

## OFFICER DECISIONS

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

**REF:**           **OD.041/09**           **NAC Annual Conference - Local Government - The Recession and Beyond, Glasgow**

**Decision of**           David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:**           Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillor Geddes to attend the NAC Annual Conference - Local Government - The Recession and Beyond in Glasgow on 13-15 November 2009 at a cost of £350 + VAT

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillor Geddes be authorised to attend the NAC Annual Conference - Local Government - The Recession and Beyond in Glasgow on 13-15 November 2009 at a cost of £350 + VAT

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

19-Oct-09

**REF:**           **OD.042/09**           **Transforming Adult Social Care: Putting People First**

**Decision of**           David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:**           Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillor Tootle to attend the Transforming Adult Social Care: Putting People First training event at the Queens Hotel in Leeds on

20 November 2009 at a cost of £287.50 including VAT

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillor Tootle be authorised to attend the Transforming Adult Social Care: Putting People First training event at the Queens Hotel in Leeds on 20 November 2009 at a cost of £287.50 including VAT

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

21-Oct-09

**REF:            OD.043/09            New Social Media and Councils**

**Decision of**            David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:**            Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillor Hendry to attend the New Social Media and Councils event at Prospero House, London on 5 November 2009 at a cost of £200

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillor Hendry be authorised to attend the New Social Media and Councils event at Prospero House, London on 5 November 2009 at a cost of £200

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

22-Oct-09

**REF: OD.044/09 Spaces and Places for Gypsies and Travellers**

**Decision of** David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:** Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillor Boaden to attend the Spaces and Places for Gypsies and Travellers event at The Premier Inn, Carlisle on 4 November 2009 at nil cost

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillor Boaden be authorised to attend the Spaces and Places for Gypsies and Travellers event at The Premier Inn, Carlisle on 4 November 2009 at nil cost

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

22-Oct-09

**REF: OD.045/09 Professor Chris Gates Workshop and Evening Lecture**

**Decision of** David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:** Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillors Boaden and Hendry to attend Professor Chris Gates Workshop and Evening Lecture at Carlisle Racecourse on 19 November 2009 at nil cost

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillors Boaden and Hendry be authorised to attend Professor Chris Gates Workshop and Evening Lecture at Carlisle Racecourse on 19 November 2009 at nil cost

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

22-Oct-09

**REF:**            **OD.046/09**            **Role of Elected Members in an  
Emergency**

**Decision of**            David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development  
Services

**Portfolio:**            Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillors Boaden and Weedall to attend the Role of Elected Members in an Emergency event at Tullie House on 28 January 2010 at nil cost

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillors Boaden and Weedall be authorised to attend the Role of Elected Members in an Emergency event at Tullie House on 28 January 2010 at nil cost

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

22-Oct-09

**REF: OD.047/09 National Association of Councillors Annual Conference**

**Decision of** David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:** Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillor Weedall to attend the National Association of Councillors Annual Conference in Glasgow on 13-15 November 2009 at a cost of £350

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillor Weedall be authorised to attend the National Association of Councillors Annual Conference in Glasgow on 13-15 November 2009 at a cost of £350

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

22-Oct-09

**REF: OD.048/09 Mortgage Interest Rate**

**Decision of** Angela Brown, Director of Corporate Services

**Portfolio:** Finance

**Subject Matter:**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985, to declare the local mortgage interest rate for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2010.

**Summary of Options rejected:**

None

**DECISION:**

1. That, in accordance with Schedule 2, paragraph 4.2.14 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, a local interest rate for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2010 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 April 2009.

**Reasons for Decision:**

1. 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 also obliged to declare twice a year its local interest rate. 2.1 The local interest rate is fixed for a period of six months. The previous rate of 9.01% expired on 30 September 2009 and a new rate is required for the period 1 October 2009 - 31 March 2010. 2.2 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 in the period October 2009 - 31 March 2010 is estimated at 8.76%. Therefore the local rate of interest would be 9.01% for this period. 3.1 The Secretary of State declared that with effect from 1 April 2009, the National Rate of interest was reduced from 3.13% from 3.93%. Thus this rate remains below the City Council's own local rate of interest. 4.1 That the Director of Corporate Services under Schedule 2 para 4.2.14 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation declare a local interest rate for the period 1 October 2009 - 31 March 2010 of 9.01%. 4.2 That as the National Rate is lower than the present Local Rate it is recommended that to comply with the Housing Act 1985 that new and existing borrowers be charged the local rate of 9.01% from 1 October 2009.

**Date Decision Made :**

03-Nov-09

**REF:            OD.049/09            Equality Sub Regional Briefing**

**Decision of**                      David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:**                      Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillor Hendry to attend the Equality Sub Regional Briefing at The Gay and Lesbian Foundation in Manchester on 7 December 2009 at nil cost

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillor Hendry be authorised to attend the Equality Sub Regional Briefing at The Gay and Lesbian Foundation in Manchester on 7 December 2009 at nil cost

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

02-Nov-09

**REF:            OD.050/09            NWEO Charter Celebration**

**Decision of**                      David Williams, Head of Personnel & Development Services

**Portfolio:**                      Performance and Development

**Subject Matter:**

To authorise Councillor Earp to attend the NWEO Charter Celebration Event at the Lowry Gallery, Salford Quays, Manchester on 13 November 2009 at nil cost.

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Not to attend

**DECISION:**

That Councillor Earp be authorised to attend the NWEO Charter Celebration Event at the Lowry Gallery, Salford Quays, Manchester on 13 November 2009 at nil cost.

**Reasons for Decision:**

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

**Date Decision Made :**

09-Nov-09