

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DERBY CITY COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Derby City Council in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Derby on Wednesday 13 September 2006 at 6 pm.

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies.
2. To receive Declarations of Interest.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2006.

DOCUMENT 3

Motion - That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2006 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor

4. To receive any announcements from The Mayor.
5. To receive any Statements from Members of the Council Cabinet.
6. To receive any questions from the public to Members of the Council Cabinet and the answers to those questions.

No questions have been received.

7. To receive any written questions about the business or functions of the Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority, and the answers to those questions.

No questions have been received.

8. To receive any written questions from non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet and the answers to those questions.
9. To consider the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 1 August and 5 September 2006 requiring the approval of the Council.

**DOCUMENT 9
DOCUMENT 9E
TO FOLLOW**

47/06 Proposals to Change the three Equality Advisory Committees

DOCUMENT 9A

To recommend Council to approve the transformation of Advisory Committees into Equality Forums.

49/06 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2005/06

DOCUMENT 9B

To recommend Council:

1. To note the prudential indicators in respect of the 2005/06 outturn as outlined in Appendix 2 and summarised at Appendix 3 to this report.
2. To approve the updated prudential indicators for 2006/07 and 2007/08 as listed at Appendix 3 to this report, noting that the changes are as a result of the reported 2005/06 outturn position.
3. To approve the Annual Report in respect of Treasury Management activity for 2005/06 as outlined in Appendix 4 to this report.

50/06 Budget Strategy 2007/08 to 2009/10 and Priorities

DOCUMENT 9C

To recommend Council:

1. To note the financial situation facing the Council from 2007/8 onwards.
2. To approve the strategy to be followed during the initial stages of preparing budgets for 2007/8 and the indicative planning budgets for 2008/9 and 2009/10, as set out in the report.
3. To confirm the Council's four corporate priorities for 2007/8 and the process of integration of those priorities and the Corporate Plan to budget planning.

53/06 Local Area Agreement 2005/06 Review and Outturn

DOCUMENT 9D

To recommend Council:

1. To note the performance of the Council against the targets included in its 2005/06 Local Area Agreement, including the Local Public Service Agreement targets.
2. To give particular attention to those areas where the year-end actual performance is below target and the action being taken to address this.
3. To note the outturn expenditure on LAA pooled and aligned budgets in 2005/06.
4. To note the decision of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy to agree to proposals from the Executive of the Children and Young Persons Partnership for the reallocation of LAA pooled budget underspending into 2006/07 budgets, under provisions for urgent action.
5. To approve the carry forward of underspent LPSA2 budgets as set out in the report.
6. To note the funding streams included in the LAA in 2006-07.

10. To consider the following Notices of Motion:

(1) Councillor Williamson to move, Councillor Roberts to second:

“To appoint Councillor Jackson in place of Councillor Roberts as a member of the General Licensing Committee and Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee for the remainder of the current municipal year.”

(2) Councillor Samra to move, Councillor Smalley to second:

“This Council notes with concern:

- Derby’s gardens are under increasing threat of unwanted development and infill due to insufficient protection for green spaces in planning regulations passed by John Prescott.
- The Government’s density targets in PPG3 and draft PPS3, combined with regional building targets, are resulting in new homes being the wrong size and shape compared to public demand for new family homes with gardens and sufficient parking.

The forthcoming council tax revaluation in England may target homes with gardens and home improvements with higher bills, without any improvement in public services.

Therefore, this Council resolves to write to Ruth Kelly, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, calling for the new version of PPS3 to:

- give local planning authorities greater discretion to protect communities from inappropriate over-development and maintain the character of local neighbourhoods
- re-designate gardens from being classified as brownfield land for planning purposes
- give councils greater freedom to set their own parking and density standards in new residential developments
- acknowledge that local councillors are committed to giving local people a greater say on planning decisions and for more affordable homes to be built with gardens and sufficient garden space.”

