

DELEGATIONS FROM CABINET TO CABINET MEMBERS / OFFICERS

To: **Cabinet**

Date: **26th October 2010**

From: **Chief Executive**

Electoral division(s): **N/a**

Forward Plan ref: **N/a**

Key decision: **No - Monitoring
report for noting**

Purpose: **To report progress on matters delegated to individual
Cabinet Members and / or to officers to make decisions on
behalf of the Cabinet up to 28th September 2010.**

Recommendation: **Cabinet is asked to note the progress on delegations to
individual Cabinet Members and / or to officers previously
authorised by Cabinet to make decisions / take actions on
its behalf.**

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DELEGATIONS TO INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS OR OFFICERS

**26th February
2008****1. Minute 517 - Property Issues - Land at Fordham**

It was agreed to declare land at Fordham (north and south of Landwade Road) surplus to the Council's requirements and to authorise the Director of Finance, Property and Performance to agree terms for its disposal.

The land north of Landwade Road has been sold. Negotiations are still ongoing in respect of the land south of Landwade Road.

**Corporate
Director: Finance,
Property and
Performance**

Action ongoing with completion expected to be some months away with negotiations currently ongoing.

**10th June
2008****2. Minute 578 - Northstowe Trust Update**

To delegate to the Cabinet Member for Communities in consultation with the then Deputy Chief Executive: ECS, after consultation with local members, the authority to explore and implement the best possible mechanism to ensure community involvement in the establishment of the new settlement called Northstowe, including the creation of a community trust if appropriate.

**Cabinet Member
for Communities /
Executive
Director:
Environment
Services.**

At the meeting of the Trust and Governance Group held on 23rd January 2009, reports were received on the latest position regarding the slippage in the development, the ongoing discussions between the Homes and Communities Agency (formerly English Partnerships) and Gallagher's and the work undertaken regarding the formation of the Trust. It was agreed that given the changes, further work to establish the Trust should be suspended until the situation became clearer.

It was also resolved that in place of the existing Trust Shadow Board, a Community Partnership Group should be established, representing South Cambridgeshire District Council, the County Council, Horizons, the Primary Care Trust, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Learning Trust (CPLT) and the Promoters to oversee the development of a Community Project Plan bringing together all work on governance, public realm, community and sports facilities and community development. This Community Partnership Group will report to councillors on the existing Trust and Governance Group on a regular basis.

It was also agreed that the funding set aside to establish the Trust should be retained until its future use is clarified. (The County Council holds this budget on behalf of all of the partners, each partner contributed £50k)

Action status: In terms of the Trust, the situation remains that action is currently still suspended / in abeyance, until Northstowe regains some critical momentum. An update report on Northstowe is scheduled for the November Cabinet meeting.

**15th
December
2009**

3. Minute 98 - A14 Ellington To Fen Ditton Improvement Scheme Draft Orders

It was agreed as part of the resolutions to the report to:

- Delegate to the Lead Member for Highways and Access in consultation with the Executive Director: for Environment Services, authority for approving the scope of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs),
- Delegate to the three Lead Members (for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning; Highways and Access; Economy and Environment) in consultation with the Executive Director Environment Services authority to make any detailed changes to the objections and negotiate any withdrawal of objections.

Officers had discussed with the Highways Agency before the election how they would work through both the identification of the draft TROs that will be needed on new and existing County Roads as a result of the scheme, as well as agreeing on how to negotiate the changes that the Agency is prepared to make to the scheme design / provision as a response to the County Council's objections.

Lead Member for Highways and Access / the now Acting Executive Director: for Environment Services,

Lead Members (for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning; Highways and Access; Economy and Environment) / the now Acting Executive Director Environment Services

Originally the delegations were required until the end of the calendar year and in terms of the draft TROs needing to be the subject of a consultation exercise and a report back to Cabinet. The objections delegations were likely to be needed up to and throughout the Inquiry.

The A14 Scheme has now been suspended by the Coalition Government until after the Spending Review. But as it is not clear what will emerge and therefore options will need to be kept open until that time. If the Government do decide to carry on officers will need to act quickly to a rescheduled Inquiry and if anything else was the position, a report back to Cabinet will be required.

Action ongoing

**27th April
2010**

4. Minute 159 - Agency Agreement for the Delivery of Highways Related Functions In Cambridge

It was agreed to delegate to the Acting Executive Director: Environment Services the powers to negotiate a new highways function agency agreement with Cambridge City Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Access. Negotiations are in hand with Cambridge City Council with the expectation of a new agreement being put in place by March 2011.

**Acting Executive
Director:
Environment
Services / Cabinet
Member for
Highways and
Access.**

Action ongoing

**25th May
2010**

5. Minute 178 Parking Policy Review

Agreeing to an informal review of parking policy in Cambridge led by the portfolio holder for Highways and Access, following the introduction of a further residents' parking scheme.

