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Minutes of Meeting

Committee Cabinet
Meeting Date 29/10/2003

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EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

REGULATIONS 3, 4, 9 AND 15 LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2000

The following decisions were taken on 29th October 2003 by the:-

Cabinet

Date notified to all Members: 31st October 2003

These decisions will not be implemented until 12th November 2003, the end of the call-in period.

Present: Chair – Mayor Martin Winter

Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Stuart Exelby	Cleaner Streets and Safer Neighbourhoods
Councillor John Hardy	Social Care, Health and Well-Being
Councillor John Hoare	Economic Development
Councillor Chris Mills	Homes and Housing
Councillor Mark Robinson	Environment
Councillor Ian Spowart	Special Projects
Councillor Margaret Ward	Culture, Sport and Young People

Also Present: Councillor Eva Hughes (for Decision 1)

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aidan Rave and Tony Sockett.

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

The Decision Record Forms dated 8th October, 2003, published on 10th October, 2003, were noted.

DECISION 1

1.	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE
	4 & 8. Doncaster Community Stadium – Concept, Image and Financial Implications.
2.	DECISION REFERENCE NO
	K354
3.	DECISION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note the progress made since the Cabinet approved the way forward at its meeting on 27th November 2002.2. To endorse the outcomes from Stage 1 identifying the Community Stadium concept and the Leisure Capacity Audit as detailed in the report.3. To endorse the view that Concept 2(stadium plus community uses – i.e. 5 a side football, College facilities, IT suites, Martial Arts Academy) best reflects the Council’s aspirations for a Community Stadium.4. To approve the view that Design 1(block stands on each side – total cost £13.35m) with a capacity of 10,000 seats represents the most viable and flexible option.5. To accept the conclusion from the Stage 2 report that the only viable procurement route for the Community Stadium is by the Council.6. To approve commencement of the procurement process for a Community Stadium with a seating capacity of 10,000 at Doncaster Lakeside at an estimated cost to the Council at today’s figures of £17.7million. Such procurement is on the basis that construction contracts will not be awarded until the satisfactory outcome of<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiations with the clubs as authorised by recommendation 9• The final financial position once agreements have been reached outlined in recommendation 10The procurement will be funded through the Council’s Transformational Projects Investment Programme over the 2003/04 - 2006/07 financial years.7. To approve the establishment of a Stadium Management Company (SMC) comprising the three sporting clubs and the Council as outlined in the Stage 2 report (identified as Mechanism 5in the report).8. To agree in principle to provide revenue funding to the SMC for 2 years at such a level to be negotiated with a view to minimising the Council’s contribution.9. To authorise commencement of negotiations to reach binding legal agreements with the three sporting clubs to establish the detailed basis for their use and involvement in the Community Stadium.10. That a report outlining the final financial position covering inter alia grant funding, revenue streams and third party contractual agreements be presented back to Cabinet.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Pursuant to recommendation 6 above an appropriate Professional Team be appointed in conjunction with 3D to deliver the Stadium.12. That 3D be asked to ensure that the tender process requires a fixed price for this project.
4.	REASON FOR DECISION
	Stadium Concept 2(stadium plus community uses – i.e. 5 a side football, College facilities, IT suites, Martial Arts Academy) is the most deliverable solution and is very much in line with the Council’s vision and aspiration for a Community Stadium.
5.	ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- a) Concept 1 referred to in the report (Stadium only - basic premise is for sport only. Would be used exclusively by the clubs with little or no community use), fails to meet the Council's aspiration of a Community Stadium and would probably be difficult to support in relation to the Council's fiduciary duty in terms of just providing a simple replacement-sporting stadium.
- b) Concept 3 identified in the report (Stadium, Community and Commercial uses - plus hotel, casino, pub, quality restaurant and fitness suite) would need a huge amount of capital provision currently not earmarked in TPIP. Ideally this scenario would best be suited if the venture was attractive to a private developer. However, because the rentals and returns are low, market testing with relevant developers has indicated that the private sector is not interested in this package. Retail, Office and/or residential would need to be added; however they would impact on other projects at Lakeside as agreed in the approved Masterplan.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

7. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Note: This matter was considered in both the public and private sessions of the meeting by way of two separate reports (agenda items 4 & 8). The second report was exempt under paragraph 9 of schedule 12A – Local Government Act 1972 – negotiations regarding property.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEAD OF SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Janet Dean, Executive Director of Borough Strategy and Development.

