

ITEM NO: 5

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS		
DATE OF DECISION:	16 th JULY 2008		
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

This report outlines the decisions made by the executive on the 2nd and the 30th June 2008. For ease of reference the titles of individual reports are highlighted in bold.

In October 2007 the executive published its Vision and Values, which set out nine key policy priorities. Major decisions since the last executive business report to Council in May which help to progress these priorities have been summarised within the report. All other decisions are listed in the attached Appendix.

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. **Business and the Economy**

In support of the executive's aim to promote employment, on the 2nd June the Cabinet agreed to provide support and training to approximately 200 adults within Southampton to enable them to obtain employment with the costs being met by **FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND PENSIONS TO SUPPORT WORKLESS ADULTS INTO EMPLOYMENT.**

2. **Education and Skills**

Cabinet also approved **THE ACADEMIES: CAPITAL PROJECTS** report and agreed that the Council would undertake the required project management

role to deliver new or remodelled schools to progress the Oasis Academy Lord's Hill and the Oasis Academy Mayfield. The maximum funding available from the Partnership for Schools will be sought to undertake this role with a recommendation to Full Council to meet any additional capita costs from corporate resources.

Cabinet also gave its in principle agreement to make an area of land at the Lordshill Recreation ground available by way of a long lease for the site of Oasis Academy Lord's Hill whilst preserving and enhancing community use and agreed that options should be investigated to improve the access to the Oasis Academy Mayfield (former Grove Park) site by creating an entrance from Portsmouth Road.

To progress much needed improvement works within the primary sector, Cabinet also approved the **PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR CHANGE** to enable it to be submitted to the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to secure the release of capital funding to enable school rebuilding and remodelling projects to take place.

At the same time Cabinet considered the **PRIMARY REVIEW: SCOPE AND SCHEDULE** report and agreed a comprehensive programme of consultation with the governing bodies and head teachers of schools to progress a number of potential major changes within this particular sector. These range from exploring options to meet the needs of the growing school age population within the city centre through to preparing for the development of potential learning campuses or communities at the Itchen College site and Weston. Finally it was agreed that this review should take full account of provision for younger children, including addressing the possibility of establishing nursery classes.

In addition on the 30th June Cabinet approved a **SPECIAL SCHOOL REVIEW** to enable pre statutory consultation to begin on options to meet the needs of children with physical difficulties at the Cedar School, including remodelling or rebuilding through the Primary Capital Programme and/or Building Schools for the Future (BSF) initiative. Pre statutory consultation on the options for the future of education provision for children with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties (BESD) was also approved including the support offered within mainstream schools to support these children, the role of the Pupil Referral Units and the role of the two BESD special schools.

3. **City Roads and Transport**

On the 30th June Cabinet approved a new **TRANSPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN** to ensure that an integrated, city-wide, approach is implemented over the next 20 years that will secure long term improvements in the city's highways and transport provision to address the needs of local residents as well as other road users in the city.

Cabinet also approved recommendations to secure improvement set out in the **FUTURE HIGHWAYS SERVICE – PROPOSALS FOR LONG TERM DELIVERY** report by agreeing to progress a potential 10 year partnership agreement with a private sector contractor that will deliver improvements in the city's roads and footpaths.

4. **Community and Environmental Improvements**

On 2nd June the Cabinet considered the **VARIOUS SCHEMES APPROVAL PHASE II 2008/09 – HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITALPROGRAMME** report and approved planned improvements, including new decent homes works in Harefield and Townhill Park, Weston, Peartree and Sholing, Millbrook, Maybush, Thornhill and Central, Lordshill, Swaythling and Shirley totalling £4.4 Million. Further expenditure totalling £5.085M was approved for specialist window replacement work in Shirley Towers, upgrades to sheltered accommodation bedsits and decent neighbourhoods works within the Harefield and Townhill Park, Weston, Peartree and Sholing and Central areas.

5. **Waste Minimisation**

Cabinet recommended the approval of the **MINERALS PLAN: SUBMISSION (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK)** to Full Council which identifies a number of wharves as well as other existing sites within the city that need to be retained to meet the on-going demand for minerals in the area.

6. **Older People, Social Services and Health**

On 30th June Cabinet considered an **EXTRA CARE SERVICES: LETTING OF THE CONTRACT** report and delegated authority to the Executive Director of Communities, Health and Care to approve the development of a framework agreement for contracts to secure the provision of social care support within the Council's 3 Extra Care Housing schemes. At the same meeting Cabinet agreed to **FURTHER DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS IN SOCIAL CARE** to improve choice and control for users and carers of social care services.

7. **Leisure Opportunities**

On the 2nd June Cabinet agreed to become a Playbuilder pilot and to accept **DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES (DCSF) – PLAY PATHFINDER FUNDING** totalling £1.1 million. Delegated authority was also given to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, the Play Partnership, local school Councils and the Youth Parliament to deliver specific projects within this overall programme.

8. **Council Tax and Resources**

On the 30th June the Cabinet considered a report on the **REGIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE – PROPOSED TERMS FOR SITE DISPOSAL AND LEASE BACK OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION** and gave delegated authority to officers to agree appropriate heads of terms on the basis that the overall capital and revenue funding requirements remain within the levels approved in the Accommodation Strategy.

9. **Partnerships**

At its meeting on the 18th March the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

(PUSH) Joint Committee approved its Business Plan covering the period 2008-2011 and commended its adoption by each of the 11 local authorities that make up the partnership. Cabinet adopted the **PUSH BUSINESS PLAN** at its meeting on the 2nd June and authorised the Leader of the Council to also sign the South Hampshire MAA on the basis that it supports the delivery of the business plan's key aim to secure managed growth and economic prosperity across the sub region.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS

The Executive published its Forward Plan on the 16th June covering the period July to October 2008 and will publish its next plan on the 17th July covering the period August to November 2008. 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.	Other Executive Decisions
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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: Not Applicable **KEY DECISION?**

No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

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