

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCIL
SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS
DATE OF DECISION: 16 SEPTEMBER 2009
REPORT OF: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

This report outlines the decisions made by the executive since the July Council meeting. The report also provides an update on Traffic Regulation Order objections referred to the executive and Southampton Partnership's activities since the last executive business report was presented to Full Council.

Six policy priorities were approved by the Council at the budget setting meeting in February 2009. This report sets out the decisions made by the executive between the 27th July 2009 and the 7th September 2009 to progress these priorities. For ease of reference the titles of the individual decision making items are highlighted in bold throughout this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

CONSULTATION

2. Appropriate consultation has taken place on each of the decision items summarised in this report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. Not applicable.

DETAIL

Getting the City Working

4. A number of initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority as follows:-
 - Adoption of the **TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE BUSINESS PLAN 2009 TO 2011** to secure the delivery of strategic transport initiatives which support economic growth across the PUSH sub region – including the regionally funded Access to Southampton Scheme to improve the eastern access into the city. The Cabinet also approved £50,000 of revenue funding from the Transport Strategy and Road Safety revenue budget to support the Business Plan in 2010-11.

- Approval of a preferred developer to secure the proposed **REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER TYRRELL & GREEN DEPARTMENT STORE FOR AN ART COMPLEX AND ENABLING DEVELOPMENT** subject to the agreement of Full Council to allocate additional funding within the capital programme to progress this scheme, confirmation from the Arts Council for their continued financial support and the successful outcome of work with the developer to secure the comprehensive regeneration of the area around Guildhall Square.
- Agreement of the terms for the **PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION – BERTH 101, HERBERT WALKER AVENUE, SOUTHAMPTON** to secure the continued use of this site for the Southampton International Boat Show for the period 2014 to 2020.
- Cabinet also received the **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC WELL BEING SCRUTINY PANEL – NEET INQUIRY** to enable it to respond to the panel's recommendations for 16-18 year olds in the city who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

Investing in Education and Training

5. A number of initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority as follows:-
 - Approval of the **SEN REVIEW PHASE 1: STATUTORY PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH NEW LEARNING CENTRES AT SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS** to enable formal consultation to begin on the proposals which will increase flexibility of provision and provide greater choice in response to the changing profile of children and young people aged 11 to 16 who have special educational needs in the city.
 - Acceptance of a £236,000 **GRANT FOR TARGETED FUNDING FOR KITCHENS AND DINING FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS** from the DCSF and the approval of £601,000 from the Children's Services Capital Programme to carry out improvements to Foundry Lane Primary School, Springhill Catholic Primary School, Valentine Infant School and Hollybrook Junior School to enable more children in the city to benefit from healthy and nutritious meals which are prepared on the school site.
 - Agreement for the **RECONSTITUTION OF THE ADMISSIONS FORUM** to reflect legislative changes as well as stakeholder feedback to ensure that this body continues to operate effectively in the city.
 - Approval of the **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR SOUTHAMPTON LA MAINTAINED AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS 2010-2011** based upon 195 calendared days to allow schools maximum flexibility in planning professional development days to meet their training and development needs in the next academic year.
 - Approval to commence statutory procedures for the **APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL BY LEASE OF THE TEST PLAYING FIELDS REDBRIDGE LANE TO SOUTHAMPTON SOLENT UNIVERSITY** to enable the Southampton Solent University to develop a Teaching and Community Sports Facility which will expand existing community sports participation and provide schools in the city with high quality sporting facilities.

Keeping the City Clean and Green

6. A number of initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority as follows:-
 - Approval of the **ACQUISITION OF THE FORMER CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS GROUND** to enable this site to be brought back into use as an accessible sports / playing field as well associated educational purposes that benefit St Marks CE Junior school as well as other local schools in the area.
 - Agreement to submit a **SECTION 38 APPLICATION** to the Secretary of State seeking permission to build a mini golf course on part of the old bowling green in East Park to enhance the existing leisure offer and revitalise an under utilised part of the park for the benefit of local residents and visitors to the city.

Looking After People

7. Initiatives approved by the executive to progress this priority since the last Council meeting are as follows:-
 - Approval of the **HOUSING STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE (2009-2014)** to provide a framework for the future direction of housing solutions for older people living in the city.
 - Approval of the consultation proposals for the **REVIEW OF GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**, a revised grant application timetable and the continuation of 2009/10 grant awards with no inflationary increase in the first quarter of 2010/11 to enable this inflation element to be used to fund time limited new initiatives and projects which contribute to council priorities.
 - Approval of the proposals relating to the **STELLA MARIS CENTRE – RENEWAL OF LEASE** for a further five year term to enable it to continue to be used as a day centre facility for people with learning disabilities.

