

CABINET

Monday, 4 April 2011 (6:00 pm – 6:12 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor House (Chair); Councillors Airey, A Broadhurst, Mrs Fraser, R Smith, Wall and Winstanley

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bloom

RECOMMENDED ITEM (REQUIRING A DECISION)

1. CIP SCHEMES APPROVAL

Issue

To approve schemes as part of the four-year Community Investment Programme (CIP) (Paper 12).

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. Each year the programme has been updated and has established a four year rolling programme of schemes for the CIP.

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

Cabinet reviewed and approved the Community Investment Strategy on 9 September 2010 which updated the programme for 2010/11 to 2013/14.

RECOMMENDED -

That the changes to the Prudential Indicators (Appendix B) be approved.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the approval under delegated powers of funding of £159,000 (2011/12) to upgrade the Storage Area Network (SAN) to be financed from resources identified for the CIP and revenue growth of £8,000 per annum starting from 2012/13 for future maintenance costs be noted;**

- (2) That funding of £21,000 (2011/12) for a six month contract extension for the post of Business Analyst be approved to be financed from resources identified for the CIP;
- (3) That funding of £42,000 (2011/12) for the second phase of the website development project be approved, to be financed by borrowing;
- (4) That funding of £64,000 (2011/12) towards public art work that enhances the Velmore Church/Community facility be approved, to be financed by developers' contributions;
- (5) That the recommendation contained in the confidential addendum be approved;
- (6) That funding of £20,000 be approved to supply and install two barriers, CCTV camera, ducting, signs etc for the Swan Centre Roof Top Car Park and that revenue costs after the first year of £1,250 per annum for the maintenance of the barriers be approved to be funded from the parking revenue account; and
- (7) That the approvals given since the last revised CIP (Appendix A) be noted.

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

4. RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL, 2 MARCH 2011: OLDER PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH - PRE-CONSULTATION ENGAGEMENT (EXCLUDING PLANNING ISSUES)

Issue

To consider a recommendation made by the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel regarding older people's mental health services (Paper 4).

Considerations

At their meeting on 2 March the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel received a presentation from representatives of the Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on older people's mental health. The Panel received details of the 'community model of care' which had been developed in Andover where the mental health ward had been closed and care was being provided within the community. The intention was to take this forward for south Hampshire and Southampton.

The Panel had a full and detailed discussion raising many questions particularly about service provision and whether this fulfilled the needs of the community. As a result of the discussion the Panel agreed to recommend that Cabinet submit a request to the NHS/PCT that savings made from the closure of mental health beds be put back into local communities to support patients and carers.

RESOLVED -

That this issue be revisited during the consultation by the Primary Care Trust due to take place in May.

5. RECOMMENDATION FROM RESOURCES SCRUTINY PANEL, 17 MARCH 2011

Issue

To consider a recommendation from the Resources Scrutiny Panel (Paper 5).

Considerations

At their meeting on 17 March the Resources Scrutiny Panel considered a report which gave details of a recent communications review and the new strategic approach to communication at the Council. A member of the public spoke at the meeting regarding the filming of meetings open to the public and suggested that the Council give consideration to filming its own meetings. The Panel agreed with this and recommended to Cabinet that the Council investigate the possibility of filming/recording public meetings.

RESOLVED -

That the possibility of filming/recording meetings open to the public be considered once the review of the strategic approach to communications has been presented to the Resources Scrutiny Panel in 6 months.

6. PROJECT INTEGRA REVIEW

Issue

To agree responses to questions relating to the future of Project Integra (Paper 6).

Considerations

A review of the future of Project Integra has recently been carried out following concerns amongst its members that its performance as a partnership had reached a plateau and was no longer 'cutting edge'. A summary of the recommendations contained in the report written by the Review Team is contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

A set of questions has been posed to all member organisations which are designed to frame a response to the review report. Cabinet approval is sought for the recommended responses to these questions, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, which will provide a steer for the partnership prior to a specific proposal being drafted.

On 24 March 2011 a briefing paper on this issue was considered by the Environment Scrutiny Panel who recommended that the draft response to the Project Integra Review be approved.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the responses to questions posed by the Project Integra Strategic Board as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be agreed;**
- (2) That the Council's position in the Partnership be re-visited should there be any significant changes to Project Integra once all the partner responses have been assessed; and**
- (3) That support for Project Integra be re-visited once a new Action Plan and Joint Municipal Waste Strategy are developed.**

7. PROJECT INTEGRA: ACTION PLAN 2011-2016

Issue

To approve the Project Integra Action Plan 2011-2016 and the Partner Implementation Plan (Paper 7).

