

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

REF: OD.004/13 NAC Seminar on the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning - Member Training

Decision of Emma Titley, Organisational Development Manager

Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources

Subject Matter:

To allow Councillor Trevor Allison to attend the NAC Seminar on the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning at Carlisle on 11-13 January 2013 at a cost of £350

Summary of Options rejected:

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Councillor Trevor Allison be authorised to attend the NAC Seminar on the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning at Carlisle on 11-13 January 2013 at a cost of £350

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient training budget (Liberal Democrat group) to accommodate

Date Decision Made : 04-Jan-13

REF: OD.005/13 CLASP Sustainability, Climate Resilience and Local Carbon Economy - Member Training

Decision of Emma Titley, Organisational Development Manager

Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources

Subject Matter:

To allow Councillor Tickner to attend the CLASP Sustainability, Climate Resilience and Local Carbon Economy at Carlisle East Fire Station on 23 January 2013 at nil cost

Summary of Options rejected:

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Councillor Tickner be authorised to attend the CLASP Sustainability, Climate Resilience and Local Carbon Economy at Carlisle East Fire Station on 23 January 2013 at nil cost

Reasons for Decision:

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

accommodate

Date Decision Made : 08-Jan-13

REF: OD.006/13 Sustainability, Climate Resilience and the Low Carbon Economy - Member Training

Decision of Emma Titley, Organisational Development Manager

Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources

Subject Matter:

To allow Councillors Bloxham and Craig to attend the Sustainability, Climate Resilience and Local Carbon Economy event at Carlisle East Fire Station on 23 January 2013 at nil cost

Summary of Options rejected:

Not to attend

DECISION:

That Councillors Bloxham and Craig be authorised to attend the Sustainability, Climate Resilience and Local Carbon Economy event at Carlisle East Fire Station on 23 January 2013 at nil cost

Reasons for Decision:

Appropriate event for elected Members - sufficient training budget (Conservative group) to accommodate

Date Decision Made : 17-Jan-13

REF: OD.007/13 Sense of Place

Decision of Jane Meek, Director of Economic Development

Portfolio: Economy and Enterprise

Subject Matter:

Commissioning of a specialist company to deliver the required outputs:

"Thinkingplace" are specialists in working exclusively with destinations, regions, cities, towns and places to define their story, deliver their distinctive place experience and improve their image and profile, all of which helps to improve economic competitiveness.

"Thinkingplace" are the only specialist company working in this field and have a track record with local authorities.

Work will be undertaken with a steering group of stakeholders and partners to create a story of Carlisle around which future policies and strategies will be developed.

Summary of Options rejected:

Not applicable

DECISION:

To appoint "Thinkingplace" (Contact: John Till)

Reasons for Decision:

"Thinkingplace" are the only company to offer this service. The cost of the contract is within the £35,000 limit for a Director's approval. Therefore in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules section 10(c) it has been decided to appoint Thinkingplace as the only possible supplier able to provide the service required.

Date Decision Made : 08-Jan-13

REF: OD.008/13 Council Tax Base 2013/14

Decision of Peter Mason, Director of Resources

Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources

Subject Matter:

In accordance with section 2 (a) of the Council's Constitution (December 2012) Responsibility for Council Functions, the Director of Resources is required to calculate the council tax base on an annual basis.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

DECISION:

That, after making the necessary calculations in accordance with Regulations, the estimated Council Tax Base for 2013/14 is set at 30,808.05. The proportion of this tax base due to the reduction of second homes discount is 160.41.

Reasons for Decision:

To set the basis upon which Council Tax is set for 2013/14 and to provide the required information to the main precepting authorities i.e. Cumbria County Council and the Police Authority by 31 January 2013 in accordance with Regulations

Date Decision Made : 15-Jan-13

REF: OD.009/13 Council Tax Surplus 2013/14

Decision of Director of Community Engagement

Portfolio: Communities and Housing

Subject Matter:

In accordance with section 2 (b) of the Council's Constitution (December 2012) Leader's Scheme of Delegation (May 2012), the Director of Community Engagement is required to estimate any surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

DECISION:

That, after making the necessary calculations in accordance with Regulations, the estimated Council Tax Surplus for 2013/14 is estimated at £271,149, which will be shared proportionally with the main preceptors on the Collection Fund as follows:

Carlisle City Council - £35,647

Cumbria County Council - £200,791

Police Authority - £34,711

Reasons for Decision:

To set the basis upon which Council Surplus is set for 2013/14 and to provide the required information to the main precepting authorities i.e. Cumbria County Council and the Police Authority by 31 January 2013 in accordance with Regulations.

Date Decision Made : 29-Jan-13