

RECORD OF CABINET DECISIONS

Tuesday, 20 April 2010

3.00pm to 3.20pm

Date of publication: 21 April 2010

Subject to call-in these decisions will be effective from 29 April 2010

PRESENT:	Councillor Rodney Chambers	Leader of the Council
	Councillor Alan Jarrett	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Deputy Leader
	Councillor Janice Bamber	Portfolio Holder for Customer First and Corporate Services
	Councillor Rehman Chishti	Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Enforcement
	Councillor Jane Chitty	Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development and Economic Growth
	Councillor Phil Filmer	Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services
	Councillor Tom Mason	Portfolio Holder for Adult Services
	Councillor Les Wicks	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
	Councillor David Wildey	Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care
In Attendance:	Neil Davies	Chief Executive
	Rose Collinson	Director of Children and Adults
	Angela Drum	Head of Legal
	Stephen Gaimster	Assistant Director Development, Economy and Transport
	Stephanie Goad	Assistant Director Communications Performance and Partnerships
	Mick Hayward	Chief Finance Officer
	Richard Hicks	Assistant Director, Customer First, Leisure, Culture, Democracy and Governance
	Wayne Hemingway	Cabinet Coordinator
	Julie Keith	Head of Democratic Services

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Howard Doe (Community Services).

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The record of decisions from the meeting held on 30 March 2010 was agreed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3

This report provided details of the provisional Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) for consultation purposes. The Cabinet had previously considered a report on the emerging issues surrounding the Plan in November 2009 and this report set out the key details of the Plan and the timetable for its development and approval.

The report stated that a key element in the preparation of the Plan was the importance of demonstrating links with local, sub-regional, regional and national policy including the Council Plan, the Sustainable Community Strategy and the work being undertaken through the Multi-Area-Agreement.

The report also stated that a Diversity Impact Assessment was being developed as part of the development of the Plan.

Decision number:

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| 61/2010 | The Cabinet approved the provisional Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) Transport Strategy for consultation purposes. |
| 62/2010 | The Cabinet agreed to grant delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services to undertake minor amendments to the provisional LTP3 Transport Strategy. |
| 63/2010 | The Cabinet agreed to receive a report on the outcome of the consultation on the provisional LTP3 Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan in December 2010. |

Reasons:

The decisions support the production of a Local Transport Plan as a statutory function, which applies, to local transport authorities in England outside London under the Transport Act 2000, as amended by the Local Transport Act 2008.

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE

This report provided details of progress in achieving Medway's Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets. It was noted that Council approved the LAA refresh on 4 March 2010 subject to agreement on National Indicator (NI) 152 – levels of worklessness. This target had been subsequently set to limit worklessness levels to 3.2% above regional averages.

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It was reported that of the 45 LAA targets, 43 were reported for this quarter: 26 (61%) were on track, with 7 (16%) off target but capable of reaching target within the year. 10 were off track and required improvement.

The report also set out details of the consideration undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Decision number: **Decision:**

The Cabinet noted the report.

Reasons:

Full and accurate performance reporting to Members is consistent with best practice, and will allow Members to monitor performance during the year.

RECRUITMENT FREEZE

This report presented information on two vacancies that officers had requested approval to commence recruitment for, following the process agreed by Cabinet on 7 January 2003.

Decision number: **Decision:**

64/2010 The Cabinet agreed to unfreeze the following posts, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, to enable officers to commence the recruitment process:

Children and Adults

- a) Support Service Officer**
- b) Support Services Assistant.**

Reasons:

The posts presented to Cabinet support the efficient running of the Council.

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER ACADEMY OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

This report presented details of the Outline Business Case for the Bishop of Rochester Academy. The Cabinet, in December 2008, agreed to establish a new Academy to replace Medway Community College and Chatham South School. The Outline Business Case set out the proposal to provide new buildings for the Academy on the Medway Community College site in Chatham.

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It was reported that the Outline Business Case would secure external funding from Partnership for Schools (PfS) and that the total estimated construction cost was approximately £27 million. It was noted that the Final Business Case would be submitted to Cabinet in November 2011 and that the new Academy building was due to open in June 2013.

The report stated that a Diversity Impact Assessment would be undertaken on this project and would be reported to Cabinet with the Final Business Case.

Decision number: ***Decision:***

65/2010 **The Cabinet approved the Outline Business Case for Bishop of Rochester Academy and gave delegated authority to the Director of Children and Adults in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to make minor changes to the OBC after it has been subjected to the Partnerships for Schools (PfS) Peer Review for ratification on behalf of the Council.**

Reasons:

The submission of a completed Outline Business Case is required by PfS, in order to secure funding for the scheme.

GATEWAY 1 OPTIONS APPRAISAL: PUBLIC LIGHTING MAINTENANCE WORKS

This report set out the options appraisal for the procurement of the new Public Lighting Maintenance Works contract.

An exempt appendix provided information relating to the budget provision and estimated costs for the contract.

Decision number: ***Decision:***

66/2010 **The Cabinet approved the commencement of the procurement project for the public lighting maintenance contract for the award of a new contract from 1 April 2011.**

Reasons:

By commencing procurement of the lighting maintenance contract now, service continuity can be adequately planned and financial award decisions made through the 2011 budget setting process.

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