11. To consider a Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning Appointment of Co-optees to the Adult Services and Health Commission

DOCUMENT 11

Motion - To approve the co-option of Pat Hill, Philip Johnson and Elaine Jackson to the Adult Services and Health Commission for 2006/07 municipal year

Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services
and Deputy Chief Executive

The Council House
Derby DE1 2FS
5 September 2006

COUNCIL MEETING 19 JULY 2006

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Ahern)
Councillors Afzal, Allen, Banwait, Baxter, P S Berry, Bolton, Care, Carr,
Chera, Dhamrait, Dhindsa, Gerrard, Ginns, Graves, Harbon, Hickson,
Higginbottom, Hird, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jones, R Khan,
S Khan, Latham, Leeming, Lowe, MacDonald, Marshall, Mitchell, Nath,
Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Richards, Roberts, Samra, Skelton,
Smalley, Tittley, Travis, Troup, Turner, Webb, West, Williams,
Williamson, Winter, Wynn

Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Liversedge.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Poulter declared a personal interest in Minute No. 34/06 as he lived in the area covered by the proposed Spondon Alcohol Free Zone and was Chair of the Spondon Conservative Club. Councillor Care declared an interest in Minute No. 32/06 as there was a recommendation to appoint her in a private capacity to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education.

Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor congratulated the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Williams) on her recent marriage and congratulated the Leader of the Council (Councillor Williamson) on his recent engagement and forthcoming marriage. The Mayor congratulated the Chief Executive, Ray Cowlshaw, on his award of the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Council stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of former Councillor John Leatherbarrow. Tributes were paid to former Councillor Leatherbarrow by Councillors Jones, Hickson, Webb and Williamson.

The Mayor said that former Councillor Colin Brown was ill and that he would write to him conveying the Council's best wishes.

25/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 24 May 2006 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

26/06 Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet

A Statement relating to key developments to help take forward the Derby Declaration on Climate Change, was made by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.

27/06 Public Questions

Questions from members of the public were asked as follows:

1. By Mr Matthew Holmes, concerning arrangements to update the local list of buildings of historical and architectural interest in the city of Derby, answered by Councillor Smalley, Council Cabinet Member for Housing Management.
2. By Mr Matthew Holmes, concerning community safety and the proposed merger of Derbyshire Police Authority with other Police Authorities, answered by Councillor Hickson, Council Cabinet Member for Community Safety and e-Government.
3. By Mr Tony Dunn, concerning the safety of bus stops in Victoria Street, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
4. By Mr Tony Dunn, concerning the idea for a monorail system and its effect on Connecting Derby, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
5. By Mr Robert Boyer, concerning a recent survey of sports facilities across the city, answered by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.
6. By Mrs Rosalind McMorrow, asking the Council to reverse its decision to close Lancaster Sports Centre, answered by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.
7. By Mr Philip Wilkinson, concerning consultation over the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre, answered by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.
8. By Mr Paul Johnson, concerning facilities for groups, including disabled people, following the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre, answered

by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.

28/06 Written Questions about the Business or Functions of Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority

There were no written questions about the business or functions of the Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority.

29/06 Written Questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet

Written questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet were asked as follows:

1. By Councillor Care, concerning the use of “cancelled” stickers as a deterrent to fly posting, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
2. By Councillor Hird, concerning the enforcement of parking restrictions in suburban areas, answered by Councillor Latham, Council Cabinet Member for Enforcement.
3. By Councillor Jones, asking what part Derby is planning to play over the next six years and beyond to capitalise on the 2012 Olympics, answered by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.
4. By Councillor Mitchell, concerning the charge the Council makes to Bemrose Community School for payroll services, answered by Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
5. By Councillor Leeming, concerning litter and other issues affecting the old canal path at Upper Moor Road/Merrill School, answered by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services. This question was asked and answered with the consent of the Mayor, as the question had been submitted after the deadline.

30/06 Minutes and Recommendations of Council Cabinet

It was noted that there were no minutes of the Council Cabinet meetings on 6 June or 4 July 2006 that required the approval of the Council.

31/06 Notices of Motion

1. *Home Office*

It was moved by Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that Council notes with concern the continuing saga of mismanagement and incompetence at the Home Office and the consequent threats it presents to the security of people in Derby with dangerous criminals being allowed to roam freely in our communities with little or no controls.

