

DECISION RECORD SHEETS

FOR

DECISIONS MADE AT THE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD ON

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

53. Council Owned Companies' Business

Graham Ebers, Director of
Finance and Resources

DECISION

That:

- 1) the budget monitoring position for the month ending 31 July 2015 be noted;
- 2) the operational update for the period to 31 July 2015 be noted.

Reason for Decision

The Executive agreed to receive regular updates on the work of the Council Owned Companies.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

Councillors Pauline Jorgensen and Anthony Pollock declared personal interests in this item.

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

54. North Wokingham Distributor Road

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) the deliverable route option to provide the alignment for the North Wokingham Distributor road and its progress through detailed design to a full planning application and the funding necessary for this be agreed;
- 2) Officers continue the process of securing land required to deliver the deliverable route option;
- 3) the expenditure of £1.25m, with a profile of £250,000 in Year 1 and £500,000 in both Years 2 and 3, be agreed.

Reason for Decision

To ensure appropriate mitigation of traffic impact from the development of the North Wokingham Strategic Development Location on existing residential areas.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

55. Introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement Powers

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) the preparation and submission of an application to the Department for Transport (DfT) for the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement powers within the Borough be approved;
- 2) the capital expenditure of £34,000 in the current year and £34,000 in Year 2 be approved.

Reason for Decision

To provide improved and more consistent management of on-street parking.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

56. Designation of Two New Air Quality Management Areas

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) the areas in Wokingham Town Centre and Twyford Town Centre, as identified on Plans 1 and 2 as set out in the report, be designated as Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) under Section 83(1) of the Environmental Act 1995;
- 2) the spend as profiled in the financial information section of the report be agreed;
- 3) an Action Plan be developed to manage the Air Quality Management Area within 12-18 months of the designation.

Reason for Decision

To improve air quality in Wokingham and Twyford Town Centres.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

57. Appropriation of Public Open Space and Lease to Yellow Brick Nursery at Chalfont Pavillion

Graham Ebers, Director of Finance and Resources, Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That consent be given to the appropriation of the public open space, including the building shown hatched on the tabled plan, and to the granting of a 20 year lease of Chalfont Pavilion to Yellow Brick Nursery on a full repairing and insuring lease, at a commencing rent of £6,500 per annum.

Reason for Decision

To enable the completion of the lease which would secure the continued operation of the nursery.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

58. Charging for Technical Approval of Highway Structures

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That the proposal for charges for technical approval of highway structures be approved and for those charges to come into effect immediately.

Reason for Decision

To introduce a charge for technical approval of highway structures which will allow the Council to recover the full cost of this process.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

59. Local Development Scheme (LDS)

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) the updated Local Development Scheme, to be effective from 25 September 2015, be approved;
- 2) the spend of up to £800,000 for the Local Plan update, £300,000 for the Minerals & Waste Local Plan be approved and that it be noted that the budget for the Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan has already been approved;
- 3) it be noted that funding for Year 1 has already been approved through the Medium Term Financial Plan and that approval is given for Years 2 and 3.

Reason for Decision

The Council has a duty to maintain an up to date three year programme for Local Plans in its Local Development Scheme.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

60. Bus Services - s106 Release

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) £154,000 of s106 money be released to improve bus services serving Mulberry Grove (Kentwood East) and £252,187 to support buses serving the Johnson & Johnson site in Wokingham Without; and
- 2) the expenditure of £406,687 with a profile of: £45,846 in Year 1; £66,446 in Years 2, 3 and 4; £35,546 in Year 5; and £25,246 in Years 6 to 10, be approved.

Reason for Decision

To improve and support bus services in areas of the Borough.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET**ACTION BY****61. Shinfield Neighbourhood Plan**

Heather Thwaites, Director of
Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) the comments on the Shinfield Neighbourhood Plan, as outlined in the report, be approved; and
- 2) they be submitted to Shinfield Parish Council as a formal objection to their consultation on the Pre-Submission Shinfield Neighbourhood Plan.

Reason for Decision

To respond to Shinfield Parish Council's pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

62. Wokingham Town Centre Environmental Improvement Programme - Phase One

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) s106 funding and funding from the Wokingham Town Centre Regeneration Project up to a maximum of £1.5m be released subject to the receipt of at least an equivalent match funding sum from Wokingham Town Council; and
- 2) all decisions necessary to implement the scheme be delegated to the Director of Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Highways and the Executive Member for Regeneration and Communities.

Reason for Decision

To enable environmental improvements to Wokingham town centre.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

Councillors Julian McGhee-Sumner and Philip Mirfin declared personal interests.

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

63. Street Lighting Upgrade Project - Joint Contract with Slough, Reading and Wokingham Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

That:

- 1) the outcome of the joint tender process, which has been subject to EU regulations and has been advertised accordingly, be noted;
- 2) the successful joint bid to the Department of Transport's (DfT's) Challenge Fund and the resultant contribution to the project costs be noted; and
- 3) approval be given for the joint project to proceed;
- 4) the capital budget of £4m, plus the £8.12m ring fenced Government grant be approved. The expected profile for this spend is £80,000 current year, £1.825m in Year 2, £1.825m in Year 3 and £0.27m in Year 4.

Reason for Decision

To progress the Street Lighting Replacement Project.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

64. New Lease to American Amusements Ltd (AAL) Within the Multi-Storey Car Park (MSCP) at Carnival Pool Site

Bernie Pich, Head of Town Centre Regeneration

DECISION

That:

- 1) a pre-let with American Amusements Ltd be agreed to provide suitable alternative accommodation for the relocation of Wokingham Superbowl in new premises within the new multi-storey car park building on Carnival Pool site, subject to commercial terms;
- 2) any further related and subsidiary decisions if required to complete the transaction, including a pre-let to an alternative operator on similar or improved terms if necessary be delegated to the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Leader and Executive Member for Regeneration and Communities.

Reason for Decision

To improve and enhance leisure facilities in Wokingham Town Centre.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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