

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

GENERAL REPORT

1. The report summarises the business considered at the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 31 March 2011.

Interim Policy on Residential Car Parking standards

2. We considered a report of the Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy informing Members of the recent change to national planning policy on Transport. Amendments have been made to reflect the localism agenda, and in particular, the requirement for local planning authorities to set and apply maximum car parking standards for residential development has been removed.
3. An interim policy on parking standards for residential development is considered necessary to allow account to be taken of local circumstances and to assist in determining proposals for residential development.
4. The policy allows for negotiation with developers on a case by case basis and sets out proposals for dwellings with 1 bedroom 1 space, dwellings with 2-3 bedrooms 2 spaces and dwellings with 4 or more bedrooms 3 spaces.
5. We approved the draft interim policy on Residential Car Parking Standards for a six week public consultation exercise. In the event of objections being received the results of the consultation will be brought back to the Executive Cabinet for the policy to be considered further.

Council's Community Engagement Strategy

6. The Chief Executive presented a report which contained the Community Engagement Strategy 2011/12 for approval.
7. The purpose of the Strategy is to bring together the Council's current community engagement activities and to clearly define the approach to community engagement with actions to help improve existing methods.
8. The Corporate Strategy 2010/11 – 2013/14 has a number of long term outcomes which rely on successful community engagement in order to be achieved. The Community Engagement Strategy aims to:

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| Inform | Consult |
| Involve and | Devolve. |
9. We noted that one of the actions is the development of a Citizens' Jury.

Equality Scheme Refresh 2011

10. Following consideration of a report from the Chief Executive we approved the revised version of the Equality Scheme.
11. Since the last refresh, in February 2008, the legislation regarding equality has been superseded by the Equality Act 2010. The Scheme identifies nine Equality Strands, with each strand identifying a group of customers who share a similar characteristic, which is protected by law. The exception to this is the rurality strand, which is not protected by law but is contained within the scheme to ensure that the needs of customers who live in rural areas are considered.

12. The Equality Strands are:
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| Age | Disability |
| Gender Reassignment | Pregnancy and Maternity |
| Race | Religion and Belief |
| Rurality | Sex and |
| Sexual Orientation | |
13. In terms of service delivery, the Equality Scheme describes how the Council will ensure that equality is embedded into processes, and indicates the information and tools that are used to do this.

Core Funding 2011/12

14. We received a report of the Chief Executive detailing the Core Funding allocation for 2011/12.
15. Core Funding is provided to local voluntary, community and faith sector organisations whose activities contribute towards the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The process of allocating, managing and monitoring this Core Funding has undergone some changes this year to ensure that value for money is being achieved through an effective and proportionate process.
16. There are now three types of funding: Large Core Funding, Project Funding, and Small Community Grants. Forty applications were received by the close date at the end of February and a panel scored them against assessment criteria as set out in the guidance.
17. We approved the recommendations subject to three amendments: the constitution of one organisation will be checked, there will be a condition that two organisations ensure no duplication in their projects, and the funding for 'Dial a Ride' will be provided for a three month period whilst a countywide review is undertaken
18. Contracts will be drawn up for the Large Core Funding and the Project Funding. The performance against these contracts will then be monitored on a quarterly basis, and presented six monthly as part of the Corporate Performance Management Report. Grant agreements will be developed for the Small Community Grants.

Shared Assurance Budget 2011-12

19. We considered a confidential report of the Director of Transformation and approved the proposed changes as recommended by the Shared Services Joint Committee. We approved the recommendation.

Land at Pall Mall

20. We considered a confidential report of the Director of Transformation and approved the disposal of land at Pall Mall, Chorley. We approved the recommendation.

Recommendation

21. That the report be noted.

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Executive Leader

There are no background papers to this report.

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