

OFFICER DECISIONS

Below is a list of decisions taken by Officers which they have classed as significant:-

REF: **OD.032/06** **WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT
THE LAA THROUGH LSPs and CSP**

Decision of Head of Personnel and Development Services

Portfolio: Finance and Performance Management

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Jefferson to attend the Working Together to Support the LAA through LSPs and CSP - Generic event on 27 October 2006.

Summary of Options rejected

None

DECISION:

That Councillor Jefferson be authorised to attend the Working Together to Support the LAA through LSPs and CSP - Generic event on 27 October 2006.

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for for elected Members - sufficient budget to accommodate.

Date Decision Made :

11-Oct-06

REF: **OD.033/06** **MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE**

Decision of Director of Corporate Resources

Portfolio: Finance and Performance Management

Subject Matter:

In accordance with the provisions of the Housing Act 1985, to declare the local mortgage interest rate for the period 1 October 2006 to 31 March 2007.

Summary of Options rejected

None

DECISION:

1. That, in accordance with Schedule 2, paragraph 5.2.14 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, a local interest rate for the period 1 October 2006 to 31 March 2007 be declared at 9.01%.
2. That, as the National Rate is lower than the present Local Rate, in order to comply with the Housing Act 1985, new and existing borrowers be charged the local rate of 9.01% from 1 October 2006.

Reasons for Decision:

Under the provisions of Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985, the City Council is obliged to charge on its mortgages the higher of its local interest rate or the National Rate as prescribed by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions. It is obliged to declare twice a year its local interest rate.

The local interest rate is fixed for a period of six months. The previous rate of 9.01% expired on 30 September 2006 and a new rate is required for the period 1 October 2006 to 31 March 2007.

The local interest rate is calculated as the cost of a local authority's borrowing plus 1/4%. The average cost of the City Council's external borrowings for the period October 2006 to March 2007 is estimated at 8.76%. Therefore the local rate of interest would be 9.01% for this period.

The Secretary of State declared that with effect from 1 October 2004, the National Rate of interest was increased to 6.28% from 5.19%. Thus this rate remains below the City Council's own rate of interest.

Date Decision Made :

18-Oct-06

REF: OD.034/06 SKILLS FOR LIFE

Decision of Head of Personnel and Development Services

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Collier to attend the Skills for Life conference to be held at the JJB Stadium, Wigan on 2 November 2006.

Summary of Options rejected

None

DECISION:

That Councillor Collier be authorised to attend the Skills for Life conference to be held at the JJB Stadium, Wigan on 2 November 2006.

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for Cllr Collier - sufficient budget to accommodate.

Date Decision Made :

17-Oct-06

**REF: OD.035/06 ACE - WORKING LOCALLY ON THE
FOUR THEMES OF THE LAA, THROUGH
LSPS AND CSPS**

Decision of Head of Personnel and Development Services

Portfolio: Learning & Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Mrs Prest to attend the ACE - Working locally on the four themes of the LAA, through the LSPs and CSPs training course to be held at Higham Hall near Cockermouth.

Summary of Options rejected

None

DECISION:

That Councillor Mrs Prest be authorised to attend the ACE - Working locally on the four themes of the LAA, through the LSPs and CSPs training course to be held at Higham Hall near Cockermouth.

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient budget to accommodate

Date Decision Made :

18-Oct-06

**REF: OD.036/06 WORKING LOCALLY ON THE FOUR
THEMES OF THE LAA, THROUGH LSPs
AND CSP**

Decision of Head of Personnel and Development Services

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Knapton to attend the Working locally on the four themes of the LAA, through the LSPs and CSP to be held at Higham Hall.

Summary of Options rejected

None

DECISION:

That Councillor Knapton be authorised to attend the working locally on the four themes of the LAA, through LSPs and CSP held to be held at Higham Hall.

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient budget to accommodate

Date Decision Made :

23-Oct-06