

Decision No: CAB –75 12/3/09

KEY

Forward Plan No: CAB 7173

This record relates to Agenda Item 185 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE

SUBJECT: REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

AUTHOR: TOM HOOK

THE DECISION

- (1) That their decision of the 12th February as regards the disposal of the Queens Square Ice Rink site stands.
- (2) To respond to the further recommendations of OSC as set out below
 - (a) That the decision taken by Cabinet on 12 February 2009 in relation to the disposal of the Ice Rink, Queen Square, be noted.
 - (b) That the subsequent call-in request be noted.
 - (c) That the additional information supplied by the Interim Director of Finance and Resources be noted.
- (3) That the recommendations (b – d) are not accepted; namely
 - (b) That the Planning Department be requested to draw up a robust Planning Framework for this site that would include consultation with the local community before any subsequent decision is taken*
 - (c) That this Planning Framework be appended to any future cabinet report pertaining to the disposal of this site*
 - (d) That relevant extracts from the Hotel Futures Supplementary Planning Guidance be appended to any future Cabinet report if it is decided to pursue the option of an hotel for the site*

- 2.4 (a) To accept the recommendation that Cabinet ensure that the Council consults properly with Ward Councillors
- (b) To note the recommendation that, in consultations with Ward Councillors it is made clear that their views are being sought and that relevant information will be available to them to form a view. And that a reasonable timeframe for requesting further information and for replies to be made be clearly indicated.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Recommendations are based on the resolution of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission of the 3rd March.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Commission evaluated whether or not to send the original decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

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Leader of the Council

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Proper Officer:

12 March 2009

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SCRUTINY

Not applicable

Call-In Period

n/a

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB – 76 12/3/09

KEY

Forward Plan No: CAB 6348

This record relates to Agenda Item 186 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	PLANNED MAINTENANCE BUDGET ALLOCATION 2009-10 AND PROGRAMME OF WORKS FOR THE COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL BUILDINGS
AUTHOR:	ANGELA DYMOTT

THE DECISION

That Cabinet approve the financial allocation to an annual programme of works to the operational buildings at an estimated cost of £4,182,000 as detailed in Appendices A and B, in accordance with Financial Regulation A.5.6.7.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To approve the financial allocation to an annual programme of maintenance works to the operational buildings.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Failure to maintain our building stock will increase risks, inhibit service delivery, may lead to a negative perception of the Council, reduce the value of the assets and prevent fulfilling the council's priorities, aims and objectives as stated in the AMP & CPS 2008-11.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB – 77

KEY

Forward Plan No: CAB 6519

This record relates to Agenda Item 187 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2009/10
AUTHOR:	PETER SARGENT

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement 2009/10 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (2) That the Treasury Management Practices 2009/10 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.
- (3) That the Schedules to the Treasury Management Practices 2009/10 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be approved

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Codes of practice issued under the Local Government Act 2003 require the council to approve an annual treasury management policy statement. This report fulfils that requirement.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The report set out the council's treasury management policy statement for the year commencing 1 April 2009. The TMPS continues with the strong emphasis on risk management and the impact this may have on the performance of the treasury management service.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB – 78 12/3/209

KEY

Forward Plan No: CAB 6521

This record relates to Agenda Item 188 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2009 / 10
AUTHOR:	PETER SARGENT

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Annual Investment Strategy 2009/10 as set in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (2) To recommend that Council to approve the Strategy at its meeting on 19 March 2009.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Guidance issued under the Local Government Act 2003 requires the council to approve an annual investment strategy. This report fulfils that requirement.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The report set out the council's annual investment strategy for the year commencing 1 April 2009.

The AIS continues with the strong emphasis on risk management and liquidity, two cornerstones to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State and the impact these have on investment performance.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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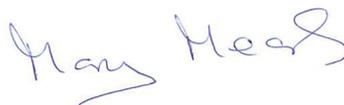
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Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB – 79

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 189 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE

SUBJECT: 2008/09 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT

AUTHOR: BARBARA GREEN

THE DECISION

- (1) That progress against the LAA outcomes and proposals for remedial actions against the indicators that are significantly off track are noted.
- (2) That Cabinet Members review their areas of poor performance in greater detail at future Cabinet Members Meetings and/or discusses with the relevant leading partnership progress on the action plans.
- (3) That changes in national performance management framework from CPA to CAA from April 2009 are noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The report provides information on progress against the council's priorities ensuring close monitoring for continuous improvement.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There were none.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB – 80

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Forward Plan No:

This record relates to Agenda Item 190 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CULTURAL SERVICES
SUBJECT:	PRESTON BARRACKS
AUTHOR:	MARK JAGO

THE DECISION

- (1) That the project's complex history and background be noted and that these factors that had a significant influence on the city council's decision to grant landowner consent in September 2007, thus giving the developer a final opportunity to progress the scheme.
- (2) That the revised proposals submitted by the Preferred Developer be noted, and that the considerable efforts it has made over the past 5 years to deliver a high quality scheme at Preston Barracks be recognised.
- (3) That the assessment findings and the officers' view that the latest proposals, as set out in Section 3 of the report, add risk and uncertainty to an already difficult scheme.
- (4) That the recommendations of the Project Board, which concluded that the revised proposals should not be supported and that landowner consent and preferred developer status should therefore be withdrawn (Option 4) be approved.
- (5) That in the absence of an agreed scheme, and in view of the many options considered over time, it is agreed that it is appropriate for the city council to review the development opportunities and to explore alternative delivery arrangements with interested parties.
- (6) That whilst it is appropriate for the full content of this report to remain confidential, the above recommendations should, subject to the Cabinet's final decision, be made public.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

As detailed in the confidential report

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

(1) As stated earlier in the report, the original scheme had a significant funding gap. Since their appointment in 2004, the developer has, together with the city council and SEEDA, explored a wide range of options and development scenarios in search of a viable scheme. Options have included alternative use mixes, from maximising the housing element and reducing the office component, differing building heights and car parking arrangements, and the inclusion of significant retail of varying types.

(2) It was in recognition of having exhausted all other options available at the time that the city council granted landowner consent to the developer's 2007 proposals. Evaluation of the latest proposal was reported to the Project Board in November 2008 and February 2009. In considering the proposals, the Board was advised of the four options available to the city council, with the key question being which option offered the best prospect of successful delivery. In summary (full details are shown in Appendix 1), the options were:

- (3) Option 1 – Support revised scheme.
Option 2 – Reject revisions in favour of wider scheme review alongside current developer.
Option 3 – Reject revisions and put September 2007 agreed scheme on hold awaiting market recovery
Option 4 – Reject proposals and review Development Brief

(4) In considering the options, the Board was mindful of all that had gone before, and equally conscious of the desire to see progress. Whilst acknowledging the developer's efforts and the additional challenges posed by the economic conditions, the Board concluded that Option 4 should be referred to Cabinet.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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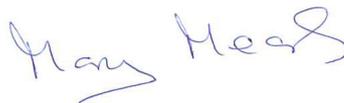
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