning to determine the final content and format of the consultation.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to explore any further feasible recommendations emerging from the pre-statutory consultation process and carry out any further pre-statutory consultation on emerging options as necessary.
- (iv) That a report on the outcome of the pre-statutory consultation, including recommendations for statutory proposals if appropriate, be brought to Cabinet in 7th September 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- (v) That a report outlining further proposals for Pre Statutory consultation, as part of the SEN Review, be brought to Cabinet in 28th September 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter.

LEISURE, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO

9. ARTS AND HERITAGE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY 2009-13

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB006-06/2009)

On consideration of the report of the Head of Leisure and Culture seeking approval for the Arts and Heritage Collection Development Policy which sets out the framework and criteria for developing the maritime, archive, local history, archaeology and art collections for Arts and Heritage, the decision-maker made the following decision:-

- (i) To approve the Arts and Heritage Collection Development Policy 2009-13 as the acquisition and disposals policy of Southampton City Council Arts and Heritage.
- (ii) To approve delegated authority be given to the Arts and Heritage Manager to revise the policy if required, following consultation with the Cabinet Member.