

ITEM NO: 6

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS		
DATE OF DECISION:	14 JULY 2010		
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 May 2010 Council meeting. The report also provides an update on Traffic Regulation Order objections referred to the Executive and an update on the 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 7th June and the 5th July 2010 which will progress these priorities. For ease of reference the titles of the individual decision making items are highlighted in bold throughout this report.

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. GETTING THE CITY WORKING

The following initiatives have been approved by the Executive to progress this priority:

- Cabinet received a **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL INTO DISTRICT CENTRES** to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.
- Cabinet received a **REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY PANEL LOOKING INTO SOUTHAMPTON NIGHT TIME ECONOMY** to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the

recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.

2. INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority:

- Approval of **FIRST YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009-12**
- Approval in the **REDUCTION IN SIZE OF PLOT FOR DISPOSAL AT HAREFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL** previously approved by Cabinet on 17th March 2008 and noted the likely consequential reduction in the realisable capital receipt and the knock on impact to the funding of the Harefield Primary rebuild project. Delegated authority was given to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Cabinet Member for Resources, to determine the size of the plot ultimately declared surplus to educational requirement at Harefield Primary School, and following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals set out in this report. This included but was not limited to the entering into and varying of contracts; submission of planning applications; and all other matters ancillary to, conducive to, or calculated to facilitate the completion of the Harefield Primary School project.
- Approval of the **SCHOOLS' DEFICIT BUDGETS 2010/11** for Sinclair Primary and Nursery School, Holy Family Catholic Primate School, Chamberlayne College of the Arts, Upper Shirley High School, St. George Catholic VA College and Vermont School.

3. KEEPING THE CITY CLEAN AND GREEN

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority:

- Approval of **HIGHWAYS SERVICE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT** for a period of 10 years plus period of flexible extendibility with a company within the Balfour Beatty Group. Delegated authority was given to the Solicitor to the Council, following consultation with the Executive Director of Environment and Executive Director of Resources to finalise and enter into all necessary or ancillary contractual arrangements and documentation subject to the parameters set out within the report. Authority was given to the Executive Director of Resources and / or the Solicitor to the Council to take any further action necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Executive in relation to this matter
- Approval of the **WOOLSTON AND ST ANNE'S CONSERVATION AREAS APPRAISAL** setting out the changes to the Woolston and St. Anne's road Conservation areas (five in all) for development control purposes for all proposals within the conservation areas received after 01 August 2010. Cabinet also approved delegated authority to the Head of Planning & Sustainability following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council to make such amendments as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations of Cabinet or as otherwise considered appropriate and to finalise the draft of the

'Woolston – Southampton Conservation Areas Appraisal' for publication.

LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this priority since the last Council meeting:

- Cabinet received a **REPORT OF THE HEALTHY CITY SCRUTINY PANEL LOOKING INTO OBESITY IN SOUTHAMPTON** to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.
- Consideration of the **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECT APPROVAL** report and approval of approximately £5.49M to progress the Decent Homes Programme within the Holyrood, Northam, Kingsland, Millbrook/Maybush and Thornhill area of the City, and the communal areas within sheltered accommodation at Challis Court.

5. KEEP PEOPLE SAFE

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.

- Cabinet also received a **REPORT OF THE SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL LOOKING INTO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.

6. PROVIDING GOOD VALUE, HIGH QUALITY SERVICES

The following initiatives have been approved by the executive to progress this overarching priority since the last Council meeting:

- Approval of **THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL'S REGISTRATION SERVICES** and authority was given to the Head of Environmental Health and Consumer Protection, following consultation with the Cabinet Members for Environment and Transport and Resources and Workforce Planning, to prepare a Scheme and apply to the General Register Office for approval of a new scheme of governance for the Council's Registration Service with the Solicitor for the Council to sign and seal the new scheme of governance. Authority was also given to the Head of Environmental Health & Consumer Protection to continue to act as the Proper Officer for the Registration Service under the new scheme of governance and following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Executive Director of Resources, to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals in this report including but not limited to the entering into of any required Code of Practice, establishment and management of any performance management arrangements, determination of any objections to the proposed new Scheme.
- Approval of the **2010/11 GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS** to approve an increased allocation of £100,000 of the budget to fund the

