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**CABINET
18 DECEMBER 2000**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

D A Ashley, D Beatty, R J M Ellis (Chairman), K F Emsall, G D Game,
M H T Janes, J M Pitman, J E Price, A M R Searing, I E M Tarry

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 18 December 2000 as circulated, copy annexed, action was taken or decisions were reached on individual items as recorded below:

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 November 2000 were confirmed as a correct record.

**1a. PRIMARY COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS
ADMISSIONS 2002-2003**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee at 2.15 p.m. for decision:

- (a) *That the proposed admission rules for community and voluntary controlled primary schools and nurseries for 2002/2003 on which consultation shall be carried out shall be as set out at paragraph 2.3 of the report.*
- (b) *That the arrangements for consultation be as set out in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.6 of the report.*

1b. SECONDARY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS 2002-2003

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee at 2.15 p.m. for decision:

- (a) That the proposed admission rules for secondary community schools for 2002/2003 shall be as set out in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the report.*
- (b) That the co-ordinated scheme for all admissions to all secondary schools continue for 2002/3 in the same way as for 2001/2.*
- (c) That the arrangements for consultation be as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report.*

2. PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN SOUTH WEST HERTS

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee at 2.15 p.m. for decision:

That officers proceed with further discussions with schools, and the development of feasibility studies into the package of proposals recommended by the School Provision and Resources Panel.

**3. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE -
PARKING PROVISION ON NEW DEVELOPMENT**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee at 2.15 p.m. for decision:

That the document "Car Parking Provision at New Development" be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the County Structure Plan.

4. COUNTY COUNCIL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITOR

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee at 2.15 p.m. for decision:

- (a) That £461,000 be vired from Corporate Services to Education, for the transfer of responsibility for the Early Childhood Unit.*
- (b) That £110,000 be vired from the Development Opportunities Fund to the Smallford Landfill Site budget to meet specialist consultancy costs associated with identification of the circumstances of contamination at the site.*
- (c) That all unplanned savings, with the exception of £874k in Education, be returned to reserves and that all services continue to manage their budgets in order to reduce currently estimated overpending.*
- (d) That underspending on capital expenditure in 2000/2001, forecast to be £501k, be returned to reserves, with a view to this being carried forward to support the 2001/2 Capital Programme.*

5a. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN and PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by all Select Committees in January 2001:

That the draft Best Value Performance Plan be approved.

5b (including item 6). BUDGET / CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2001/02

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by all Select Committees in January 2001:

1. (a) *That the resources budget proposals detailed in the report, including the use of reserves, be approved.*
- (b) *That the Chief Financial Officer be authorised to borrow on behalf of the County Council for the year ending 31 March 2002 such amounts as are required to meet approved capital expenditure within the limits of the basic and supplementary credit approvals received; the amounts to be borrowed for periods which will not result in the overall borrowing limit of £150 million being exceeded, and of which no more than £70 million shall be short term and 30% with variable interest rate terms.*
- (c) *That vehicles and equipment up to a value of £3.5 million be purchased by the County Council in the year ending 31 March 2002, the total cost of which to be financed by entering into operating lease agreements as defined by Regulation 20 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance) Regulations 1997, with the County Council acting as lessee.*
2. *That the Environment Select Committee and the Transport Panel analyse the LTP settlement and advise the Director of Environment and Executive Member for Environment on an appropriate allocation.*
3. *That the Executive Member for Children, Schools and Families takes forward any implications arising in respect of the Education capital settlement and raises them for consideration by the Children, Schools and Families Select Committee.*

7. QUALITY PROTECTS MANAGEMENT 2001/02

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by the Children, Schools and Families Select Committee on 24 January 2001:

That the proposals for preparation and consultation on the Quality Protects Management Action Plan and for spending the Children's Services Special Grant in 2001/2 as set out in the report be agreed and submitted to the Department of Health by 31 January 2001.

8. YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE PLAN 2001/02

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by the Children, Schools and Families Select Committee on 24 January 2001:

That the draft Youth Justice Plan 2001/2002 be approved.

9. TACKLING SCHOOL AGE PREGNANCY

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by the Children, Schools and Families Select Committee on 24 January 2001:

That the process for the drafting and implementation of the Tackling School Age Pregnancy Strategy be approved, as set out in the report.

10. PROPOSALS FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NHS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by the Adult Care Services Select Committee on 23 March 2001:

That the outline proposals for the establishment of partnership arrangements between the County Council and NHS Health Authority and Trusts in Hertfordshire, as set out in the report at paragraph 3.1 (a), (b) and (c), be approved.

11. DEVELOPMENT IN HERTFORDSHIRE : RAISING THE QUALITY

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by the Environment Select Committee on 23 January 2001:

1. *That the Director of Environment continues to work closely with the District/Borough Councils to assist in the implementation of the Supplementary Planning Guidance in the Local plan Process.*
2. *That the Director of Environment develops Guidance, in partnership with the District/Borough Councils and other stakeholders, which seeks to secure high quality development in Hertfordshire both in terms of design and environmental performance.*
3. *That following the preparation of the Guidance, the Director of Environment brings forward recommendations for implementation through the Structure Plan Alteration process and if appropriate detailed countywide Supplementary Planning Guidance.*

4. *That in the interim:*
 - (a) *The Director of Environment encourages District Councils to incorporate the sustainability checklist shown in Appendix 2 into their Local Plans.*
 - (b) *The County Council adopts the Masterplanning Principles for the development West of the AI(M) as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Structure Plan, but in doing so stresses to any potential developer the need to meet or better the Principles and for them to set detailed targets to secure high quality design and environmental performance.*
 - (c) *In adopting the Principles it be noted that this is without prejudice to the outcome of the review of the current Structure Plan, based upon revised urban capacity studies carried out in line with PPG3 and in the context of RPG9*
 - (d) *The Director of Environment be authorised to commission the Building Research Establishment, or similar expert organisation, to scrutinise development proposals at this and other similar locations for sustainability performance (energy consumption, water use, waste etc.) both during construction and long term use.*

12. RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK - ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT

Agreed the following proposal for consideration by the Environment Select Committee on 23 January 2001:-

1. *That from 1 April 2001 the suggested approach be a single objective supported by 3 key principles, to inform and guide its future management and investment in the Rights of Way Network, supported by the Statement of Policies and Good Practice Guide*
2. *That from 1 April 2001 the Hertfordshire Statement of Policies replace all other policies that have been previously agreed by the County Council.*
3. *That from 1 April 2001 the Hertfordshire Good Practice Guide be used by the County Council to provide the operational procedures that will normally be applied to the management of the Network for which it is currently directly responsible.*
4. *That the County Council discusses the implications of applying the amended policy and management approach with the Borough Council Agencies and Partnerships with a view to their wider implementation from April 2002.*

5. *That a Countryside Access Strategy be produced, following consultation with appropriate organisations and interested parties, for adoption by the County Council in Spring 2003.*
6. *That the full implications and impact of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 on County Council services be reported to Cabinet in order to inform service provision during 2001/02 and budget allocations for 2002/03.*

13. PILOT AND YEAR ONE BEST VALUE REVIEWS - MONITORING PROGRESS

Agreed:-

- (a) *That the future format for monitoring progress be that set out in the Appendices to the report.*
- (b) *That future monitoring reports be presented to Cabinet only when agreement to a significant change to an agreed programme is required.*

Andrew Laycock
County Secretary