

EXECUTIVE MEETING ON 8 FEBRUARY 2011



DECISION SHEETS

Record of decisions made by the Executive pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	National Express East Anglia: Proposal to deliver increased capacity, Timetable Consultation for West Anglia services for May 2011 and December 2011 timetables	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> – that National Express East Anglia be advised that, (A) in relation to ‘the proposal to deliver increased capacity timetable consultation for West Anglia services for May 2011 and December 2011 timetables’, East Herts Council, in respect of:</p> <p>(1) Proposal 1: generally supports the plan to introduce a faster, hourly off peak service between Cambridge and London, using the new class 379 trains, which calls only at Whittlesford, Audley End, Bishop’s Stortford and Tottenham Hale;</p> <p>(2) Proposal 2: while supporting the increase in local services for stations in East Hertfordshire that a twice an hour service from</p>

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		<p data-bbox="981 280 2085 443">Stratford would bring, would prefer that at least one of the two timetabled trains should continue to Stansted Airport, in order to ensure that the only direct link to Stansted from other Hertfordshire stations is maintained;</p> <p data-bbox="869 496 2085 922">(3) Proposal 3: raises concerns that the planned reduction in Stansted Express journey times by looping the Hertford East service at Broxbourne to allow a Stansted Express service to pass it, thereby adding around 3 to 4 minutes to the journey time of the Hertford East service, will be a disbenefit to users of the service in the southern-central part of East Herts, particularly those in and around Hertford, Ware and Stansted Abbots/St Margarets; making an already relatively long journey even less attractive to users, thus potentially reducing patronage and encouraging journeys to be made by less sustainable modes;</p> <p data-bbox="869 970 2085 1177">(4) Proposal 4: expresses no preference on the option of whether to run, in the morning peak, 3 x 12 car services with new trains from Cambridge to London or, alternatively use the same new trains to run 2 x 12 car services from Cambridge and 1 x 12 car service from Stansted Airport;</p> <p data-bbox="869 1230 2085 1390">(5) Proposal 5: supports, in principle, the introduction of a new service either from Cambridge or Ely to Stansted Airport on the opposite half hour to the Cross Country service, as provision from either location may help engender modal shift; and</p>

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		<p>(B) other service issues of concern, as now detailed, be referred to National Express East Anglia, as part of the Council's response.</p>
2.	Sharing Services with Stevenage Council	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> – that (A) in principle, the exploration of closer corporate management arrangements with Stevenage Borough Council be supported;</p> <p>(B) the development and assessment of a strategic business case for sharing support services with Stevenage Borough Council be approved;</p> <p>(C) subject to agreement with Stevenage Borough Council, further discussion should take place with North Herts District Council following NHDC's expression of interest in the shared service arrangements outlined here, provided that agreed timescales can be met; and</p> <p>(D) the application to Improvement East for £25,000 to fund this work, be supported.</p>
3.	Monthly Corporate Healthcheck - December 2010	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> – that (A) the budgetary variances set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report be noted;</p> <p>(B) in respect of NI 181, the unavailability of December 2010 performance data due to data not been released by DWP, be noted;</p>

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		<p>(C) a request for a supplementary estimate of £19,600 to modify car park Pay and Display machines to accept new 5p and 10p coins that come into circulation in April 2011, be approved;</p> <p>(D) £36k of the works at the Southern Country Park scheme capital budget be re-profiled from 2010/11 into 2011/12;</p> <p>(E) £95,800 of the plastic bottle and can sorting/bailing equipment capital budget be re-profiled from 2010/11 into 2011/12; and</p> <p>(F) a supplementary estimate of £80k in 2010/11 in respect of Decent Homes Grants be approved, to be funded by bringing forward this sum from the 2011/12 programme in order to offset some of the slippage on the programme.</p>