Labour rhetoric about being tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime has turned out to be just another empty promise.

In particular this Council notes with alarm:

1. The inability and failure of the authorities to deport convicted foreign criminals at the end of their sentences when they have no leave to remain in the UK.
2. The breakdown of public confidence in the judicial system where punishments do not fit the crime.
3. The early release and parole of prisoners on life sentences without any proper regard to the risk they present to the public.
4. The Home Office's continuing plans to merge local Police Forces into so called super forces which will weaken both accountability and public protection in this City.

Council therefore calls on the Prime Minister and the Government to:

- a) abandon plans to merge local Police Forces which will weaken local accountability and leave Derby vulnerable to more crime and less Police resources.
- b) urgently bring forward robust proposals to address the major deficiencies in public protection and restore confidence in the judicial system.
- c) make sure foreign criminals are deported at the end of their sentences.
- d) review sentencing guidelines to make sure the punishment fits the crime.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of the words "saga of mismanagement and incompetence", "consequent threats it presents to the security of people in", "with dangerous criminals being allowed to roam freely in our communities with little or no controls", "Labour rhetoric about being tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime has turned out to be just another empty promise", "with alarm", "breakdown", "proper", "4. The Home Office's continuing plans to merge local Police Forces into so called super forces which will weaken both accountability and public protection in this City", "a) abandon plans to merge local Police Forces which will weaken local accountability and leave

Derby vulnerable to more crime and less Police resources” and “the” and by the insertion of the words “difficulties experienced”, “possible problems that these might present in”, “in specific instances”, “erosion”, “apparent”, “any”, “that” and “where the circumstances warrant”.

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that the motion would read as follows:

“Council notes with concern the continuing difficulties experienced at the Home Office and the possible problems that these might present in Derby.

In particular this Council notes:

1. The inability and failure of the authorities to deport in specific instances convicted foreign criminals at the end of their sentences when they have no leave to remain in the UK.
2. The erosion of public confidence in the judicial system where punishments do not fit the crime.
3. The early release and parole of prisoners on life sentences without any apparent regard to the risk they present to the public.

Council therefore calls on the Prime Minister and the Government to:

- a) urgently bring forward robust proposals to address any major deficiencies in public protection and restore confidence in the judicial system
- b) make sure that foreign criminals, where the circumstances warrant, are deported at the end of their sentences
- c) review sentencing guidelines to make sure the punishment fits the crime.”)

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts, and seconded, that the motion be further amended by the insertion of the words “a) abandon plans to merge local Police Forces which will weaken local accountability and leave Derby vulnerable to more crime and less Police resources” immediately before existing paragraph a) and the renumbering of other paragraphs accordingly.

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

Resolved that Council notes with concern the continuing difficulties experienced at the Home Office and the possible problems that these might present in Derby.

In particular this Council notes:

- 1. The inability and failure of the authorities to deport in specific instances convicted foreign criminals at the end of their sentences when they have no leave to remain in the UK.**
- 2. The erosion of public confidence in the judicial system where punishments do not fit the crime.**
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- a) abandon plans to merge local Police Forces which will weaken local accountability and leave Derby vulnerable to more crime and less Police resources**
- b) urgently bring forward robust proposals to address any major deficiencies in public protection and restore confidence in the judicial system**
- c) make sure that foreign criminals, where the circumstances warrant, are deported at the end of their sentences**
- d) review sentencing guidelines to make sure the punishment fits the crime.”**

2. *Home Care Charges*

It was moved by Councillor Smalley, and seconded, that Council requests the Council Cabinet to reverse their ill conceived and prejudiced policy on Home Care charges and revert to the genuinely fairer charging policy set in place by the former Conservative / Lib Dem Alliance.

