

EXECUTIVE

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Glover (Leader / Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Bradley (Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder).
Councillor Ms Quilter (Culture, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Mrs Riddle (Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder)

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive
Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Governance
Director of Economic Development
Chief Accountant

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Nedved (Chairman of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel)

WELCOME

The Leader welcomed all those present to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Martlew (Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder), Councillor Dr Tickner (Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder), the Director of Local Environment and the Director of Resources

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 29 June and 27 July 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings.

EX.104/15 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-Cutting

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Community; Environment and
Economy; and Resources

Subject Matter

The Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 21 August 2015 was submitted for information.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 21 August 2015 be received.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.105/15 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Culture, Leisure and Young People

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Community

Subject Matter

Details of a decision taken by the Culture, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the decision, attached as Appendix A, be noted.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

EX.106/15 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Community; Environment and Economy;
and Resources

Subject Matter

Details of decisions taken by Officers under delegated powers were submitted.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the decisions, attached as Appendix B, be noted.

Reasons for Decision

Not applicable

PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph number (as indicated in brackets against each minute) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

EX.107/15 RETHINKING WASTE BUSINESS CASE AND VEHICLE PROCUREMENT
(Key Decision – KD.31/15)
(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

Portfolio Environment and Transport

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Environment and Economy

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.72/15, and in the absence of the Deputy Leader, the Leader submitted report LE.22/15 setting out the detailed business case to support the full implementation of Option 1 in the Eunomia review.

The Leader reminded Members that a review of the collection service had been carried out, the aim of which was to improve the efficiency of dry recycling collections and to enable the extension of the full kerbside service to new housing. He added that the Executive had on 29 June 2015 agreed to proceed with Option 1 (outlined within the review report), subject to the submission of a full business case.

The Leader then summarised Option 1, and drew attention to the Business Case (Appendix 1) which set out the expected benefits and dis-benefits of implementing Option 1, together with the options appraisal (Appendix 2).

A communication plan was being prepared for both internal and external audiences. The Cross Party Working Group had assisted greatly with the development of the Plan and would continue to work on the communication planning during the implementation of the project. Staff consultation would commence before Christmas on proposals and more detailed collection methodology.

The Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel had, on 17 September 2015, considered the matter and resolved:

“1) That the Panel supported the proposals as detailed in report LE.24/15 – Rethinking Waste: Business Case.

2) That the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel receive regular updates on the progress of the Rethinking Waste project.”

A copy of Minute Excerpt EEOSP.58/15 had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel was in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman began by acknowledging and thanking the Director of Local Environment, who had kept the Panel regularly updated. He added that the Panel recognised the invaluable work undertaken by the Rethinking Waste Cross Party Working Group.

The Panel had received an overview of Option 1, including details of the proposed phased implementation plan. Members were also made aware that residents would receive full dry recycling services as a result of the new vehicles and collections (not in relation to green waste), which was a critical element. Development of the communication plan would also be of critical importance to residents and Councillors in the future.

As a separate point, the Chairman asked that an informal briefing be provided at the appropriate time to keep Members fully abreast of developments and engaged in the process.

In conclusion, the Chairman of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel commented upon the comprehensive nature of the report, adding that Overview and Scrutiny would be following its progress.

In response, the Leader stated that cross-party working groups added a great deal to the decision making process. He further expressed thanks to Members of the Rethinking Waste Cross-Party Working Group and the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel for their valuable contribution.

The Leader took on board the Chairman's request that an informal briefing be provided as a means of keeping Members informed, adding that it was particularly important that Ward Members were fully appraised in order that they may respond to residents.

The Leader then moved the recommendations, which were duly seconded by the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected the other options detailed in the report

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Agreed to bring the Recycling Box Collection back in-house as described in the detailed business case (Appendix 1 to Report LE.22/15) in order to fully implement Option 1.
2. Delegated authority to the Director of Environment following consultation with the Director of Resources and the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, and the Executive Member for Resources to procure a new fleet of vehicles to deliver the new service.
3. Agreed to finance the vehicles through internal borrowing as detailed in the Capita report (Appendix 2) if the period of borrowing was at least six years.
4. That an informal briefing be provided when appropriate to keep Members informed of progress.

Reasons for Decision

As detailed within private Report LE.22/15

EX.108/15 DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF POLICY
(Non Key Decision)
(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Resources

Subject Matter

In the absence of the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder, the Leader submitted report RD.27/15 concerning the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy.

The Leader outlined the background position and content of the report, together with the associated financial implications and risks to the authority. He added that, following careful consideration, the Executive did not wish to amend the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy; and that the application for Rate Relief be refused.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendations.

Summary of options rejected to amend the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy; and
grant the application for rate relief

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Had given careful consideration to the report of the Director of Resources (RD.27/15) and determined that the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy should not be amended.
2. That the application for rate relief from the organisation detailed in the report, which did not qualify under the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy, be refused.

Reasons for Decision

To seek Executive consideration of a potential change to the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy, together with an application for rate relief

[The meeting ended at 4.10 pm)