

OFFICER DECISIONS

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

REF: **OD.032/07** **Attendance on Training Course - Future Homes 07 - Balancing Supply and Demand**

Decision of Head of Personnel and Development Services

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Quilter to attend the Future Homes 07 - Balancing Supply and Demand Training Course on 4 December 2007 in Westminster.

Summary of Options rejected

Not attend

DECISION:

That Councillor Quilter be allowed to attend the Future Homes 07 - Balancing Supply and Demand Training Course on 4 December 2007 in Westminster.

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient budget (Labour) to accommodate

Date Decision Made :

11-Sep-07

REF: **OD.033/07** **Attendance on Training Course - Local Area Agreements 2007 -**

Decision of Head of Personnel & Development Services

Portfolio: Learning & Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Riddle to attend the Local Area Agreements 2007 training course on 20 November 2007 in London

Summary of Options rejected

Not attend

DECISION:

That Councillor Riddle be allowed to attend the Local Area Agreements 2007 training course on 20 November 2007 in London

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient budget to accommodate

Date Decision Made :

04-Oct-07

REF: **OD.034/07** **Attendance on training course - National Environmental Services Seminar 2007**

Decision of Head of Personnel and Development Services

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Martlew to attend the National Environmental Services Seminar 2007 on 18 & 19 October 2007 in Birmingham

Summary of Options rejected

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Councillor Martlew be allowed to attend the National Environmental Services Seminar 2007 on 18 & 19 October 2007 in Birmingham

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient budget to accommodate

Date Decision Made :

04-Oct-07

REF: **OD.035/07** **Attendance on training course - National Environmental Services Seminar**

Decision of Head of Personnel and Development

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillor Stockdale to attend the National Environmental Services Seminar on 18 & 19 October 2007 in Birmingham

Summary of Options rejected

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Councillor Stockdale be allowed to attend the National Environmental Services Seminar on 18 & 19 October 2007 in Birmingham

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient budget to accommodate

Date Decision Made :

04-Oct-07

REF: OD.036.07 MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE

Decision of Director of Corporate Services

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 2007 to 31 March 2008.

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 2007 to 31 March 2008 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 2007.

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 2007 and a new rate is required for the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008.

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 2007 to March 2008 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 12 February 2007, the National Rate of interest was increased to 6.89% from 6.28%. Thus this rate remains below the City Council's own rate of interest.

Date Decision Made :

10-Oct-07

REF: OD.037.07 Future Homes:Balancing Supply and Demand event

Decision of David Williams, Head of Personnel and Development

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Cllrs Allison, Tootle, Peter and Hannah Farmer to attend Future Homes: Balancing Supply and Demand event on 4 December 2007 at QEII Conference Centre at a cost on £396 + VAT

Summary of Options rejected

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Cllrs Allison, Tootle, Peter and Hannah Farmer be allowed to attend Future Homes: Balancing Supply and Demand event on 4 December 2007 at QEII Conference Centre at a cost on £396 + VAT

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient training budget to accommodate Cllr Allison, Tootle, Peter and Hannah Farmer

Date Decision Made :

08-Oct-07

REF: OD.038.07 Attendance at Trading Standards event

Decision of David Williams, Head of Personnel and Development Services

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Councillors Peter and Hannah Farmer to attend the Trading Standards event at County Offices Kendal on 6 November 2007 at nil cost

Summary of Options rejected

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Councillors Peter and Hannah Farmer be allowed to attend the Trading Standards event at County Offices Kendal on 6 November 2007 at nil cost

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient training budget to accommodate Cllrs Peter and Hannah Farmer

Date Decision Made :

08-Oct-07

REF: OD.039.07 Attendance to ACE Urban Design Guide event

Decision of David Williams, Head of Personnel and Development

Portfolio: Learning and Development

Subject Matter:

To authorise Cllr Allison to attend ACE Urban Design Guide event at the Lantern House, Ulverston on 9 November 2007 at nil cost

Summary of Options rejected

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Cllr Allison be allowed to attend ACE Urban Design Guide event at the Lantern House, Ulverston on 9 November 2007 at nil cost

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient training budget to accommodate Cllr Allison

Date Decision Made :

04-Oct-07

REF:	OD.040.07	Attendance to e-learning for Cumbrian Elected members event
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Decision of	David Williams, head of Personnel and Development Services
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Portfolio:	Learning and Development
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Subject Matter:

To authorise Cllrs Peter and Hannah Farmer to attend e-learning for Cumbrian Elected Members at Town Hall, Kendal on 19 October 2007 at nil cost

Summary of Options rejected

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Cllrs Peter and Hannah Farmer be allowed to attend e-learning for Cumbrian Elected Members at Town Hall, Kendal on 19 October 2007 at nil cost

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient training budget to accommodate Cllrs Peter and Hannah Farmer

Date Decision Made :

08-Oct-07