

**CABINET**

**17 July 2007**

**Attendance:**

Councillor Beckett – *Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy and Tourism* (Chairman) (P)

Councillor Allgood – *Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources* (P)

Councillor Coates – *Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities* (P)

Councillor Hollingbery – *Portfolio Holder for Performance and Communications* (P)

Councillor Pearson – *Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety* (P)

Councillor Stallard - *Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport* (P)

Councillor Wood – *Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport* (P)

**Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:**

Councillors Beveridge, Busher, Evans, Godfrey, Higgins and Learney

**Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:**

Councillors Barratt, Humby, Nelmes, Ruffell and Sutton

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1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 June 2007 be approved and adopted.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

3. **LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Beckett reported on the recent visit by the Academy of Urbanism and thanked all those involved in making it a successful event. The reason for the visit was because Winchester had been nominated for the “National Small Town” award.

Councillor Beckett also advised that the Winchester BID vote was ongoing and the City Council’s votes (for business premises owned by the Council within the BID area) had been cast by the Chief Executive.

Councillor Allgood reported that the City Council’s Benefits Division had been awarded the highest possible scoring in five out of the six categories under the Department of Work and Pensions assessment.

Councillor Wood congratulated the Planning Division for its work in achieving all its three targets.

Councillor Stallard advised that the Winchester District Sport and Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA) Strategy had been recognised by Sport England as an example of good practice.

4. **FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2008/09 TO 2012/13**  
(Report CAB1483 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Financial Strategy 2007 be approved, including the key principles to be applied to the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account revenue budgets for 2008/09.

2. That the Scrutiny Panels be advised of the Financial Strategy, and any comments made by Principal Scrutiny Committee following its consideration of this report, for their deliberation of the budget.

5. **CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2007**  
(Report CAB1484 refers)

Councillor Allgood advised that a further Report would be submitted to the 19 September 2007 Cabinet, in order that consideration could be given to use of LABGI funds and various requests for capital expenditure that had arisen in recent months.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney queried why the Strategy did not include the Council's aspirations regarding possible new office accommodation. She considered this item ought to be included, particularly detailing how such a project would be funded. In addition, Councillor Learney questioned how the reported £600,000 overspend in housing major repairs in 2006/07 had been accounted for in the current programme.

In response, the Chairman advised that Cabinet had requested that a report outlining a business case for office accommodation be submitted to an autumn meeting of Cabinet. If approval was given for further work on new office accommodation, the item would be included in the capital programme.

With regard to the major repairs figures, the Head of Finance stated that the overspend from 2006/07 was funded by underspends in the previous five years and therefore did not effect the figure of £3.3 million quoted in the current Programme.

Under consideration of Report CAB1488 below, Cabinet approved a supplementary capital estimate of £32,350 in the current financial year, for new fixtures and fittings associated with the City Space at the Discovery Centre. It was agreed that the Capital Strategy and Programme to be recommended to Council be amended accordingly.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE CAPITAL STRATEGY AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME (AS APPENDED TO REPORT CAB1484) AND AMENDED BELOW, BE APPROVED:**

**INCLUSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL ESTIMATE OF £32,350 FOR NEW FIXTURES AND FITTINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY SPACE AT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE**

6. **BACKWARD LOOKING ANNUAL EFFICIENCY STATEMENT 2006/07**

(Report CAB1495 refers)

The Chairman thanked Councillor Allgood, the Head of Revenues and the staff for their work in exceeding the efficiency targets set.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

That the content of the Annual Efficiency Statement for 2007/08 be noted.

7. **'PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE' WHITE PAPER – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION**

(Report CAB1482 refers)

In discussing the proposed comments to be submitted to the Government on the Planning White Paper outlined in the Appendix 1 to the Report, Cabinet suggested the following changes:

- strengthen the wording of Paragraph 2 (National Policy Statements), in particular outlining concerns about the lack of definition of the arrangements for the Independent Planning Commission and which projects would come within their remit;
- to express concern about Planning Gain Supplements and the risk that centralisation of funding allocation would mean that infrastructure was not provided at the right time for local developments.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Beveridge made the following comments on the proposed City Council's response:

- regarding Paragraphs 2 to 4 (National Policy Statements), he considered the Council's response should be less negative, as there was a requirement to speed up the resolution of major infrastructure projects. He agreed that the Statements should only have the status of material planning consideration, but considered they should be afforded significant weight;
- the status of the Statements should be expanded upon;
- the response should include a request to enable the reinstatement of Permitted Development Rights (in areas where these rights had been removed by the local authority).

