

**ACTION NOTES FROM STAR CHAMBER HELD ON 27 JUNE 2007**

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Mace (Chair), J Barry, A Bryning, J Gilbert, D Kerr  
M Cullinan, J Donnellon, P Loker, R Muckle, N Muschamp, J Barlow

**1 APOLOGIES**

Councillor E Archer

**2 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The ToR as agreed at Cabinet were considered and the aspiration to work to keep annual council tax increase levels below 4.5% for 2008/09 and below 4.0% for 2009/10 was confirmed.

Cllrs Mace and Kerr requested a briefing note on Gershon and reference was made to page 6 of the Corporate Plan.

Cllr Bryning requested information about the built-in inflationary factor and it was agreed that financial services would confirm.

**3 CAPITAL POSITION**

The Programme as approved by Council on 28 February 2007 was discussed.

A further report to Star Chamber was requested to update members on the capital receipts position in respect of land south of Lancaster that was included in the capital programme, plus the implications for other schemes of the receipt not being received.

It was noted that all bids for inclusion in the Capital Programme are thoroughly reviewed by the officer Asset Management Working Group before being submitted to Star Chamber and subsequently to Cabinet and Council for approval.

**4 REVENUE POSITION**

The Revenue budget was very detailed with many variables and constantly being updated. It was important that members were familiar with this and in particular with the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) when considering savings.

Cllr Mace requested information about the ongoing Concessionary Travel issue.

**5 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

The timetable was considered. The 11 July meeting would decide exactly what approach Services would be asked to take for putting forward savings options to meet the targets included in the Corporate Plan and MTFS.

Neighbourhood Management and Dome – Options for the Future to be moved back to September/ October.

Council Buildings to remain on the agenda for 11 July for a brief update, along with Resource Implications for Economic Development, Market Square Fountain and Best Value Planning Authority.

The Outturn Summary would be available for consideration on 11 July.

It was agreed to hold a meeting on 29 August to identify and approve a framework for the work programme of Star Chamber for the ensuing weeks and months.

MTFS Update to be considered on 29 August.

**6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10.00 a.m. Wednesday 11 July 2007 Committee B.