Considerations

Project Integra is the adopted brand name for the waste management partnership for Hampshire. Project Integra's Strategic Board has resolved

to approve the action plan attached to the report, subject to consideration by the individual partners.

The action plan is the mechanism by which the Board receives its mandate to work on behalf of the partnership. It also sets out the costs of running the Board and the associated joint activities of the partnership. The action plan will help to focus the work of the partnership in developing and delivering a series of work streams which will improve performance and efficiency.

In addition to approving the Action Plan each partner is required to produce its own Implementation Plan detailing highlights from the preceding year and planned actions that support the partnerships key objectives.

Overall the Action Plan gives a short term focus for the partnership until the way forward is determined following the fit for purpose review. Any changes to the Action Plan will be subject to consideration by the individual partners.

On 24 March 2011 this report was considered by the Environment Scrutiny Panel who recommended that the Project Integra Action Plan 2011-2016 and the Partner Implementation Plan be approved.

RESOLVED -

That the Project Integra Action Plan 2011-2016 and the Partner Implementation Plan be approved.

8. BISHOPSTOKE CONSERVATION AREA ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION
CONFIRMATION AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT
ADOPTION

Issue

To confirm the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Article 4(1) Direction 2010 and to adopt the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Appraisal Supplementary Planning Document (Paper 8).

Considerations

Following the generally positive response to the consultation on the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Appraisal, the subsequent adoption of the variation to the conservation area boundary and the service of the Article 4(1) Direction to which two representations were received, it is recommended the Article 4(1) Direction is confirmed without amendment and the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Appraisal Supplementary Planning Document is formally adopted.

This report was considered by the Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath Local Area Committee at their meeting on 30 March where they agreed to recommend to Cabinet:

- (1) That the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Article 4(1) Direction 2010 be confirmed without modification; and
- (2) That the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Appraisal Supplementary Planning Document be adopted in the form set out in Appendix B to the report.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Article 4(1) Direction 2010 be confirmed without modification; and**
- (2) That the Bishopstoke Conservation Area Appraisal SPD be adopted in the form set out at in Appendix B to the report.**

9. DISPOSAL OF LAND IN HEDGE END

Issue

To consider the disposal of land in Hedge End (Paper 9).

Considerations

It is proposed that the Council sell its freehold interest in the land to the rear of 2 to 5 Pudbrooke Gardens to the residents for garden purposes only.

There have been occurrences of anti-social behaviour which support the sale of this land and the land has no inherent value. The residents will need to pay the Council's surveyors fees and legal costs.

RESOLVED -

That the principle of the sale of land to the rear of 2 to 5 Pudbrooke Gardens, Hedge End be approved on the terms as outlined in the report.

10. SUNDRY DEBTORS -WRITE-OFFS

Issue

To note debts which have been written off and consider writing off a further 10 debts (Paper 10).

Considerations

The Corporate Director (CFO) has exercised his delegated powers to write-off certain debts each in excess of £2,000 or less. Approval is sought to write-off eight debts in respect of one debtor with a cumulative total of over £2,000 and two individual debts of £2,172 and £2,440.

RESOLVED -

- (1) To note debts of £2,000 or under, approved for write-off by the Corporate Director (CFO) and totalling £34,375 (including a VAT element of £1,593 to be recovered from HM Revenue and Customs);**
- (2) To approve the write off of eight debts in respect of one debtor with a cumulative total in excess of £2,000 and two individual debts of £2,172 and £2,440; and**
- (3) To note that the total sum of the debts requiring Member approval for write-off is £45,601 (including a VAT element of £4,258 to be recovered from HM Revenue and Customs).**

11. BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT 2010/11

Issue

To consider Budget Management proposals and requests to carry forward unspent budgets into 2011/12 (Paper 11).

Considerations

The Council's Management Team have reviewed Budget Management proposals and agreed to support requests totalling £94,410, subject to the final outturn position for 2010/11.

The net overspend for 2010/11 was predicted to be approximately £58,990 in the December Corporate Financial Monitoring report prior to consideration of Budget Management proposals. Approval is sought to carry forward certain unspent budgets into the next financial year. A summary analysis of the Budget Management items is shown in Appendix A to the report.

RESOLVED -

That the Budget Management items totalling £94,410 as detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved, subject to the availability of resources.