By removing this no charge but high cost policy, those most vulnerable will once again be allowed access to the support services of the Council, enabling them to believe once more that they are valued and equal members of our community

The Council consented to the amendment of Councillor Smalley's motion by the insertion of the words “and eligibility criteria” after the words “charging policy” in the first paragraph and the addition of a third paragraph – “Council also calls upon the Adult Services and Health Overview and Scrutiny Commission to undertake a review and make recommendations about the scale and type of service provision, and financing of such provision, that is appropriate for Derby.”

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that the motion would read as follows:

“Council requests the Council Cabinet to reverse their ill conceived and prejudiced policy on Home Care charges and revert to the genuinely fairer charging policy and eligibility criteria set in place by the former Conservative / Lib Dem Alliance.

By removing this no charge but high cost policy, those most vulnerable will once again be allowed access to the support services of the Council, enabling them to believe once more that they are valued and equal members of our community

Council also calls upon the Adult Services and Health Overview & Scrutiny Commission to undertake a review and make recommendations about the scale and type of service provision, and financing of such provision, that is appropriate for Derby.”)

The amended motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Resolved that Council requests the Council Cabinet to reverse their ill conceived and prejudiced policy on Home Care charges and revert to the genuinely fairer charging policy and eligibility criteria set in place by the former Conservative / Lib Dem Alliance.

By removing this no charge but high cost policy, those most vulnerable will once again be allowed access to the support services of the Council, enabling them to believe once more that they are valued and equal members of our community

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3. Lancaster Sports Centre

It was moved by Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that Council notes with dismay the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre especially as it is very well used by the public, has been recently expensively refurbished, is in a prime city centre location and provides the best disabled facilities in the city.

Whilst Council acknowledges that budgetary pressures are always a problem, the obvious solution for Lancaster Sports Centre is surely to put it out to competitive tender and allow the private sector to manage it on behalf of the Council.

Management of the Chapel Street car park could also be included in the same tender if this makes a more viable tender package.

Council therefore requests Cabinet to make immediate arrangements to:

1. Halt plans to close the centre and immediately put the management of the Lancaster Sports Centre out to competitive tender

2. Consider a “Parksafe” option similar to the hugely successful scheme at Bold Lane and package it with the Sports Centre tender if this makes the Sports Centre tender more viable.

It was moved by Councillor Graves, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of the words “dismay”, “the public, has been recently expensively refurbished, is in a prime city centre location and provide the best disabled facilities in the city”, the obvious”, “surely”, “put it out to competitive tender and allow”, “on behalf of the Council”, “Management of the Chapel Street car park could also be included in the same tender if this makes a more viable tender package”, “Halt plans to close the centre and immediately put the”, “out to competitive tender” and “2. Consider a “Parksafe” option similar to the hugely successful scheme at Bold Lane and package it with the Sports Centre tender if this makes the Sports Centre tender more viable” and the insertion of the words “regret”, “a variety of sports users including disabled people”, “one”, “invite expressions of interest from” and “Invite expressions of interest for the”.

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that the motion would read as follows:

“Council notes with regret the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre especially as it is very well used by a variety of sports users including disabled people.

Whilst Council acknowledges that budgetary pressures are always a problem, one solution for Lancaster Sports Centre is to invite expressions of interest from the private sector to manage it.

Council therefore requests Cabinet to make immediate arrangements to invite expressions of interest for the management of the Lancaster Sports Centre.”)

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried on the casting vote of the Mayor.

Councillor Hickson proposed to move an amendment the effect of which would have been to include in the motion paragraph 2 of the original motion which had been deleted on amendment. In accordance with Rule CP64, this could only be done with the support of at least one third of the Council members. The Mayor asked the Council to indicate its support for Councillor Hickson’s proposal and fewer than 17 members indicated their support. Accordingly Councillor Hickson could not put his amendment to the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded, that the motion be further amended by the deletion of the last paragraph and the insertion in its place of the words “Council notes the lack of consultation over the proposed closure as opposed to alternative arrangements for users. Council therefore agrees to ask Cabinet to suspend any decision on the closure until consultation on the principle of closure as taken place for a minimum of 12 weeks (the Government’s recommended period for public consultation).”