With regard to the first two comments, Councillor Wood agreed to give further consideration as to whether the City Council's response should be amended to take these elements into account.

The Corporate Director (Operations) confirmed that there was already a mechanism for reinstating Permitted Development Rights (PDR), but it was complex. He recognised that dealing with planning applications in areas where these rights had been removed, cost the Council in terms of both money and staff time. He suggested that in the future, the Council would probably not recommend PDR removal for new large-scale developments.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Corporate Director (Policy) be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation, to consider the comments set out in Appendix 1 of the Report and outlined above and amend the responses as appropriate. The comments to be sent to the Department of Communities and Local Government as the formal response of the City Council on the proposed White Paper 'Planning for a Sustainable Future' by 17 August 2007.

**8. THE PROPOSED SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK; THE INQUIRY INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

(Report CAB1498 refers)

Councillors Allgood and Wood both declared personal (but not prejudicial) interests as members of the South Downs Joint Committee. They remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

Councillor Wood emphasised that the change of particular concern to the Council related to the deletion of an area of land at Pondsides Lane, Bishops Waltham from the National Park. The Council had not previously been given the opportunity to argue against this proposed change and it was therefore considered important to maximise the opportunity provided to state its concerns.

The Head of Strategic Planning explained that the Inspector had raised four main issues to be commented upon (outlined in Paragraph 2.3 of the above Report). These issues were not of particular significance to the Council, but were of great importance to other local authorities, for example East Hants District Council. As a result, these local authorities were likely to object strongly to the limited six-week period for consultation and press the Government to hold another Inquiry. If this was to happen, the Council would have the opportunity to raise its objections to the deletion of land at Pondsides at the Inquiry.

In response to questions, the Corporate Director (Governance) advised that it was not appropriate for the Council to make comments on proposals outside of its District, unless they had an impact upon the District itself. The Council would be expected to give evidence at an Inquiry to justify any objection.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Busher (as a Ward Member for Bishops Waltham) welcomed the Council's objections to the deletion of land at Pondsides. She emphasised that this land could be vulnerable to development if it was removed from

the National Park. Councillor Busher also welcomed the inclusion of The Moors at Bishops Waltham within the Park boundary. On a general issue, she expressed concern about how the planning control function would be dealt with within the Park.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) be thanked for the opportunity to comment on certain aspects of the South Downs National Park Inquiry Inspector's report together with other, directly related, judicial and legislative matters.

2. That DEFRA be notified of the City Council's concern at the recommended Park boundary alteration at Pondsider Lane, Bishops Waltham, in regard to which the Council has been given no previous opportunity to submit an objection.

3. That DEFRA therefore be requested to take any necessary steps to provide the Council with an equitable and appropriate opportunity to present its case, in opposition to this proposed deletion.

9. **NEW WAY OF WORKING FOR WINCHESTER DISTRICT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (WDSP)**  
(Report CAB1479 refers)

Councillors Allgood and Beckett both declared personal (but not prejudicial) interests as members of the WDSP Board. They remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Partnership and Communication for her work in developing the new way of working outlined in the Report.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the new structure for the Winchester District Strategic Partnership be agreed.

2. That agreement of the detail of the structure be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

10. **AREA WORKING – COMMUNITY HUBS AND CLUSTERS**  
(Report CAB1481 refers)

Councillor Allgood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as the Chairman of the Denmead Community Association. Councillor Stallard declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as a member of the Denmead Community Association. They remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

With regard to the proposed areas of hubs and clusters, the Chief Executive confirmed that the Council would not impose structures on parishes and it would be

for individual parishes to decide which hub location they naturally aligned to. It was also recognised that this alignment might change depending upon the particular service being considered.

