

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD,  
ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2009, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor A P Jackson (Chairman/Leader).  
Councillors M R Alexander, M G Carver, T Milner,  
R L Parker and M J Tindale.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors D Andrews, W Ashley, K A Barnes,  
R N Copping, M P A McMullen, N C Poulton,  
J O Ranger, P Ruffles, S Rutland-Barsby,  
R Taylor and J P Warren.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Anne Freimanis	- Chief Executive
Simon Drinkwater	- Director of Neighbourhood Services
Philip Hamberger	- Programme Director of Change
Martin Ibrahim	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Alan Madin	- Director of Internal Services
George A Robertson	- Director of Customer and Community Services
Gavin Rogers	- Communications and Reputation Coordinator

23 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of  
Councillor L O Haysey.

## RESOLVED ITEMS

### 24 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Executive meetings held on 21 April and 5 May 2009 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Leader.

### 25 ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

The Executive received a report detailing those issues referred to the Executive by the Scrutiny Committees. Issues relating to specific reports for the Executive were considered and detailed at the relevant report of the Executive Member.

In respect of the Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee's comments regarding Treasury Management, the Executive noted that Officers were examining the issues raised.

RESOLVED – that the report be received.

### 26 FINAL REPORT OF THE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Executive received the final report of the Performance Indicators task and finish group. The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 14 April 2009, had considered and supported the group's recommendations.

The task and finish group had recommended a set of corporate indicators for use in 2009/10 and their reporting arrangements.

The Leader commented on the value of some of the indicators and expressed concern over their collection, bearing in mind the cost attached to collecting the data. Other Executive Members also commented on some of the

proposed indicators and clarification was sought. The following indicators were highlighted:

- EHPI 2 – net cost/subsidy per visit
- EHPI 204 – planning appeals allowed
- EHPI 13 (a - c) – number of swims
- EHPI 14 (a – b) – usage of gyms
- Net cost of recycling per number of collections per annum – was this a local or a national indicator?
- NI 35 – building resilience to violent extremism – how would this be measured?

The Executive agreed to support the recommendations of the Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee, subject to the comments and clarifications now detailed.

RESOLVED – that the recommendations within the report of the Performance Indicators task and finish group, as now submitted, be approved, subject to the comments and clarifications now detailed.

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## 27 TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENTS

The Executive Member for Environment and Conservation submitted a report on proposals for town centre enhancements. The Executive recalled that, at its meeting held on 25 November 2008, capital schemes proposed by Buntingford, Sawbridgeworth and Ware Town Councils had been considered and approved.

The Executive Member advised on schemes that had been submitted by Bishop's Stortford and Hertford Town Councils. In respect of Bishop's Stortford, he recommended all of the proposals, except for the pump mechanism for the Castle Moat, on the basis that he was

unconvinced of its viability or the appropriateness of this budget.

In respect of the Hertford schemes, he recommended the proposed schemes, except for the fountain in Salisbury Square and surface improvements at Bircherley Green, on the basis that further information was awaited. He advised that in respect of pedestrian signage, an additional £1,000 be allocated, so that Parliament Square could be included in the list of sites.

The Executive approved the proposals as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that the following proposals be funded, subject to a detailed business case being approved by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation:

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Bishop's Stortford

Notice board	£800
Riverside sign	£1000
Tourism sign	£500
Power boxes	£1,600
Festive tree lights	£6,500
Cross Street lights	£11,500
Planters	£1,800
Path provision	£500
Map	£800
Cigarette disposal receptacles	£900
Chewing gum disposal receptacles	£150
Gateway signs	£3,200
Planter pedal parks	£1,800
Shop front graphics	£2,500
Christmas trees	£5,000
Flag pole	£1,300
Re-siting of street furniture	£1,000
Total	£40,850

Hertford

Signage	£11,000
Maps	£2,000
Planters	£2,000
Total	£15,000

28 2008/09 PERFORMANCE OUTTURNS

The Leader of the Council submitted a report advising the Executive of performance outturns for 2008/09. He referred to updated information that had been circulated on the supplementary agenda and advised of the comments of the Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee.

The Leader detailed the analysis that had been undertaken and the suggested targets for 2009/12. In respect of the comments of the Scrutiny Committee, the Leader accepted the suggested amendments to targets for EHPI 204 (planning appeals allowed) and EHPI 7.35 (property expenditure).

The Executive approved the proposals as now amended.

RESOLVED – that (A) the Outturns for 2008/09 be noted;

(B) performance indicators (PIs) that have not met the target for 2008/09 be reviewed and the recommended action for 2009/10, as detailed at paragraph 4.3 of the report submitted, be approved; CE

(C) PIs that have not achieved top quartile, as detailed at paragraph 5.1 of the report submitted, be reviewed; CE

(D) areas where national indicator outturn data has not been available, as set out in paragraphs 6.2 to 6.5 of the report submitted, be noted; and

(E) targets that have been set out so far, as detailed in Appendix 'A8' for all national indicators and local indicators as well as in paragraph 6.7 and 7.3 of the report and as now amended, be approved.

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29 MONTHLY CORPORATE HEALTHCHECK  
– MARCH 2009

The Leader of the Council submitted an exception report on the finance, performance and risk monitoring for the month of March 2009.

In response to the concern expressed by a Member over the slippage on capital expenditure, the Leader and the Executive Member for Resources and Internal Support both commented that Officers were examining the wider issue of project management.

The Executive approved the proposals as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that (A) the budgetary variances set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report submitted, be noted and the earmarking of sums as set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report, be approved;

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(B) the current projections for 2009/10 for Development Control and Building Control income be noted and any appropriate action be reported in the Healthcheck; and

(C) the 2008/09 Capital Programme outturn including profiling of slippage, be approved.

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The meeting closed at 7.37 pm

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