



**NORTHAMPTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2007**

**DECISIONS**

**Present:**

Councillor Wood (Chair), Councillor Glynane (Deputy Chair)  
Councillors Beardsworth, Church, Crake, B Hoare and Mildren

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 1 October 2007. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact .

**DATE OF DECISIONS FOR ALL ITEMS BELOW:**

MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2007

**DATE OF CALL IN:**

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007 AT 16:00 HOURS

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<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Declaration/Conflict of Interests:</b> None
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**6. Edgar Mobbs Way Car Park**

- (1) That the principle be agreed that this Council take a long leasehold interest in the land known as South Car Park ("P4") at Edgar Mobbs Way.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to approve the terms of a lease in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance.
- (3) That any financial implications arising should be reflected in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

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**7. Economic and Regeneration Strategy**

- (1) That the draft Economic Regeneration Strategy (at Appendix 1 of

the report) be approved and that there be consultation with the wider community.

- (2) That approval be given to commence a programme of consultation to ensure the final version is one that the Borough Council's partners and residents of Northampton can all sign up to.

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	None

### **8. Grosvenor Greyfriars**

- (1) That the reported progress be noted and a continued commitment towards the project be confirmed.
- (2) That further discussion regarding expenditure of the agreed budget and Heads of Terms take place in the private part of the meeting.

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	None

### **9. Housing Revenue Account - Capital Programme 2007-08**

- (1) That the schemes listed at paragraph 3.2.2 of the report be approved for inclusion in the HRA Capital Programme.
- (2) That the funding sources for the schemes listed at paragraph 3.2.2, as identified at paragraph 3.2.3, be noted.

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### **10. General Fund - Capital Programme 2007-08**

- (1) That the proposed addition to the General Fund Capital Programme listed at paragraph 3.2.2 (Midsummer Meadow and Becketts Park Waterside Enhancement scheme) be approved
- (2) That the funding source for the proposed addition to the General Fund capital Programme listed at paragraph 3.2.2 be approved.
- (3) That it be noted that the approval of the Midsummer Meadow and Becketts Park Waterside Enhancement scheme be subject to the NEL grant funding being awarded.
- (4) That in the event of partial grant funding being awarded, the Section 151 Officer be given delegated approval, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to consider and agree match funding from internal resources, to enable the scheme to proceed.

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	None

### **11. Performance**

#### **A. BUDGET MONITORING 2007/08 PERIOD 5**

- (1) That the report and the actions being taken to manage the forecast overspend be noted.

- (2) That the virement of £90K relating to the Human Resources capacity fund bid be approved.

**B. PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

That the contents of the report be noted.

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	None

**12. Draft Northamptonshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy**

That the Northamptonshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (NJMWMS) be noted and its release for consultation to the statutory bodies and the public be approved.

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<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Declaration/Conflict of Interests:</b>
	Councillor Church: Personal and Prejudicial – Member of friends of the Racecourse.

**13. Consideration of Objection Received to the Proposed Disposal of a Small Area of Public Open Space at the Racecourse**

- (1) That the decision of the Portfolio Holder for Finance to dispose of an area of public open space of 17 square metres forming part of the Racecourse be confirmed.
- (2) That the decision on the variation of the price agreed in the current negotiations be delegated to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

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**14. Lease to Northamptonshire County Council of Land at Far Cotton Recreation Ground (adjacent to Queen Eleanor Primary School)**

That it be confirmed that the proposed lease of part of Far Cotton Recreation Ground be granted to Northamptonshire County Council upon the terms referred to in the report.

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	None

**15. Council's Severance Policy**

- (1) That the Severance Scheme in Appendix 1 of the report and Statement of Discretions in Appendix 2 of the report be recommended for adoption by the General Purposes Committee.
- (2) That it be noted that Cabinet did not agree the proposals put forward by the Trade Unions in Appendix 5 of report.
- (3) That it be recommended to the General Purposes Committee that the provisions of the existing Severance Scheme adopted by Council on 26 March 2007 apply to two members of staff still at risk as a direct result of the budget/efficiency savings, unless the provisions of the new scheme are more favourable to them.

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### **16. Regeneration and Growth Studies Funded by LABGI**

- (1) That the feasibility studies identified in the report be funded from the Corporate Initiatives (LABGI) earmarked reserve.
- (2) That the following virements of £173,000 from the Corporate Initiatives (LABGI) earmarked reserve as match funding for the following be approved:
  - £25,000 for the Greyfriars Bus Station Demolition appraisal
  - £48,000 for the St Johns Masterplan
  - £30,000 for the Car Parking Strategy
  - £10,000 for the Market Square consultation and option appraisal
  - £10,000 for the Town Centre Shop Front Survey
  - £30,000 for the Future Pattern of Leisure Provision
  - £10,000 for the Town Centre Retail Study (niche markets)
  - £10,000 for the St John's Business Start Up Initiative
- (3) That additional virements from the Corporate Initiatives (LABGI) earmarked reserve on the condition that bids for match funding/grants from external bodies for these purposes are unsuccessful be approved. This is on the understanding that bid for match funding/grants from external bodies are currently not confirmed. This is an additional sum of up to £215,00 that would ensure the reports can be undertaken as follows:
  - £100,000 for the Market Square consultation and option appraisal
  - £30,000 for the Town Centre Shop Front survey
  - £25,000 for the Future Pattern of Leisure Provision
  - £30,000 for the Town Centre Retail Study (niche markets)
  - £30,000 for the St John's Business Start Up Initiative

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### **17. Homes for the Future More Affordable More Sustainable - The Housing Green Paper**

- (1) That Cabinet note and agree the proposed consultation response set out in Appendix A of the report.
- (2) That it be agreed that a paper be submitted to Cabinet in November for consideration with a view that approval is given to proceed with developing a firm work plan for Sustainable Communities for Northampton proposals. This would be subject to Cabinet approving the Medium Term planning proposal that has been submitted.
- (3) That the authority to make final amendments to the consultation response be delegated if necessary, to the Corporate Manager (Regeneration), in consultation with Portfolio Holder (Regeneration), prior to submission.

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### **18. Satisfaction Survey Results 2007**

- (1) That Cabinet note the contents of the report.
- (2) That action to address the issues raised and incorporate results of the surveys to inform service planning process for 2008 and onwards be endorsed.

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### **19. Land at Lancaster Way**

- (1) That the conditional sale of the land on terms referred to in the report be agreed.
- (2) That Cabinet authorises the advertisement of the proposed disposal of public open space in accordance with the requirements of the local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, relating to the disposal of open space.

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	None

### **20. Grosvenor Greyfriars**

- (1) That the progress reported on the negotiation of Heads of Terms be noted and that there be a continued commitment towards the project.
- (2) That the agreement to make the necessary changes to the draft Heads of Terms in providing an acceptable final version for agreement with Legal and General be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Leader of the Council.

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	None

### **21. Sale of Trade Waste Service**

- (1) That the sale of the Trade Waste Service to the company named in the report as per the financial implications identified within Section 4 of the report be approved.
- (2) That the GAD situation be noted.
- (3) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for the Environment, negotiate the final figure of sale dependent upon final customer base at the time of completion.