



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2010

DECISIONS

Present:

Councillor B Hoare (Chair) Councillor PD Varnserry (Deputy Chair)
Councillors Beardsworth, Church, Crake, B Markham and Perkins

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 3 March 2010. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

These decisions will come into force and then may be implemented on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this list.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jo Darby at jdarby@northampton.gov.uk.

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DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:

9 MARCH 2010 AT 17:00 HOURS

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| Agenda | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
| Item No | None |

6. Rent Payment Incentives

1. The following incentive payments are approved for 2010/11:
 - a. a quarterly £250 prize draw for those paying by direct debit with two prizes per quarter;
 - b. an end of year prize draw of £250 for those with a clear rent account at the end of March 2010 and 2011 with two prizes awarded;
 - c. a quarterly prize draw of £250 for tenants in arrears who have paid the agreed amount regularly over the previous 13 weeks. There would be two prizes per quarter.

2. Delegation is given to the Director of Housing and the Portfolio Holder for Housing to investigate alternative incentives and refine them as appropriate.

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| Agenda Item No | Declaration/Conflict of Interests: |
| | Councillor B Hoare: personal, non-prejudicial interest as a resident of Hunsbury and user of the Park; |
| | Councillor PD Varnsverry: personal and prejudicial interest on the grounds of predetermination and bias as he had previously made remarks in support of residents' objections. |

7. Hunsbury Hill Disused Public Conveniences: Report on Objections Received to the Proposed Disposal of Public Space

To support the original recommendation made in the report to Cabinet on 23 September 2009 to agree to the disposal of the land designated as public open space (edged red upon the plan shown at Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report) by way of a lease, on terms referred to in that report.

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8. Countywide Scrutiny Arrangements

1. To recommend to Council the adoption of the Terms of Reference and Procedural Rules governing involvement in countywide overview and scrutiny arrangements.
2. To recommend that Council nominates Northampton Borough Council's representatives onto the Board.

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| | Councillor B Hoare: personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of a similar 'Friends of' group at Abington Park; |
| | Councillor Crake: personal, non-prejudicial interest as the wife of a member of FoDA; |
| | Councillor Glynane: personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of FoDA; |
| | Councillor Hawkins: personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of the Delapre Abbey Preservation Trust; |
| | Councillor Clarke: personal, non-prejudicial interest as a former member of FoDA; |
| | Councillor PM Varnserry: personal, non-prejudicial interest as a former member of FoDA; |
| | Councillor PD Varnserry: personal and prejudicial interest on the grounds of predetermination and bias as he had previously lobbied on behalf of FoDA in relation to the grant of a lease. |

9. Delapre Abbey Stable Block

1. That Cabinet agree in principle the proposed grant of a lease of the Stable Block at Delapre Abbey, at a concessionary rent, to FoDA provided that certain conditions are met and continue to be complied with by FoDA.
2. That Cabinet delegates to the Borough Solicitor in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance & Support judgement of whether the conditions set out by the Council have been satisfied.

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10. Neighbourhood Model

1. That Cabinet approves in principle the model for neighbourhood working proposed within this report as a means of improving engagement with local communities and making public services more responsive to their needs.
2. That any constitutional changes required to implement the neighbourhood model are referred to the Constitutional Review Working Party, for its consideration and to make recommendations to Full Council.
3. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Environment and Culture, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, to take any actions necessary to further refine the model.
4. That Cabinet notes the financial implications for the council arising from the implementation of the neighbourhood model, as set out in paragraph 4.2.

5. That Cabinet agrees to receive a further report after a period of experience, review and consultation on the proposed neighbourhood model to monitor its implementation and to agree any amendments to the model that may be required.

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| Item No | None |

11. Leisure and Sport Strategic Business Review - Management Options Appraisal

1. That Cabinet notes the outcome of an appraisal of potential management options for leisure and sports provision (see annex 1 of the Cabinet report).
2. That, in accordance with the outcome of the management options appraisal, Cabinet agrees to the commencement of the implementation phase for the establishment of a new charitable trust for the provision of leisure and sports development services.