

CABINET

6.50 P.M.

3RD MARCH 2009

PRESENT:- Councillors Abbott Bryning (Chairman), Evelyn Archer, Eileen Blamire, Shirley Burns, Susie Charles, Jane Fletcher, John Gilbert, David Kerr and Roger Mace

Apologies for Absence: -

Councillor Jon Barry

Officers in attendance: -

Mark Cullinan	Chief Executive
Peter Loker	Corporate Director (Community Services)
Heather McManus	Corporate Director (Regeneration)
Roger Muckle	Corporate Director (Finance and Performance)
Mark Davies	Head of City Council (Direct) Services
Nadine Muschamp	Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer
Stephen Metcalfe	Principal Democratic Support Officer

155 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE LEADER

The Chairman advised that there were no items of urgent business.

156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made at this point.

157 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members were advised that there had been no requests to speak at the meeting in accordance with Cabinet's agreed procedure, as set out in Cabinet Procedure Rule 2.7.

158 PUBLIC TOILET REVIEW - CABINET MINUTE 140

(Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility Councillor Barry)

It was noted that the meeting had been summoned in accordance with Section 100A (6) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. A decision was required urgently by virtue that any recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Cabinet to reconsider the decision would have budgetary implications and would need to be considered by Cabinet prior to Budget Council on 4th March, 2009.

Cabinet considered the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, held prior to the meeting of Cabinet. The Committee had requested consideration of the referral which was as a result of the Call-in of Cabinet's decision regarding the Public Toilet Review (Cabinet Minute 140 refers). Members were provided with the report and

minute of the Cabinet meeting held on 17th February 2009, when the original decision had been made.

It was moved by Councillor Bryning and seconded by Councillor Blamire:-

“(1) That the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed and that savings be made from the following budgets:

£12,000 savings from the mothballing of the 2 public toilets located at Regent Road and those adjacent to the Dome, Morecambe.

£11,000 additional savings from the Communications and Marketing Review, resulting in total savings of £41,000 in Year 1 and £61,000 for Years 2 and beyond. (To be achieved by including Your District Matters in the totality of the expenditure as part of the review.).

£31,000 of growth to be removed, in relation to the recurring item for Schools Recycling of £7,000 per year, and the one-off item for undertaking a Review of Parish Financial Arrangements.

By way of amendment it was moved by Councillor Fletcher and accepted by the mover and seconder of the original proposition as a friendly amendment: -

“That with regard to the Community Toilet Scheme the Council continues to discuss proposals for the use of toilets with local businesses.”

By way of further amendment it was moved by Councillor Mace and seconded by Councillor Charles: -

“That the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny be referred to Budget Council.”

Upon being put to the vote 2 Members (Councillors Charles and Mace) voted in favour of the amendment, 3 Members (Councillors Blamire, Bryning and Fletcher) voted against and 4 Members abstained from voting (Councillors Archer, Burns, Gilbert and Kerr), whereupon the Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Members then voted on the substantive motion, as amended, as follows.

Resolved:

(7 Members (Councillors Archer, Blamire, Bryning, Burns, Fletcher, Gilbert and Kerr) voted in favour and 2 Members (Charles and Mace) voted against).

(1) That the toilets remain open with the exception of Regent Road and those adjacent to the Dome, Morecambe and that savings be made from the following budgets:

£12,000 savings from the mothballing of the 2 public toilets located at Regent Road and those adjacent to the Dome, Morecambe.

£11,000 additional savings from the Communications and Marketing Review, resulting in total savings of £41,000 in Year 1 and £61,000 for Years 2 and beyond.

(To be achieved by including Your District Matters in the totality of the expenditure as part of the review.).

£31,000 of growth to be removed, in relation to the recurring item for Schools Recycling of £7,000 per year, and the one-off item for undertaking a Review of Parish Financial Arrangements.

- (2) That the Parish and Town Councils be consulted as to whether they would be prepared to take over the toilets in the long term.
- (3) That with regard to the Community Toilet Scheme the Council continues to discuss proposals for the use of toilets with local businesses.

Officers responsible for effecting the decision:

Corporate Director (Community Services).
Head of City Council (Direct) Services.

Reasons for making the decision:

The decision was made in line with the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It enables Cabinet's revised recommendations on the schedule of Savings and Growth proposals to be considered at Budget Council on 4th March, 2009. With regard to savings it was noted that if the savings from the overall budget for Communications and Marketing Review are agreed by Council, this would be achieved by including Your District Matters in the totality of the expenditure as part of the review.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.)

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**EFFECTIVE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS CONTAINED IN THESE MINUTES:
IMMEDIATE.**