It is not expected that any new residents parking schemes will be implemented until next year 2011, following which an informal review will be undertaken.

**Acting Executive
Director:
Environment
Services / Cabinet
Member for
Highways and
Access**

Action ongoing

**15th June
2010**

6. Minute 196. Northstowe Ecotown Demonstrator Project

Cabinet received a report informing it of the previously successful bid for funding under the Eco Towns programme and the proposed delivery programme for the County Council element of the programme.

Cabinet noted that a total of £1,500,000 had been awarded to Cambridgeshire by the department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), £365,000 less than the bid amount. £1,135,000 million was allocated by CLG for demonstrator projects, with the remaining £365,000 allocated to complete studies. Under CLG's stated funding terms, the building required to be completed and all invoices submitted by April 2011.

**Acting Executive
Director:
Environment
Services / Cabinet
Member for
Growth
Infrastructure and
Strategic
Planning**

However as an oral update at the June meeting it was indicated that in terms of funding, matters were less certain following the recent general election with the new Coalition Government having pledged to review all financial decisions made after 1st January 2010 with the Eco Town funding falling into that category. It was indicated that currently there was no certainty that the funding for the project would continue and that clarity was unlikely until after the Emergency budget.

Cabinet therefore agreed at the June meeting that no further advance expenditure should be undertaken until Government funding was confirmed at which time officers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth Infrastructure and Strategic Planning would assess its feasibility as an ongoing project.

Funding approval was finally received by central government in late September.

The total funding available from the government has been reduced by half but the final allocation has removed the element of funding to carry out the proposed set of studies so that the funding is now focussed solely on the capital projects of the Demonstrator Building and the Retrofit Project for Rampton Drift residents. This means that the building will need to be reduced in size slightly from that originally expected, but that the high sustainability standards can be maintained and a good quality building constructed. The funding agreement has therefore been drafted to reflect a realistic 11 month delivery period instead of finishing in April as proposed previously, which would give a project completion date of the end of August next year.

Officers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning agreed that the project was feasible and should continue in line with the previous decision of Cabinet and the delegation provided at the June meeting. As a result, the funding agreements were concluded allowing an official start date of 1st October.

Action discharged.

**5th July
2010**

7. Minute 212 – Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Selection of Preferred Bidder

Authorising the Acting Executive Director: Environment Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning, to sign the Preferred Bidder Letter with the Preferred Bidder appointed pursuant to recommendation i) of the report, once any outstanding issues had been addressed.

**Acting Executive Director:
Environment Services / Cabinet Member for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning**

A final report is included on this agenda (26th October) Cabinet meeting for endorsement and recommending final approval to the scheme to the 7th December Council meeting.

Action Ongoing

**7th
September**

8. Developer S06 Deferral request - Section 106 Papworth Bypass Contribution.

Following a decision to agree the Section 106 deferral request and to agree that this obligation can be paid in instalments as requested by the developer as follows:

- £270,000 plus indexation payable on 31st January 2011
- £270,000 plus indexation payable on 18th March 2011
- £270,000 plus indexation payable on 29th July 2011.

It was also agreed to delegate to the lead Member for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning in consultation with the Acting Executive Director for Environment Services and Corporate Director for Finance Property and Performance, the authority to agree any further reasonable changes to the instalment dates.

Action ongoing (The delegation will only be needed if the timescale agreed by Cabinet expires).

**28th
September**

9. Third Cambridgeshire Local Transport Plan (LTP3): Public Consultation Results and Government Consultation On Funding Formula

Cabinet endorsed the draft response included with the report to the Government's 24 August consultation on the formulae that are used to calculate Integrated Transport Block and Maintenance Block capital allocations to transport authorities and delegated to the Cabinet Member for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning in consultation with the Acting Executive Director, Environment Services, the authority to make any minor changes prior to submission to Government.

**Acting Executive Director,
Environment Services / Cabinet Member for Growth, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning**

An amendment was made following the meeting to the final question (No 10) of the draft response to take into account an announcement by Norman Baker MP on the Sustainable Transport Fund, which is closely linked to the subject of the consultation and was cleared with the Cabinet Member with the final response being sent on the 6th October.

Action discharged.

10) Health White Paper Reforms of the NHS and Associated Consultation

Cabinet agreed to devolve responsibility for finalising the Council's response to the White Paper and accompanying consultation to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing in consultation with the Executive Director: Community And Adult Services.

**Executive Director:
Community And Adult Services / Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing**

The response was sent on 5th October.

Action discharged.

Source Documents	Location
Minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 26 th February, 10 th June, 15 th December 2009, 27 th April, 25 th May 5 th July and 7 th September 2010	Room 114A Shire Hall Cambridge