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

Resolved that Council notes with regret the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre especially as it is very well used by a variety of sports users including disabled people.

Whilst Council acknowledges that budgetary pressures are always a problem, one solution for Lancaster Sports Centre is to invite expressions of interest from the private sector to manage it.

Council notes the lack of consultation over the proposed closure as opposed to alternative arrangements for users. Council therefore agrees to ask Cabinet to suspend any decision on the closure until consultation on the principle of closure has taken place for a minimum of 12 weeks (the Government's recommended period for public consultation).

4. Home Help

This motion was withdrawn by the mover, Councillor Skelton.

32/06 Constitutional Appointments and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning Constitutional Appointments and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities.

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded:

1. To appoint Mr Phil Moncur as the statutory co-opted member of the Church of England on the Children and Young People Commission.
2. To appoint Lucy Care as the representative of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a term of four years.
3. To appoint Mohan Manku as a representative of the Sikh Faith on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a term of four years.
4. To appoint Councillor Williams to the Children First Management Committee Outside Body for the remainder of the municipal year
5. To note the decision of the Chief Executive made under delegated powers to approve the list of representatives of the Council on charities as attached at appendix 2

It was moved by Councillor Hird, and seconded, that paragraph 5 of the motion be amended by the addition of the words “subject to the replacement of Councillor Hird by Councillor Winter on the German Pole Charity”.

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that paragraph 5 of the motion would read as follows:

“To note the decision of the Chief Executive made under delegated powers to approve the list of representatives of the Council on charities as attached at appendix 2, subject to the replacement of Councillor Hird by Councillor Winter on the German Pole Charity.”)

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the insertion of the following additional paragraph 6:

6. To make the following changes to Constitutional Appointments for the remainder of the current municipal year:
 - Councillor Dhindsa in place of Councillor Redfern as the Vice Chair of the Adult Services and Health Commission and as a member of the Scrutiny Management Commission
 - Councillor Baxter in place of Councillor Rawson as a member of the Adult Services and Health Commission
 - Councillor Tittley in place of Councillor Dhindsa as a member of the Environment Commission
 - Councillors Rawson and Redfern in place of Councillors Baxter and Tittley as members of the Community Commission
 - Councillor Shiraz Khan in place of Councillor Jackson as a Vice Chair of the General Licensing Committee and the Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee”

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To appoint Mr Phil Moncur as the statutory co-opted member of the Church of England on the Children and Young People Commission.**
- 2. To appoint Lucy Care as the representative of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a term of four years.**
- 3. To appoint Mohan Manku as a representative of the Sikh Faith on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a term of four years.**
- 4. To appoint Councillor Williams to the Children First Management Committee Outside Body for the remainder of the municipal year**

- 5. To note the decision of the Chief Executive made under delegated powers to approve the list of representatives of the Council on charities as attached at appendix 2 subject to the replacement of Councillor Hird by Councillor Winter on the German Pole Charity**
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 - Councillor Tittley in place of Councillor Dhindsa as a member of the Environment Commission**
 - Councillors Rawson and Redfern in place of Councillors Baxter and Tittley as members of the Community Commission**
 - Councillor Shiraz Khan in place of Councillor Jackson as a Vice Chair of the General Licensing Committee and the Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee”**

33/06 Designation of an Alcohol Free Zone in Sinfin

The Council considered a report of the Director and Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning the designation of an Alcohol Free Zone in Sinfin.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:

- 1. To approve the designation of land in Sinfin listed in Appendix 2 and shown outlined and shaded on the attached plan at Appendix 3, as an Alcohol Free Zone**
- 2. To authorise the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services to make the necessary order, to advertise it in the local paper and erect signs in the designated area.**

34/06 Designation of an Alcohol Free Zone in Spondon

The Council considered a report of the Director and Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning the designation of an Alcohol Free Zone in Spondon.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:

- 1. To approve the designation of land in Spondon listed in Appendix 2 and shown shaded on the plan at Appendix 3 as an Alcohol Free Zone**

- 2. To authorise the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services to make the necessary Order, advertise it in a local paper and erect signs in the designated area.**

