

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON  
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2011, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor A Jackson (Chairman/Leader)  
Councillors M Alexander, M Carver,  
L Haysey and M Tindale

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors D Andrews, E Buckmaster,  
S Bull, Mrs R Cheswright, K Crofton,  
G McAndrew, M McMullen, P Moore,  
P Phillips, N Poulton, J Ranger, C Rowley,  
S Rutland-Barsby and J Wing

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Simon Drinkwater	- Director of Neighbourhood Services
Martin Ibrahim	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Alan Madin	- Director of Internal Services

348 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 6 September 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

349 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader welcomed the press to the meeting. He advised that he had agreed to accept a late item of business onto the agenda as a matter of urgency, in order that consideration could be given to making a funding bid to WENTA (originally the Watford Enterprise Agency) before the deadline of 14 October 2011.

350 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Carver declared a personal interest in the matter referred to at Minute 354 – My Incubator East Herts, in that he was Chairman of the Board of Governors at Hertford Regional College.

Councillor J Wing declared a personal interest in the matter referred to at Minute 354 – My Incubator East Herts, in that his wife was Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors at Hertford Regional College.

351 EAST HERTS ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

The Leader submitted a report setting out the Council's achievements in 2010/11.

In response to a Member's question, the Executive Member for Community Safety and Environment commented that the Council had no plans to return to weekly refuse collections.

The Executive approved the Annual Report, subject to the inclusion of cardboard in the reference to the extension of recycling materials.

RESOLVED – that the Annual Report 2010/11 be approved, subject to the inclusion of cardboard in the reference to the extension of recycling materials.

352 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK –  
CONSULTATION DRAFT DOCUMENT – DEPARTMENT  
FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – JULY  
2011

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The Executive considered a proposed response to the Government's consultation on the Draft National Planning Policy Framework. The Executive Member for Planning Policy and Economic Development set out the proposed key changes to national policy in the report now submitted.

The Executive approved the response as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report now submitted.

RESOLVED – that in respect of the National Planning Policy Framework – Consultation Draft Document – July 2011, the Department for Communities and Local Government be advised that East Herts Council submits the response, as contained at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report now submitted.

353 MONTHLY CORPORATE HEALTHCHECK - AUGUST 2011

The Leader submitted an exception report on the finance and performance monitoring for August 2011.

The Executive approved the report as now submitted.

RESOLVED – that (A) the budgetary variances set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report be noted;

(B) in accordance with Financial Regulations 4.5.5, £40k be vired from the Bircherley Green Multi Storey car park capital budget to the Gascoyne Way Multi Storey car park capital budget, as detailed at paragraph 2.27 of the report submitted;

(C) in accordance with Financial Regulations 4.5.5, £20k be vired from the IT Electronic Document Management Corporate capital budget to the Business Continuity capital budget, as detailed at paragraph 2.28 of the report submitted;

(D) in accordance with Financial Regulations 4.5.5, £7,500 be vired from the IT Electronic Document Management Corporate capital budget to the IT Business Continuity capital budget, as detailed at paragraph 2.29 of the report submitted;

(E) £20k of the IT Hardware Funding capital budget be re-profiled from 2012/13 into 2011/12, as detailed at paragraph 2.30 of the report submitted; and

(F) in accordance with Financial Regulations 4.5.5, £18K be vired from the Members Allowance revenue budget to the Members Expenses revenue budget, as detailed at paragraph 2.24 of the report submitted.

354 MY INCUBATOR - EAST HERTS

The Executive considered a report proposing that a funding bid to WENTA (Watford Enterprise Agency) be made in order that a range of business support services could be provided. The Executive Member for Planning Policy and Economic Development detailed the application and funding arrangements in the report now submitted, which the Executive approved.

RESOLVED – that (A) the proposal to encourage prosperity and improve the economic opportunities available to East Herts communities be supported; and

(B) the funding profile specified in the summary and in Essential Reference Paper “A” of the report now submitted, be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairman .....
Date .....