The Head of Partnership and Communications explained that, in the longer term, the main purpose of area working was to increase the ability of parishes to influence services in their area. However, the initial stage was to increase the access to Council information and services at local level through the establishment of access points, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Report.

Whilst welcoming the ideas contained in the Report, a number of Members expressed concern about the lack of clarity regarding what the Council was seeking to achieve. In addition, particular concern was expressed about the requirements for additional funding, if Council services were going to be devolved to different locations within the District.

The Chief Executive responded that immediate resources were required to set up the access points, which were already included in the 2007/08 budget. However, he did not anticipate that additional resources would be needed to expand the proposals, as it would involve the Council using existing resources in a different way.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Evans agreed with the concerns expressed about the possible requirement for long-term funding. She also highlighted that further work should be done with City and Parish Councillors to advise them of the proposals and their implications.

The Chairman noted her comments and advised that further information and training would be provided to Councillors on their "Community Champion" role later in the year. Meetings had already been held with the Hub Parish Councils and further meetings would be held with other parishes in the future.

Following further discussion, Cabinet agreed to the initial proposals outlined in the Report, but requested that a further 'framework for development' report be submitted to Cabinet on 12 December 2007, to allow any budget implications to be considered.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the programme of access point developments proposed in Appendix 2 of the Report be approved.
2. That the role of Members as Council representatives on the Safer Neighbourhood Panel be endorsed.
3. That a Report on progress a framework for development, having regard to the comments outlined above, be submitted to Cabinet on 12 December 2007.

11. **WINCHESTER DIAL-A-RIDE COMPETITIVE TENDERING**  
(Report CAB1486 refers)

Councillor Allgood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as a Hampshire County Councillor. He remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

Under the Council's Constitution Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 General Exception), this was a Key Decision, which had not been included in the Forward Plan. Under this procedure, the Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee had been informed.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure advised that the Winchester Dial-a-Ride service predominantly covered Winchester and the northern areas of the District.

Members stated that the Council should seek to exercise the maximum level of influence possible over the tendering process. The Head of Access and Infrastructure explained that this would be achieved by responding in the manner suggested in the Report.

Councillor Pearson queried whether the carbon footprint was given consideration in the evaluation bids. The Head of Access and Infrastructure agreed to check this point.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Evans agreed with concerns expressed by Cabinet Members about the lack of Council control of the tendering process. She also considered that the 70/30 (cost/quality) evaluation was overly biased in favour of cost considerations.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure confirmed the tendering process was cost biased because of the budgetary implications involved. However, he pointed out that the Council was satisfied with the current level of service, which was covered by a detailed specification.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the comments be submitted to Hampshire County Council as set out in Section 3 of the Report.

12. **CCTV UPDATE**  
(Report CAB1487 refers)

Under the Council's Constitution Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 General Exception), this was a Key Decision, which had not been included in the Forward Plan. Under this procedure, the Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee had been informed.

Cabinet agreed to delegate matters relating to the letting of the CCTV Contract to the Chief Executive, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders as outlined in Resolution 1 below. The other matters referred to in the Report would be deferred to a future Cabinet meeting.

The Chairman requested that Members should contact these Portfolio Holders if they wished to make representations concerning the CCTV operating contract.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Environment, Health & Safety and Planning & Transport, to determine matters relating to the letting of the CCTV operating contract.

2. That the other matters referred to in the Report be deferred for consideration by a future meeting of Cabinet.

13. **DISCOVERY CENTRE FIT-OUT COSTS**

(Report CAB1488 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Evans supported the requirement for high-quality fittings, but considered that some of the costs listed in the Appendix appeared excessive.

The Corporate Director (Operations) confirmed that all fittings were to be sourced through County Supplies, as this method was the most cost-effective. In addition, the Head of Cultural Services had worked to ensure the costs were at the lowest possible level, considering the quality of fittings required.

