

RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING CALL INS) REQUIRING A DECISION

CABINET - 6 March 2008

694. LAND CHARGES FEES AND CHARGES 2008/09

Issue

To recommend an increase in the fee for the local land charges search (LLC1) (Paper 13).

Considerations

On 24 January 2008 Council approved a fee of £39.00 for a local land charges search (LLC1). New statistics show that this does not accurately reflect the cost of providing the service for these searches and an increase to the fee is being recommended.

RECOMMENDED -

That Council set a fee of £48 for the local land charges search fee (LLC1) with effect from 1 May 2008.

695. CIP SCHEMES APPROVAL

Issue

To approve schemes as part of the four-year Community Investment Programme (CIP) (Paper 17).

Considerations

The Council approved a 4-Year Strategy in April 2002 and since then reports have been submitted, on a regular basis, to the Executive/Cabinet seeking approval for schemes to progress. The Cabinet approved a revised Community Investment Strategy on 10 December 2007 which updated the programme for 2007/08 to 2011/12.

This report seeks further approvals to be financed from funds earmarked for the CIP.

The report also advises that expenditure is being incurred in advance of Capital Receipts being received and the measurement of this risk is embodied in the new Prudential Code of Practice for Capital Finance. A requirement of the Code is to continually monitor the Prudential Indicators and report to the Cabinet any changes resulting from the CIP Strategy. Any proposed change in borrowing limits requires approval by the Council. The changes to the Indicators resulting from alterations to the Strategy as a result of the schemes in the report are shown in Appendix B to the report.

RECOMMENDED -

That Council approve the changes to the Prudential Indicators (Appendix B).

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Private Sector Housing renewal budgets of £756,000 set by the Cabinet Member for Social Policy, to be financed from the resources earmarked for the Housing Capital Programme e.g. Right to Buy Receipts, be endorsed;**
- (2) That funding of £6,600 (including 10% for contingency work) to construct a waste collection ramp at Oak Road Bursledon, to be financed from a reserve earmarked for insurance reduction purposes, be approved;**
- (3) That funding of £25,000 to purchase an on-line licensing system, to be funded from the Licensing Act revenue budget, be approved;**
- (4) That funding for the South Hampshire Strategic Employment Zone (SHSEZ) land acquisition be increased by £159,000 (from £625,000 to £784,000), to be financed from funds earmarked to finance the CIP;**
- (5) That a grant of £14,000 to Swaythling Housing Society towards the ground rent of affordable housing units in Southampton Road, Eastleigh in 2008/09 be approved;**
- (6) That 50% of the Housing Enabling post be funded from the Housing Capital Receipts from 2006/07 onwards in the sum of £10,800 and similar sums for future years based on salary inflation;**
- (7) That the approval of funding of £162,000 towards the construction of a floodlit community athletics training facility (J track) at Wyvern Technology College, total cost £460,000 including internal staff costs, (see Paper 14 on the Agenda) be noted; and**
- (8) That the approval of schemes granted since 1 December 2007 (Appendix A) be noted.**

CABINET - 3 APRIL 2008

713. MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION - ANNUAL MRP STATEMENT

Issue

To consider the Annual MRP Statement for 2007/08 and 2008/09 (Paper 14).

Considerations

Local authorities are normally required each year to set aside some of their revenues as provision for borrowing. New regulations came into force on 31 March 2008 requiring the Council to apply a simple duty to make an amount of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) which it considers to be "prudent".

The Council is now required by legislation to make an annual "Statement of its Policy on making Minimum Revenue Provision", together with the consideration of a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision for each future financial year. The statement and considerations regarding Minimum Revenue Provision contained in the report include the year 2007/2008. For all future financial years the Council will be required to issue the "Statement of its Policy on making Minimum Revenue Provision" prior to each forthcoming financial year.

RECOMMENDED -

That Council approve the Annual MRP Statement for 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 at Appendix C to the report.

714. CIP SCHEMES APPROVAL

Issue

To approve schemes as part of the four-year Community Investment Programme (CIP) (Paper 15).

Considerations

The Council approved a 4-Year Strategy in April 2002 and since then reports have been submitted, on a regular basis, to the Executive/Cabinet seeking approval for schemes to progress. The Cabinet approved a revised Community Investment Strategy on 10 December 2007 which updated the programme for 2007/08 to 2011/12.

The report seeks further approvals to be financed from funds earmarked for the CIP.

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RECOMMENDED -

That Council approve the changes to the Prudential Indicators (Appendix B).

RESOLVED -

- (1) That funding of £18,000 in 2008/09 for refurbishment of one pair of WC facilities at Wessex House Small Business Centre to be funded from surplus revenue generated by the centre in 2007/08 be approved;**
- (2) That funding of £10,000 for a feasibility study for improvements to the open space at Lawn Road, Eastleigh to be funded from Developers Contributions be approved;**
- (3) That, subject to Eastleigh Local Area Committee approval on 8 April 2008 to finance the £3,500 maintenance costs from 2009/10 onwards, funding of £145,000 to work with the Grantham Green Community to develop a local open space be approved with the project to be financed from Developers Contributions;**
- (4) That funding of £128,000 in 2008/09 and £39,000 in 2009/10 to deliver the continuing rollout of COMPASS programme be approved;**
- (5) That funding of £20,000 in 2008/09 to finance the acquisition of a Capita e-payment system be approved;**
- (6) That the approval of schemes granted since 1 December 2007 (Appendix A) be noted;**
- (7) That unless stated otherwise funding for the above be from sums identified to fund the CIP e.g. Capital Receipts.**