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CABINET
22 JULY 2002

MINUTES
ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

D A Ashley, D Beatty, R J M Ellis (Chairman), G D Game, R I N Gordon, M H T Janes, D B Lloyd, J M Pitman, I E M Tarry.

Other Members present:

T G M Kent, R Mays, R Mills, G F Wenham, B A York.

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 22 July 2002 as circulated, copy annexed, executive decisions were reached and are recorded below:

Note: No conflicts of interest were declared by any member of the Cabinet in relation to the matters on which decisions were made at this meeting and set out below.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet held on 17 June 2002 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. COUNTY COUNCIL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITOR

Decision

1. That the following carry forwards over £75,000 to 2002/03 be approved:

(a) Service: Community Information
Amount: £100,000
Reason: Libraries - to facilitate the ongoing implementation of the Library review

(b) Service: Community Information
Amount: £164,000
Reason: Customer Services Centre - to fund increased costs in 2002/03 arising

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from variations in call numbers and duration in 2002/03.

- (c) Service: Corporate Services
Amount: £128,000
Reason: Crime & Disorder - to pump prime larger countywide projects
 - (d) Service: Corporate Services
Amount: £83,000
Reason: SERMU - to contribute to the cost of the BCP generator project.
 - (e) Service: Environment
Amount: £95,000
Reason: Safety and Movement Measures. To fund two schemes which have slipped into 2002/03, due to public consultation.
- (ii) That the following technical adjustments over £75,000 within services be approved:

From: Central Services
To: All services
Amount: £200,000
Reason: To allocated additional income on leased car discounts to services in line with the size of their leased car fleet.

- iii) That the following transfer to a specific reserve be approved:

From: Fire Service Pensions
To: Fire Service Pension Reserve
Amount: £489,000
Reason: To support future Fire pension pressures

2. That the use of unplanned underspends in 2001/02 totalling £3.428m to support the net budget after allocating £3.654m of planned underspends, be approved.

Reasons for the decision

As set out in the report.

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None

3. SINGLE CAPITAL POT: CAPITAL STRATEGY AND CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
(Forward Plan Ref. A057/02)

Decision

- (1) That the Capital Strategy 2002/03 be approved for submission to the Government.

- (2) That the Corporate Asset Management Plan ODPM Return 2002 be approved for submission to the Government.
- (3) That the CAMP Cabinet Report 2002, including the Business Improvement Programme, be approved.

Reasons for the decision

The Council was required to submit a Capital Strategy and a Corporate Asset Management Plan to the Government by 31 July 2002 in order to secure an allocation from the discretionary element of the 'Single Capital Pot'.

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None

4. RACE EQUALITY SCHEME - DRAFT
(Forward Plan Ref. A071/02)

Decision

That the draft Race Equality Scheme be approved as a basis for consultation with relevant community groups.

Reasons for the decision

The Race Relations Amendment Act 2000 required all public bodies to produce and consult on a Race Equality Scheme. The Scheme set out the values, principles and standards that guide the authority's approach to race equality.

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None

5. LEAVING CARE POLICY
(Forward Plan Ref. A023/02)

Decision

That the Leaving Care Policy be approved.

Reasons for the decision

It was a statutory requirement for the Council to provide a written Policy setting out its philosophy and practice on the preparation of young people for leaving care and the provision of after-care support.

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None

6. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOR SCHOOLS:

**Local Policy Statement;
Statement of Priorities; and
Summaries of Ten School Building Projects.**

(Forward Plan Ref. A070/02)

Decision

That the Asset Management Plan for Schools, comprising:

- (a) Local Policy Statement (Asset Management Planning for Schools)
- (b) Statement of Priorities (Property Investment Priorities), and
- (c) Summary of Projects

be approved for submission to the Government.

Reasons for the decision

The Council was required by the Government to prepare an Asset Management Plan for Schools:

- i) to set out the LEA's position on school property so that all participants have a clear description of what is happening, how and why
- ii) to bid for funding from the DfES for improvement to school property, and to gain unconditional approval to spend (if given a satisfactory assessment).

The intention is to ensure that resources are allocated to meet clearly defined property needs which will help contribute to educational achievement.

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None

7. ENJOY! : A CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

Decision

1. That the draft Cultural Strategy for Hertfordshire be approved for further consultation with partners.
2. The Director of Community Information, in consultation with the Executive Member, be authorised to approve the final document.
3. The County Cultural Officer, County Arts Development Officer and the other members of the Herts Cultural Partnership be congratulated on the development of the strategy.

Reasons for the decision

All local authorities had been requested by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to produce a Cultural Strategy by the end of 2002. The strategy will cover the following activities: the arts, children's play, the countryside, cultural heritage and archives, leisure, libraries, media, museums, sport and recreation and tourism

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None

8. SPEED CAMERAS "NETTING-OFF" PROJECT

(Forward Plan Ref. A009/02)

Decision

That the Council's participation in the Speed Camera Netting-off Project, in partnership with Hertfordshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Magistrates Courts Service, be approved.

Reasons for the decision

The Transport Research Laboratory had demonstrated the relationship between driving speeds and the severity of injury to people involved in collisions with motor vehicles. Inclusion in the netting-off project offered a proven method to help Hertfordshire achieve enhanced road casualty reduction targets. 894 people were killed or seriously injured (KSI) on the county's roads last year. The project was anticipated to contribute a reduction of around 11 KSI casualties during the first full year. Without its implementation the stretched target being considered as part of the County Council's Local Public Service Agreement was unlikely to be achieved.

Cabinet had received a document setting out the operational case for the project. This had been circulated separately to Members as it contained exempt information and was not published.

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None