Community Chest small grants scheme. Delegated authority was given to the Head of Stronger Communities and Equalities Team following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services to allocate Community Chest grants in two rounds during the year. Delegated authority was also given to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services and the Executive Director of Resources to determine any outstanding applications for grants for 2010/11 and to authorise grants to applicants subject to remaining within approved budgets develop criteria for the award of three year funding in 2011/12 do anything necessary to give effect to the review and allocation of grants for 2010/11. Approval was also given for the use of general fund contingencies up to a maximum of £100,000 in 2010/11 to fund recommendations in this report.

- Endorsement of the **CORPORATE PLAN 2010-13** as part of the council's overall Policy Framework and to note the comments received from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. Cabinet also delegated authority to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to amend the draft Plan as necessary, to ensure that it reflects Member feedback and aligns with any new budgetary or policy developments which will have a significant impact on the council's activities in 2010/11.
- Agreement of the **SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY** as a framework within which to take forward future procurement activities across the Council. Cabinet also endorsed the Sustainable Procurement Resource Plan to achieve Level 2 of the UK Flexible Framework by April 2011, following a review, progress to Level 3 by April 2012 should there be no net financial implication and approved the Employment and Skills Statement, to communicate to Council suppliers how they can provide additional skills and learning benefits for the community through their contracts. Delegated authority was also given to the Head of Policy and Performance (Environment) to make any minor changes to the Policy and Resource plan following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.
- Approval of the **CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS** arising from the Budget on 22 June that will have an impact on Local Government and delegated authority was given to the Executive Director of Resources following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning to make any further changes to budgets during 2010/11 in response to the cuts in Government grants, subject to these being reported to Council at a later date.

7. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

The Executive received a report on **PROPOSALS TO EXTEND THE COXFORD AREA RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME IN WARREN CRESCENT, WARREN AVENUE, CHESTNUT ROAD, SYCAMORE ROAD, HOLLAND PLACE, STOKES ROAD AND BRACKEN LANE** and confirmed the proposals be approved.

The Executive received a report on **PROPOSED REVERSAL OF ONE-WAY SYSTEM, LYON STREET** and resolved to approve the proposals that the current one way system be reversed.

8. City Partnerships Update

Since the last Council meeting, the date of the next meeting of the **Southampton Partnership Policy Board** has been agreed for the 7th October 2010. Agenda planning will shortly commence and the outputs of that meeting will be reported to Council accordingly. Meanwhile, the **Southampton Partnership Delivery Board** continues to meet on a monthly basis and has received feedback from the inaugural meeting of **Marketing Southampton** (the single marketing entity for the city) held on the 30th June; agreed that wider environmental issues are integrated as appropriate into the work of the **Southampton Energy Partnership** and the **Joint Flood Management Board**; held a robust discussion on the **impact of the Coalition Government's programme on the Southampton Partnership, citywide partnership working and key partner agencies** leading to a proposal to revisit and confirm the key priorities facing the city over the next 5 years and to then ensure that our partnership arrangements are 'fit for purpose' to address those key priorities. The Southampton Partnership Delivery Board also considered the **2009/10 end of year performance position for the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets** and the **City of Southampton Strategy targets**. Through the Southampton Partnership, '**A Vision for the City Centre**' conference was held on the 28th June to seek the views of a broad cross section of city partners to feed into the City Centre Master Plan and Action Plan process. Held in the Lecture Theatre and Art Gallery, with some 100 delegates in attendance, the input and interest from partners was extremely high. A report-back document is currently being prepared and will be uploaded on to the Southampton Partnership shortly.

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

9. The Executive published its Forward Plan on the 15th June 2010 covering the period May to July to October and will publish its next plan on the 16th July 2010 covering the period August to November 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

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.	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:

KEY DECISION?

Not Applicable

No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

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