35/06 Review of Financial Procedure Rules

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Director – Resources and Housing and the Corporate Director – Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning a Review of the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Tittley, to amend the Council's Constitution to adopt a revised set of Financial Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

MAYOR

MINUTES OF COUNCIL CABINET REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET
1 AUGUST 2006**

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)
Councillors Bolton Graves, Hickson, Hussain, Latham, Nath,
Roberts, Smalley and Wynn

In attendance: Councillor Jones

This record of decisions was published on 3 August 2006. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

Key Decisions

**47/06 Proposals to Change the three Equality Advisory
Committees**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Proposals to Change the three Equality Advisory Committees.

Options considered

There were no options considered.

Decision

To recommend Council to approve the transformation of Advisory Committees into Equality Forums.

Reasons

1. To draw the Committees in line with consultation better practice, considering the methods currently used by both the Young People's Forum – YPF – and the Senior's Forum. They were both successful in engaging with their respective communities.
2. To engage in better consultation with people from the respective equality target groups and not only Advisory Committee members
3. To learn from and respond to the concerns raised during the review process

Budget and Policy Framework

49/06 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2005/06

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Treasury Management – Annual Report 2005/06. The report detailed the outturn position for 2005/06 for the prudential indicators and reports on treasury management activity during 2005/06. The results of treasury management borrowing and investment activity in 2005/06 showed that:

- new borrowing in 2005/06 was taken at an average rate of only 4.22%
- returns on investments averaged 4.81% well above the average Bank of England base rate of 4.59%, even after allowing for the slight difference in the methodology used to calculate these two figures.

Decision

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4. To note the prudential indicators in respect of the 2005/06 outturn as outlined in Appendix 2 and summarised at Appendix 3 to this report.
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6. To approve the Annual Report in respect of Treasury Management activity for 2005/06 as outlined in Appendix 4 to this report.

50/06 Budget Strategy 2007/08 to 2009/10 and Priorities

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Budget Strategy 2007/08 to 2009/10 and Priorities. The report sought approval for the approach that the Council would follow in preparing its 2007/8 budget and indicative planning budgets for 2008/9 and 2009/10, with a particular emphasis on the process for delivery of necessary budget savings. It set out the financial situation facing the Council, the savings process needed to address that situation, and how the budget choices are to be linked with the process of wider corporate planning and priority setting.

Decision

To recommend Council:

4. To note the financial situation facing the Council from 2007/8 onwards.

5. To approve the strategy to be followed during the initial stages of preparing budgets for 2007/8 and the indicative planning budgets for 2008/9 and 2009/10, as set out in the report.
6. To confirm the Council's four corporate priorities for 2007/8 and the process of integration of those priorities and the Corporate Plan to budget planning.

Councillors Hickson, Latham and Smalley requested that their votes against the above decision be recorded.

53/06 Local Area Agreement 2005/06 Review and Outturn

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Local Area Agreement 2005/06 Review and Outturn. The report set out annual performance and financial outturn information for the Local Area Agreement - LAA - in 2005/06. The LAA included all targets from our Local Public Service Agreement - LPSA2, which runs from April 2005 to March 2008. The report also provided an update on future performance monitoring of the LAA and presents 2006/07 funding streams included in the agreement. Of the 70 LAA indicators for which the Council was responsible and where year end data and targets were available, 59% of indicators have met or exceeded target, with 29% of indicators showing a year-end performance of more than 5% adverse to target.

Decision

To recommend Council:

7. To note the performance of the Council against the targets included in its 2005/06 Local Area Agreement, including the Local Public Service Agreement targets.
8. To give particular attention to those areas where the year-end actual performance is below target and the action being taken to address this.
9. To note the outturn expenditure on LAA pooled and aligned budgets in 2005/06.
10. To note the decision of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy to agree to proposals from the Executive of the Children and Young Persons Partnership for the reallocation of LAA pooled budget underspending into 2006/07 budgets, under provisions for urgent action.
11. To approve the carry forward of underspent LPSA2 budgets as set out in the report.
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