Keep People Safe

8. This priority continues to be actively progressed with the Police and other organisations in the city to ensure that Southampton is a Safe City for residents and visitors alike. Initiatives that have been approved by the executive to progress this priority since the last Council are as follows:-
 - Approval of the **SOUTH COAST STREET LIGHTING PFI: PREFERRED BIDDER** to progress this partnership initiative which will secure additional funding and the delivery of modern street lighting across the city to enhance the safety and well being of local residents as well as visitors to the city.
 - Endorsement of the **WESSEX YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM (YOT) ANNUAL YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2009** and its recommendation for approval to Full Council as a key Policy Framework document to help reduce offending by the minority of young people living in the city.
 - Agreement to formally advertise a proposed scheme for the **REMOVAL OF THE ITCHEN BRIDGE TOLL FOR MOTORCYCLES** to provide concessionary travel for motorcyclists who are Southampton residents as a means of supporting an environmentally friendly form of transport in the city whilst also ensuring that road safety on the bridge is not compromised.

- Approval of the **ANNUAL PARKING REPORT FOR 2008/09** setting out parking enforcement activities carried out in the previous financial year.
- The Cabinet also received the **SCRUTINY INQUIRY – POTENTIAL LINKS BETWEEN CRIME AND DISORDER AND ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL** report enabling it to formulate a response to ensure that absenteeism in the city is effectively tackled to reassure local residents and to improve the long term educational and economic prospects of children and young people living in the city.

Providing Good Value, High Quality Services

9. A number of initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this overarching priority since the last Council meeting as follows:-
 - Endorsement of the **USE OF KENT LASER ENERGY MANAGED SERVICE** to secure overall cost and process improvements in meeting the energy requirements in council buildings.
 - Agreement for a number of **PROPERTY DISPOSALS** which are surplus to Council requirements and a confidential report on the **CUSTOMS HOUSE SECTION 106 AGREEMENT**.
 - Approval of the **RENT REVIEW TERMS FOR NOVOTEL AND IBIS HOTELS, SOUTHERN ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON**.
 - The Cabinet also noted the **CORPORATE FINANCIAL GENERAL FUND CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD TO THE END OF JUNE 2009**, the **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT FINANCIAL REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD TO THE END OF JUNE 2009** and the **1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT 2009/10**.

Traffic Regulation Orders

10. The executive received a report on **MIDDLE ROAD AREA: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS** and resolved following consideration of this matter not to implement the proposed waiting restrictions. In addition the executive received a report on **CEMETERY ROAD: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED LONG-STAY PARKING CHARGE** and approved the introduction of discretionary parking permits at a cost of £13 per year for people whose regular place of work is within Southampton Common or Southampton Cemetery.

City Partnerships Update

11. Since the last Council meeting, the date of the next meeting of the **Southampton Partnership Policy Board** has been agreed for the 1st October 2009. Agenda planning is currently in progress and the outputs of that meeting will be reported to the 16th November 2009 Council meeting. Meanwhile, at its August meeting the **Southampton Partnership Delivery Board (DB)** considered a **Maximising Volunteering Opportunities in the Economic Downturn** report and commissioned an action plan to translate these opportunities into practical actions. The Board also received a composite report outlining the **impact of the recession on advice and benefits services** and how the agencies involved are managing increased demand. It also considered **Quarter 1 performance of the city's Local Area Agreement**, an overall **Quarter 1 progress report** across the Southampton Partnership framework and received a presentation on the **Place Survey results** from Ipsos MORI. At its September meeting, the Delivery Board received six-

month progress reports on the **Think Family Pathfinder** initiative; the **NEETS Action Plan** and the **Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan**. An update was also provided on **proposals to transform SHAPe (Southampton Heritage & Arts People) into a charitable company**.

12. Further information on the activities of the Southampton Partnership and its partnership family can be found at www.southampton-partnership.com or by contacting the relevant partnership manager direct whose contact details can be found on the SP website by clicking on the 'Our Partners' page and then the relevant partnership page.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS

13. The Executive published its Forward Plan on the 17th August 2009 covering the period September to December 2009 and will publish its next Forward Plan on the 16th September covering the period October to January 2010. Details of all forthcoming executive decision items can be found at:
<http://sccwww1.southampton.gov.uk/decisionmaking/internet/forwardplanindex.asp>

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

13. Not applicable.

Revenue

14. Not applicable.

Property

15. Not applicable.

Other

16. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

17. 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:

18. Not applicable

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

19. None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	None
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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.