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CABINET  
28 APRIL 2003

MINUTES  
ATTENDANCE

**MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

D A Ashley, D Beatty, R J M Ellis (Chairman), R I N Gordon, M H T Janes,  
J M Pitman, A M R Searing.

Other Members present:

T I Ambrose, D E Billing, E M Clarke, M D Colne, P V Goggins, J A Hobday,  
T G M Kent, I H Laidlaw-Dickson, R Mays, D T F Scudder, R J Smith, B A York.

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 28 April 2003 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 24 March 2003 were confirmed as a correct  
record.

**2. THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

**Decision**

That Cabinet endorse the Three Rivers Community Strategy on behalf of the  
County Council but wish to consider separately the sub-district level community  
plans.

**Reasons for the decision**

The strategy had been developed over two years, and approved by the Local Strategic Partnership in March 2003. It was based around four key themes:

- Safer Communities
- Healthy Communities
- Prosperous Communities and
- Sustainable Communities.

The strategy set out the shared priorities of the partnership and showed how it was working to improve the quality of life for people who live and work in Three Rivers. It describes the process by which it would achieve improvement. However, it would be the individual plans, which would detail specific actions.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None

**3. WATFORD COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Decision**

That Cabinet endorse the Watford Community Plan on behalf of the County Council.

**Reasons for the decision**

The Plan had been developed over the last ten months through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The vision and themes outlined in the Plan were identified through various local consultations over recent years.

Ten key themes were identified in the plan:

- Valuing different cultures and building stronger communities in Watford
- A cleaner, greener, less congested Watford
- Making Watford a nicer place to visit and enjoy
- Providing affordable quality homes
- Making Watford a better place to work and do business
- Helping people in Watford to be healthier
- A vibrant, family friendly Town Centre
- A safer Watford
- Promoting learning opportunities for all residents
- Investing in Watford's young people

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None

**4. DRAFT BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2003/ 2004**  
(Forward Plan Ref. A082/02)

**Decision**

1. That the wording of promise 8 be changed from “work with the Police and other organisations to reduce youth crime and to provide opportunities for young people” to “work with the Police and other organisations to reduce crime and prevent offending by children and young people”.
2. That further changes to the draft Best Value Performance Plan may be agreed by the Chief Executive, in consultation with Executive Members, before the draft Plan is scrutinised by the Best Value Performance Plan Topic Group on 7 May.

**Reasons for the decision**

Cabinet had agreed the promises that would form the basis of the 2003/4 Plan at its meeting on 16 December 2002. Tackling crime and disorder was identified as one of the public’s top priorities in consultation carried out in autumn 2002 and extra resources have been allocated in the 2003/4 budget to tackle crime and create safer communities. The Cabinet now amended the promise dealing with crime so that it covered measures to tackle crime more generally.

Following scrutiny of sections of the Plan by the Topic Group on 7 May, a further draft of the Plan would be considered by Cabinet on 19 May and by the full Council on 20 May in preparation for publication by 30 June as required by Government.

Supplementary information was tabled comprising a schedule relating to the Summary Revenue Budget on page 5 of the draft Plan to show budgets for each service excluding capital charges. This schedule would accompany the draft Plan submitted to the Topic Group.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None