

## DECISIONS MADE AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2007

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**CALL IN PERIOD ENDS NOT APPLICABLE**

**Note: In accordance with paragraph 15(l) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor has agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this decision.**

### Notes:

- (a) Decisions may be called-in by the Chairman or any three Members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (b) Requests to call -in must be delivered to the Committee Section (by phone, email or in writing) by the date and time specified.
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- (d) Decision marked \*\* may not be called-in as they were made under special urgency rules.

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**Decision Ref No:**

EX.028/07

**Subject Matter:**

**\*\* BUDGET 2007/08 - CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AGREED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON 6 FEBRUARY 2007**

(With the consent of the Chairman, and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, this item had been included on the Agenda as a key decision, although not in the Forward Plan)

(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor has agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item.)

There were submitted the Budget proposals approved by the Executive on 22 January 2007 (EX.007/07) and the following proposed amendments to the Executive's Budget recommendations for 2007/08 which were referred to the Executive by the City Council meeting on 6 February 2007:-

**(a) Sport and Physical Activity:**

"To provide non-recurring revenue assistance (£50,000), financed from Council Reserves, to support the development of projects by the Sport and Physical Activity Alliance Partnership to encourage greater levels of participation in sport and physical activity by adults and children. This contribution will, it is noted, attract significant external match funding support. "

The Director of Community Services submitted a supplementary briefing Report CS.11/07 providing an update on Carlisle Sport and Physical Activity Alliance's Project Plan which would be produced and delivered in the financial year 2007/08.

The Carlisle Sport and Physical Activity Alliance had been established in May 2006 . The main strategic aims and objectives for the Group had been established and the Group was compiling a mapping exercise to ascertain where the projects would be delivered. Currently there was no funding set aside for match funding projects arising from the SPAA, although some resources could be used from the sport development budget allocated for 2007/08. The proposal to allocate £50,000 would, if approved, give considerable impetus to the SPAA. It would not be possible at this time to be specific about the details of any particular projects, but walking and cycling projects would be areas of focus designed to increase the activity of people in their own community.

The Leisure, Culture and Heritage Portfolio holder commented that any funding would have to be allocated carefully to projects coming through the SPAA partnership. In response to a Member's question, the Director of Community Services advised that any match funding would be on a "£ for £" basis.

**(b) Rape Crisis Centre:**

"To provide non-recurring revenue assistance (£20,000) financed from Council Reserves, to enable the Rape Crisis Centre to continue providing support to victims of rape and sexual assault in the Carlisle area pending the outcome of other bids for extended funding support. "

The Director of Community Services submitted a supplementary briefing Report CS.12/07 providing background information on the Rape Crisis Charity's current funding situation and setting out the effect, in terms of issues and standards of service in Carlisle, of providing a grant to the organisation.

The Director advised that should a one off grant of £20,000 be provided, detailed discussions would be held with the West Cumbria Rape Crisis Centre to clearly define the service which would be provided in the Carlisle area.

In response to a Member's question, the Director of Community Services commented that he

understood that the Rape Crisis Centre had secured short term funding to cover them until the end of the financial year and that they were looking for funding for April 2007 onwards.

The Director of Corporate Services then reported on the consequences of accepting each of the individual amendments. She then outlined the cumulative consequences of the two amendments proposed by the Council. There would be a non-recurring increase in the Council's revenue budget for 2007/08 only, to be funded from Council reserves. There would be an equivalent reduction in the level of Council reserves available in future years which as a consequence would be forecast to go into a deficit position during 2009/10. The proposals had no impact on the level of Council Tax increase proposed by the Executive. The proposals had no impact on the Capital Programme proposed by the Executive.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that the comments above were based on the assumption that both of these amendments would form part of the 2007/08 revenue budget. If the grant to the Rape Crisis Centre was required in 2006/07, this would need to be approved as a supplementary estimate or be met from within existing budgets in the current financial year. Irrespective of the year the grant is required, the Projects Reserve would be forecast to go into a deficit position of £50,000 in 2009/10.

The Director of Corporate Services then reported that on 14 February 2007, she had received confirmation of the Housing Capital allocation of £409,000.

The Deputy Leader then tabled amended budget proposals incorporating the two amendments proposed by the City Council on 6 February 2007 and the Housing Capital Allocation. He emphasised that the revenue assistance for the Rape Crisis Centre would be funded from the 2007/08 Budget.

**Decision:**

That the Executive agrees the following amendments and that a revised budget document incorporating the amendments and the Housing Capital Allocation be submitted to the City Council on 19 February 2007:

(a) revenue assistance of £50,000 to support the development of projects by the Sport & Physical Activity Alliance Partnership to encourage greater levels of participation in sport and physical activity by adults and children. The budget identified has been earmarked but progression of the scheme is subject to further reports.

(b) revenue assistance of £20,000 to the Rape Crisis Centre, to enable the Centre to continue providing support to victims of rape and sexual assault in the Carlisle area. This is a non-recurring contribution ring-fenced for the use of Carlisle and District residents.

**Key or Non-Key Decision:**

Key

**Key Decision Ref:**

**Portfolio:**

Finance and Performance Management and Leisure, Culture and Heritage

**Who made decision:**

Executive

**Date:**

15-Feb-07

**Reports and Background Papers considered:**

Minutes of City Council on 6 February 2007, Reports CS.11/07 and CS.12/07 by the Director of Community Services.

**Reasons for Decision:**

The Executive accepted the proposed amendments of the City Council and a revised Budget document incorporating the amendments and the Housing Capital allocation will be submitted

to the City Council on 19 February 2007.

**Summary of Options rejected:**

To inform the Council that the Executive disagrees with the amendments proposed by the City Council.

**Interests declared:**

None

**Date published:**

16-Feb-07

**Urgent decision not subject to call in:**

Yes

**Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:**

Consent of Mayor obtained on 8 February 2007

**Deadline for call-in:**

Not applicable

**Implementation date if not called-in:**

15 February 2007

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

**Call-in notified to and date notified:**

Not applicable

**Approved for implementation on:**

15-Feb-07

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