

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON
TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2010, AT 7.00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors D Andrews, S A Bull, R Gilbert,
P Grethe, J Hedley, J Mayes and P A Ruffles

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Anne Freimanis	- Chief Executive
Simon Drinkwater	- Director of Neighbourhood Services
Martin Ibrahim	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Alan Madin	- Director of Internal Services
Lois Prior	- Head of Strategic Direction (shared) and Communications Manager
George A Robertson	- Director of Customer and Community Services

361 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader welcomed the press to the meeting.

The Leader reminded Members that, "purdah" rules now applied until the Hunsdon by-election on 11 November 2010.

These rules existed to ensure that there was no risk of public funds being used and/or actions undertaken to support one particular political party or individual.

Finally, the Leader advised that an additional Executive meeting would be held on 1 December 2010, the papers for which would be circulated in due course.

362 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor L O Haysey declared a personal interest in the matter referred to at Minute 365 – Lottery Partnership Capital Funding for Hertford Museum, in that she was a member of Hertford Civic Society.

Councillor D Andrews declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter referred to at Minute 369 – Disposal of Land at northern edge of Hartham Lane, Hertford, in that he was worked within the Sainsbury's group. He left the chamber whilst this matter was considered.

363 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 12 October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

364 ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

The Executive noted that there had not been any issues raised since the previous meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be received.

365 LOTTERY PARTNERSHIP CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HERTFORD MUSEUM

The Executive Member for Community Development, Leisure and Culture submitted a report on a request from Hertford Museum for an additional capital grant of £10,000 in 2010/11, as partnership funding towards the cost of the Museum's

major redevelopment project.

The Executive Member outlined the previous £100k capital support given by the Council towards the overall project, which had attracted £985k funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. She also detailed the Museum's income and expenditure costs and the shortfall of £16k for retentions to pay for the building work and fit out.

The Executive raised various questions relating to the original capital allocations and whether the latest request was to meet capital expenditure. Officers confirmed that, the information now detailed in the report submitted, was the best available. In view of the need for further clarification of the capital expenditure to date on this project and the nature of the latest request for information, the Executive agreed that the request be deferred pending a further report.

RESOLVED – that the request be deferred pending further clarification of the capital expenditure to date on this project and the nature of the latest request.

366 PROPOSED TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

The Executive Member for Community Safety and Protection submitted proposals for implementing an increase in the Table of Fares for hackney carriages. The proposed changes had been drawn up following industry requests for a review, as a result of fuel price increases and the anticipated rise in VAT.

The Executive noted that the proposals would be subject to public consultation and that, if any objections were received, a further report would be submitted.

The Executive approved the proposals as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that the recommended changes to the Table of Fares, as detailed at Appendix 'A' of the report now submitted, be approved for implementation from 10 January 2011.

367 MONTHLY CORPORATE HEALTHCHECK - SEPTEMBER 2010

The Leader of the Council submitted an exception report on finance and performance monitoring for September 2010.

The Executive approved the proposals as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that (A) the budgetary variances set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report submitted be noted;

(B) the new local performance indicator sickness absence targets, as detailed at paragraph 2.19 of the report submitted be noted;

(C) a supplementary estimate of £15k be approved in the capital programme in respect of wheeled bins, to be funded by bringing forward this sum from the provision made for 2011/12;

(D) £68,740 of the Renew Roof Covering to Ward Freeman Pool capital budget be re-profiled into 2011/12;

(E) £14,000 of the Automated Payment Machines capital budget be re-profiled into 2011/12;

(F) the Strategic Risk Register, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'F', for the period August and September 2010, be noted; and

(G) the deletion of the National Indicator set and a review of the current basket of performance indicators being planned, be noted.

368 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Executive passed a resolution pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public during consideration of the business referred

to at Minute 369 below on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

369 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT NORTHERN EDGE OF HARTHAM LANE, HERTFORD

The Executive Member for Resources and Internal Support submitted a report seeking approval for the disposal of small parcels of land to Sainsbury Supermarket Ltd and the dedication of land to Hertfordshire County Council.

The Executive approved the proposals on the terms detailed in the report now submitted.

RESOLVED - that the Council disposes of various parcels of land totalling 138 square metres at the northern junction of Hartham Lane, Hertford to Sainsbury Supermarket Ltd on the terms agreed and dedicates 2 parcels of land to Hertfordshire County Council, as detailed in the report submitted.

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm

Chairman
Date