

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Tuesday, 7 February 2012 at 5.30pm in the Committee Suite, King's
Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

PRESENT: Councillor N J Daubney (Chairman)
Councillors B Long, Mrs E Nockolds, D Pope
and Mrs V Spikings.

An apology for absence was received from Councillors A Beales
and Lord Howard.

Under Standing Order 34, Councillor D Collis
attended for items 8 i, iii, iv, v and vi.

Mike Press, Member of the Independent Members Allowances Panel
attended.

1: **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10
January 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the
Chairman.

2: **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business. However a late item was considered
requesting permission to waive contract Standing Orders in order to
employ legal advice to pursue any legal action which may prove
necessary to further the Council's policy of opposition to the
incinerator.

3: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4: **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

5: **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

6: **FORWARD DECISIONS LIST**

The forward decision list was noted.

7: **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

i) **Resources and Performance Panel: 31 January 2012**

The Committee had made the following recommendations to Cabinet, which was dealt with when Cabinet considered the reports on the agenda.

RP106: Financial Plan 2011 - 2015

RESOLVED: That Cabinet be advised that the Resources and Performance Panel supports the recommendations as set out in the report to Cabinet as follows:

Recommendation 1

It is recommended that Council approve the revision to the Budget for 2011/2012 as set out in the report.

Recommendation 2

Council is recommended to reaffirm the Balances and Reserves Policy and the maximum balances set for the reserves as noted in the report.

Recommendation 3

It is recommended that Council:

- 1) Approves the budget of £16,901,700 for 2012/2013 and notes the projections for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.
- 2) Approves the level of Special Expenses for the Town/Parish Councils as detailed in the report.
- 3) Approves the Fees and Charges 2012/2013 detailed in Appendix 3.
- 4) Approves a Band D council tax of £111.97 for 2012/2013.

Recommendation 4

Council is recommended to approve a minimum requirement of the General Fund balance for 2012/2013 of £881,669.

RP107: Capital Programme 2011 – 2015

RESOLVED: That Cabinet be advised that the Resources and Performance Panel supports the recommendations as set out in the report to Cabinet as follows:

It is recommended that:

1) Cabinet recommends to Council the amendments to capital schemes and resources for the 2011-2015 Capital Programme as detailed in the report.

2) Cabinet recommends to Council that new capital bids of £499,500 are to be funded from available capital resources and included in the Capital Programme 2012-2015.

3) Cabinet note the forecast for capital expenditure for the 10 year period to 2021/2022.

ii) Regeneration, Environment and Community Panel Meeting: 1 February 2012

The Panel had made the following recommendations to Cabinet, which were dealt with when Cabinet considered the reports on the agenda

REC64: Financial Plan 2011 – 2015 & Fees And Charges

RESOLVED: That Cabinet be informed that the Regeneration, Environment & Community Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as follows:

Recommendation 1

It is recommended that Council approve the revision to the Budget for 2011/2012 as set out in the report.

Recommendation 2

Council is recommended to reaffirm the Balances and Reserves Policy and the maximum balances set for the reserves as noted in the report.

Recommendation 3

It is recommended that Council:

1. Approve the budget of £16,901,700 for 2012/2013 and note the projections for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.
2. Approve the level of Special Expenses for the Town/Parish Councils as detailed in the report.
3. Approve the Fees and Charges 2012/2013 detailed in Appendix 3.
4. Approve a Band D council tax of £111.97 for 2012/2013.

Recommendation 4

Council is recommended to approve a minimum requirement of the General Fund balance for 2012/2013 of £881,669.

REC65: Capital Programme 2011 – 2015

RESOLVED: That Cabinet be informed that the Regeneration, Environment & Community Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as follows:

- Cabinet recommends to Council the amendments to capital schemes and resources for the 2011-2015 capital programme as detailed in the report.
- Cabinet recommends to Council that new capital bids of £499,500 are to be funded from available capital resources and included in the capital programme 2012 – 2015.
- Cabinet note the forecast for capital expenditure for the 10 year period to 2021/2022.

8: **REPORTS**

<p>i) Report of the Independent Members Allowances Panel for 2012/13 (Page 8)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED: 1) That the Panel be thanked for their consideration of the allowances scheme.</p> <p>2) That in the current climate, Members Allowances remain at the existing levels.</p> <p>3) That the newly formed position of Assistant to the Leader be given an allowance equivalent to the Vice-Chairman of a Panel (£870).</p> <p>4) That the updated Scheme of Allowances 2012/13 be approved.</p>
<p>ii) Financial Plan 2011-2015 (separate booklet)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED: 1) That Council approves the revision to the Budget for 2011/2012 as set out in the report.</p> <p>2) That Council re-affirms the Balances and Reserves Policy and the maximum balances set for the reserves as noted in the report.</p> <p>3) That Council :</p> <p>3.1) Approves the budget of £16,901,700 for 2012/2013 and notes the projections for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.</p> <p>3.2) Approves the level of Special Expenses for the Town/Parish Councils as detailed in the report.</p> <p>3.3) Approves the Fees and Charges 2012/2013 detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>3.4) Approves a Band D council tax of £111.97 for 2012/2013</p> <p>4) That Council approve a minimum requirement of the General Fund balance</p>

	<p>for 2012/2013 of £881,669.</p> <p>Reason for Decision The Council is obliged to set a Budget Requirement and level of council tax before the beginning of a financial year commencing on 1 April.</p>
<p>iii) Capital Programme 2011-2015 (Page 37)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED: 1) That Council approve the amendments to capital schemes and resources for the 2011-2015 capital programme as detailed in the report.</p> <p>2) That Council agree that new capital bids of £499,500 are to be funded from available capital resources and included in the capital programme 2012-2015.</p> <p>3) That the forecast for capital expenditure for the 10 year period to 2021/2022 be noted.</p> <p>Reason for Decision To report amendments, rephrasing and resources to the 2011-2015 Capital Programme, and update members on provisional capital expenditure for the 10 year period to 2021-2022.</p>
<p>iv) Notices of Motion 4/11 – Councillor Mack and 9/11 Councillor Collis – Parishing of King’s Lynn (page 74)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Officers be instructed to set up a Cabinet Task Group of 9 Members to give consideration to both Councillors’ Notices of Motion, to the issues raised, their financial and resource implications.</p> <p>Reason for Decision To assist the work of Cabinet by thoroughly considering the issues raised in the two Notices of Motion (4/11 and 9/11)</p>
<p>v) Appointment of Representatives on the Conservancy Board (Page 78)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: 1) That the Executive Director Regeneration and Development be nominated as the Borough Council representative to serve on the King’s Lynn Conservancy Board from 1st February 2012 until 31st January 2015.</p> <p>2) That Councillor B Long be nominated to replace Capt R Payn who</p>

	<p>had recently resigned from the Board.</p> <p>Reason for Decision To comply with a request from the King's Lynn Conservancy Board to fill 2 vacancies on the Board, including that of Capt R Payn who had resigned from the Board since publication of the agenda.</p>
<p>vi) Request To Waive The Council's Contract Standing Orders (Late Item)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Contract Standing Orders are waived to enable the Legal Services Manager to engage one or more firms of solicitors with a specialism in public law and planning matters to assist her work in pursuing the Council's policy in respect of the incinerator proposal.</p> <p>Reason for Decision To ensure that the Council has sufficient capacity available to deal with all areas of legal work related to the proposed incinerator.</p>

The Meeting closed at 6.19 pm