

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 NOVEMBER 2009

Recommendations to Council from the Executive: 10 November 2009

**Minute
NO
E/09/104** **LDF (NORTH): CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Tom Nicols, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development proposing the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD). The document provided guidance and an overall strategy for development.

Councillor Nicols introducing his report advised that the DPD was a statutory document, part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and would form part of the Development Plan. Public Examination of the document had taken place during June and July 2009 following several periods of public consultation. The outcome had been favourable to the Council with the Inspector determining the DPD to be “sound”. The Executive was advised that it was not possible to make further amendments to the DPD, at this stage the Council could only agree to accept it or reject it altogether and start the process again from the beginning.

The Portfolio Holder concluded by commending both current and former legacy members and officers for the considerable amount of work that had gone into producing the strategy.

Reason for decision: To ensure the Council complies with the statutory requirement to produce a Development Plan through the production of the Local Development Framework (North).

RECOMMENDED:

That the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document, as set out in the submitted report, be adopted.

(NOTE: Members are asked to bring their copy of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document that was circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 10 November 2009 to the Council meeting.)

NOTE: LDF (NORTH): SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

Executive on 10 November 2009 considered a report on the Site Allocations Development Plan Document, part of the Local Development Framework for the northern part of Central Bedfordshire. That report referred to the item being considered at the meeting of Council on 19 November.

It is important that Council receive a fully worked up version of this Development Plan Document. The final document will include a number of site specific policies that set out the details of the proposals for each site, any infrastructure requirements and any associated community benefits that might arise.

Due to the short period of time between the Executive and Council meetings it has not been possible to complete work on this document. Unfortunately therefore, this item will not be considered until the Council meeting on 7 January 2010.

Council in January will be able to fully consider this issue and a widespread public consultation can then take place.

Minute No E/09/113 REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources setting out the results of a review of the 2009/10 Capital Programme and a revised 2009/10 Capital Programme, together with revised Appendices A and B2 which were tabled at the meeting. The report also sought approval for three capital schemes to proceed.

Introducing the report Councillor Jones explained that the review of the 2009/10 Capital Programme and of the schemes identified as slippage from 2008/09, reported to the Executive in July 2009 (minute E/09/25 refers), had been carried out to ensure that the Council has a robust and deliverable capital programme for the remainder of 2009/10.

The Executive was advised that as a result of the review and the combined measures outlined in the report, overall, the 2009/10 outturn position would remain broadly within parameters of affordability. Councillor Jones advised that the capital schemes and projects that had been revised were not being abandoned and would be carried forward. Members were also advised that there could still be further movement and as such the revised capital programme could still be subject to change. Councillor Jones concluded by proposing that the total net capital spend should be limited to £17.5m and be split equally between borrowings and the use of capital receipts

Reason for decisions: To ensure that the Council has a robust and deliverable Capital Programme for the remainder of 2009/10. To obtain approval for the progression of schemes slipped from 2008/09. To obtain approval for the progression of a number of specific schemes in the Capital Programme.

RECOMMENDED:

1. ***That the Revised General Fund Capital Programme for 2009/10, attached as Appendices B1 to B5 to the submitted report together with a tabled revised Appendix B2, be approved.***
2. ***That the Revised Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2009/10, attached at Appendix E to the submitted report, be approved.***
3. ***That the total net capital spend, limited to £17.5M, be split equally between borrowings and the use of capital receipts.***

RESOLVED:

That progression of the following projects for which Business Cases and/or Project Initiation Documents, attached as Appendices F1 to F3 to the submitted report, be approved:

- Biggleswade Town Centre Masterplan**
- Integrated Environmental Improvement Project**
- Performance Management System**

(NOTE: Explanatory paper and revised Appendices are attached as Appendix 1.

Members are asked to bring their copy of the Review of the Capital Programme report that was circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 10 November 2009 to the Council meeting.)