Councillor Allgood welcomed the project, but considered that the contingency budget was not required. In addition, he did not consider it appropriate for other funding requests not related to the Discovery Centre to be approved at this time (i.e. the request for £5,000 for a dehumidifier for Bar End and £3,200 for a new case for the City Museum). He therefore proposed that the supplementary capital estimate approved be reduced accordingly to £32,350.

The Corporate Director (Operations) highlighted the urgent requirement for a replacement dehumidifier to replace the existing one which had broken, particularly over the summer months. He emphasised that if not approved at this time, the request would have to be considered by Cabinet at a future date.

Whilst noting these concerns, Cabinet agreed that the request be included in the Capital Programme update report at its meeting on 19 September 2007.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the supplementary capital estimate of £32,350 be approved for new fixtures and fittings associated with the City Space at the Discovery Centre.

2. That the other capital requests not approved at this time, be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 19 September 2007, as part of the Capital Programme Update Report.

14. **WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL TREE STRATEGY CONSULTATION DRAFT**  
(Report CAB1447 refers)

Cabinet queried whether the Tree Strategy should be included within the Local Development Framework (LDF). The Head of Planning Control stated that it was not currently part of the LDF, but welcomed the suggestion to investigate whether elements of the Strategy should be included.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Tree Strategy be agreed as a draft for public consultation.

2. That the Corporate Director (Operations), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, be authorised to approve the final version of the Tree Strategy following public consultation. If it were considered that significant changes were required to take account of comments received, a further report would be made to Cabinet.

3. That those elements of the Tree Strategy considered to be pertinent to the Local Development Framework discussions, be considered by the Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee at the appropriate time.

15. **WINCHESTER DISTRICT PLAY STRATEGY**  
(Report CAB1501)

Councillor Coates stated that it was likely that the provisional sum allocated of £200,000 would be divided into three or four major bids.

In response to questions, the Head of Partnership and Communications stated that it had not been possible to submit an application sooner because of other conflicting demands on officer time.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Higgins expressed concern about submitting applications for play areas before consultation had been carried out.

The Head of Partnership and Communications advised that the first draft of the Play Strategy would be published on the Council's website by 31 July 2007 and the current consultation process would run until 17 August 2007, in parallel with further development of the Strategy and the identification of potential projects for the area portfolio. In addition, she emphasised that a significant amount of background work had already been undertaken.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the submission of an application to the Big Lottery Children's Play Programme to meet the deadline of 10 September 2007 be approved.
2. That the City Council act as the accountable body for the programme.
3. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Policy), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, to endorse the Winchester District Play Strategy and agree the portfolio of projects which will form the basis of a Winchester District bid to the Big Lottery in September 2007.

16. **GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME AND ACTION PLAN**  
(Report CAB1497 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Gender Equality Scheme and the Action Plan be approved.

17. **SEVERANCE POLICY**  
(Report CAB1499 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Godfrey addressed Cabinet in his capacity as Chairman of the Personnel Committee. He outlined the contents of the Policy in detail, as set out in the above Report and also Report PER121, which was considered by the Committee on 20 June 2007. In summary, he considered the amended Policy was more equitable to staff and offered a more efficient method of making redundancy payments.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Godfrey for his work in compiling the Policy.

The Chief Executive commented that the revised Policy brought the Council more in line with other local authorities. He considered that, overall, it would offer savings to the Council.

Cabinet suggested that the revised Policy be reviewed in two years time, to ascertain the budgetary effects and also consider whether it remained in line with other local authorities.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet note the financial implications of the implementation of the proposed Severance Policy as approved by the Personnel Committee, as outlined in the Report.

2. That Personnel Committee be requested to review the operation of the revised Policy in two years time.

3. That the response from the Head of Organisational Development in relation to the question asked about the legality of restricting severance payments to employees aged over 65 be noted.

18. **MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS (PART 3, SECTION 6)**  
(Report CAB1492 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report and confirmed the changes outlined in Appendix A.

**RECOMMENDED:**

1. THAT THE CHANGES TO PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION, SECTION 6, BE APPROVED AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX A.