DECISION 2

1.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

5. Implementing Electronic Government (IEG3) Statement for 2003 – Approval for Submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

2.

DECISION REFERENCE NO

K383

3.

DECISION TAKEN

To approve the Implementing Electronic Government (IEG3) Statement for 2003.

4.

REASON FOR DECISION

The Implementing Electronic Government Statement for 2003 must be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) by 10th November 2003 in order for this Council to receive Local Government On-Line funding for 2004-2005. The IEG3 statement is a key strategy that contributes to the Local Public Service Agreement target 10, the electronic service delivery target and this Council's vision and strategy in respect of the Modernising Government agenda.

5.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There are no alternative means of obtaining this funding and therefore no other options can be considered.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

7. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not exempt.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEAD OF SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Mike Woodbridge, Head of Information Services.

DECISION 3

1.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Supporting People Memorandum of Understanding Between Administering Authority and Commissioning Body.

2.

DECISION REFERENCE NO

K384

3.

DECISION TAKEN

To agree the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, which governs the role and responsibilities of the Supporting People Commissioning Body and Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC) as the Administering Authority.

4.

REASON FOR DECISION

The Supporting People Directions 2003 requires Administering Authorities to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Supporting People Commissioning Body.

5.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There are no options available to the authority. DMBC is legally required to establish the proposed Memorandum of Understanding. By not agreeing to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, DMBC would risk losing the Supporting People Grant, currently valued at £11.5 million, to fund services for vulnerable people living in the borough of Doncaster.

6.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

7.

IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not exempt.

8.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEAD OF SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Mervyn Thomas, Executive Director of Social Services.

DECISION 4

1.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

7. Updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy and Introduction of a Fraud Response

	Plan.
2.	<p>DECISION REFERENCE NO</p> <p>N456</p>
3.	<p>DECISION TAKEN</p> <p>To agree: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the updated anti-fraud and corruption policy statement (Appendix 1 of the report); • the updated anti-fraud and corruption strategy (Appendix 2 of the report); • the fraud response plan (Appendix 3 of the report); and • the re-endorsing of the prosecutions and recoveries policy (Appendix 4 of the report).
4.	<p>REASON FOR DECISION</p> <p>a) The Council's present anti-fraud and corruption policy and strategy were drawn up and approved in 1999. If the Council is to be effective in countering fraud and corruption it is appropriate that it keeps its policy and strategy relevant and up-to-date.</p> <p>b) The maintenance of an effective antifraud and corruption policy and strategy is an important part of the Council's internal control arrangements. The inclusion of a fraud response plan demonstrates that the Council has in place practical arrangements to support its policy and strategy against fraud and corruption and adds clarity and guidance to the way those concerned with Doncaster Council should respond in the event that fraud and corruption is suspected or proven to be taking place.</p>
5.	<p>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</p> <p>a) In the drafting of the updated documents and the addition of the fraud response plan, cognisance has been given to best practices in other local authorities as demonstrated via their anti-fraud and corruption policies etc. However few, as yet, demonstrate the link between risk management and their anti-fraud and corruption policy and strategy.</p> <p>b) Failure to update the Council's existing policy and strategy will inevitably lead to criticism from external inspection bodies.</p>
6.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</p> <p>None.</p>
7.	<p>IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION</p> <p>Not exempt.</p>
8.	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEAD OF SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>Gary Bandy, Head of Financial Services.</p>

DECISION 5

1.	<p>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE</p> <p>9. Land Disposal at North Eastern Road, Thorne, Doncaster.</p>
2.	<p>DECISION REFERENCE NO</p> <p>K376</p>

3. DECISION TAKEN

To approve the terms for disposal of land at North Eastern Road, Thorne, Doncaster provisionally agreed by the Property Services Manager, as detailed within the report.

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The land in question is surplus to requirements and forms part of the disposal programme.

5. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The receipt from the proposed disposal will be utilised to fund the Council's Capital Programme, as such no other options have been considered.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

7. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

The Property Services Manager states that it would prejudice the Council's position in future negotiations if any details of negotiations regarding property were published, hence the exemption as per paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEAD OF SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

A M Bieganski, Property Services Manager.

Signed
Chair/Decision-Maker

Date: 29th October, 2003.

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