



**NORTHAMPTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER 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, 3 December 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, 3 DECEMBER 2007

**DATE OF CALL IN:**

FRIDAY DATE 2007 AT 16:00 HOURS

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**6. Developing the Balloon Festival**

That Cabinet:

1. Authorise a Northampton Balloon Festival for August 2008;
2. Recommend to Council a budget of £75,000 for the 2008 Festival;
3. Review the admission charge;
4. Establish a cross-party Working Group to advise Cabinet on the Balloon Festival;
5. Request that the Balloon Festival Working Group develop proposals which will enable the Festival to be as financially self-sustaining as possible over a five year period, in consultation with potential partners;

6. Require that management arrangements for the Balloon Festival should have the following features:
  - Strong budget management
  - Strong and consistent project management
  - A robust and clear process
  - Clear and consistent objectives

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## **7. Planning Enforcement Policy Guide**

That cabinet adopt the following priorities for planning enforcement: -

### **Priority 1**

- A serious threat to health and/or safety e.g. traffic hazard, storage of hazardous substances, development creating pollution problems.
- Permanent damage to the environment (e.g., loss of protected tree, unauthorised work affecting the character of a listed building and some works within a Conservation Area).

### **Priority 2**

- Building work that is unlikely to be given planning permission without substantial modification. (e.g. excessively large house extension)
- Unauthorised uses causing severe nuisance through noise, smells, congestion etc

### **Priority 3**

- A breach causing problems, which may be resolved by, limited modification (e.g. insertion of opaque glazing in an unauthorised window to overcome privacy problems; restrictions on hours of use etc.)
- Property whose condition adversely affects the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood

### **Priority 4**

- Breaches of a minimal nature raising minimal planning concerns

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## **8. Performance**

### **A. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2007/08 PERIOD 7**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the report and the actions being taken to manage the forecast overspend.

2. Approve a virement of the saving on the pay award from salaries budget to Community Safety, Leisure and Town Centre Management.
3. Approve a virement of £250K from reserves to Housing General Fund for the Kendrick Ash contract.
4. Approve a virement of £250 from reserves to Community Safety, Leisure and Town Centre Management for car parking.

**B. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2007 - 08 PERIOD 7**

- 1 That Cabinet approve the inclusion of the following schemes into the capital programme for 2007-08
  - a) Schemes already identified in the draft capital programme for 2007-08

<b>GF / HRA</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Scheme Reference &amp; Description</b>	<b>2007-08 £000</b>	<b>Future Years £000</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Housing Revenue Account	Customers & Service Delivery	2007-08/CS0018 Decent Homes Re-wiring	500	-	Major Repairs Allowance £59k; HRA Revenue Contribution £441k

- b) Schemes to be added to the capital programme for 2007-08

<b>GF / HRA</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Scheme Description</b>	<b>2007-08 £000</b>	<b>Future Years £000</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
General Fund	Customers & Service Delivery	Recycling - Improvements to access normally hard to reach areas (Waste Performance & Efficiency Grant - WPEG)	88	-	Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant

- 2 That Cabinet note:
  - a) The slippage of unfinished schemes from 2006-07 into the 2007-08 capital programme as set out at Annex B
  - b) The latest proposed capital programme for 2007-08 as set out at Annex C
  - c) The funding arrangements for the 2007-08 capital programme as set out at Annex D

- d) The capital programme monitoring position as at end of October 2007 as set out at Annex E
- e) The future reporting arrangements for the capital programme throughout the year

**C. PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

That Cabinet note the contents of the report.

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**10. Leasing of Ecton Lane Travellers Site**

This item was deferred to 17<sup>th</sup> December .