2. THAT ANY REFERENCES IN MINUTES/EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OR LEGAL DOCUMENTATION TO DELEGATIONS TO THE FORMER DIRECTOR POSTS BE CONSTRUED AS A REFERENCE TO THE APPROPRIATE HEAD OF DIVISION OR CORPORATE DIRECTOR WHO ARE HEREBY AUTHORISED TO EXERCISE SUCH FUNCTIONS.

3. THAT THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR (GOVERNANCE) BE GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO UPDATE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION TO REFLECT THE CHANGES IN THE OFFICER STRUCTURE.

19. **MINUTES OF THE CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE HELD 5 JUNE 2007**  
(Report CAB1489 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee held 5 June 2007 (as attached as Appendix A to these Minutes) be received.

20. **MINUTES OF THE CABINET (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) COMMITTEE HELD 7 JUNE 2007**  
(Report CAB1490 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee held 7 June 2007 (as attached as Appendix B to these Minutes) be received.

21. **MINUTES OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM HELD 6 JUNE 2007**  
(Report CAB1491 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Winchester Town Forum held 6 June 2007 be received.

22. **RELOCATION FROM HISTORIC RESOURCES CENTRE, HYDE (LESS EXEMPT APPENDICES)**  
(Report CAB1493 refers)

The Chairman advised that because of the significant increased costs involved, Cabinet had decided to defer this Report to allow further consideration of alternative options and costs. A Report would therefore be submitted to Cabinet on 19 September 2007.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Report be deferred to enable further consideration of alternative options and costs and a further Report be submitted to Cabinet on 19 September 2007.

23. **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER – PONDSIDE, BISHOPS WALTHAM (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX)**  
(Report CAB1500 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Busher spoke in support of the proposals outlined in the Report.

One Councillor suggested that the proposed play scheme at Pondsider could be one of the sites considered for lottery funding under the scheme outlined in Report CAB1501 above.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to take all necessary action to acquire, on behalf of Bishop's Waltham Parish Council, the land at Pondsider, Bishop's Waltham, referred to in the Winchester City Council (Pondsider, Bishop's Waltham) Compulsory Purchase Order 2002 (as modified by the First Secretary of State).

2. That the costs identified in Exempt Appendix 2 be released from the Open Spaces Fund for this purpose.

24. **FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED:

That the future items for consideration, as set out in the Forward Plan, be noted.

25. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
##	Relocation from Historic Resources Centre, Hyde – Exempt Appendices	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)
##	Compulsory Purchase Order – Pondsides, Bishops Waltham – Exempt Appendix	
##	Compulsory Purchase Order – Pondsides, Bishops Waltham – Exempt Appendix	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings (Para 5 to Schedule 12A refers).
##	Review of Accountancy Team Structure	Information relating to a particular individual. (Para 1 to Schedule 12A refers).
		Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (Para 2 to Schedule 12A refers)
		Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority. (Para 4 to Schedule 12A refers)

26. **RELOCATION FROM HISTORIC RESOURCES CENTRE, HYDE (LESS EXEMPT APPENDICES)**

(Report CAB1493 refers)

Cabinet noted that it had earlier agreed to defer consideration of this Report until its meeting on 19 September 2007

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the contents of the Exempt Appendix to the Report be deferred.

27. **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER – PONDSIDE, BISHOPS WALTHAM - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

(Report CAB1500 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the Exempt Appendix be noted.

28. **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTANCY TEAM STRUCTURE**

(Report PER125 refers)

The above item had not been notified for inclusion on the agenda within the statutory deadline. The Chairman agreed to accept the item onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, to allow the processes outlined within the Report to review the structure of the Accountancy Team to commence without delay.

It was noted that the staffing aspects of the proposals would be considered by Personnel Committee on 17 July 2007. In addition, the Report would also be considered by Principal Scrutiny Committee on 23 July 2007 under its powers of call-in.

Cabinet considered the above Report in regard to the financial implications of the proposed review of the Accountancy Team structure (detail in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 9.00am and concluded at 12.55pm

Chairman