

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

CABINET

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Wednesday, 19 June 2012 at 5.30pm in the Committee Suite,
King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Beales
and Lord Howard

CAB19: **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June
2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB20: **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

CAB21: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

CAB22: **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

CAB23: **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

CAB24: **FORWARD DECISIONS LIST**

The forward decision list was noted.

CAB25: **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL
BODIES**

Resources and Performance - Audit Committee : 14 June 2012

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

ARC16: Revenue Outturn 2011/2012

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

That Cabinet approves the revenue outturn and proposed transfers to reserves for 2011/2012.

ARC17: Capital Programme And Resources 2011/2013

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

- 1) That Cabinet note the outturn of the capital programme for 2011/2012 of £5,542,502.
- 2) That the financing arrangements for the 2011/2012 capital programme be approved;
- 3) That Cabinet approve the revised 2012/2013 capital programme of £8,119,370 as detailed in the report.
- 4) That a detailed review of the 2012-2015 capital programme and resources be undertaken as detailed in the report and a report presented to the 30 October 2012 Cabinet.

CAB26: **NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS – REPRESENTATIONS TO PRE SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS**

Councillor Long presented a report which explained that the County Council had prepared two documents relating to the site specific choices for minerals and waste facilities sites across the county. These were at the final stage in the plan preparation process and it was recommended that representations were made to these. The intention was that the Borough Council's representations would be heard by an independent Inspector. The suggested representations covered subjects which included; the choices of minerals extraction sites; the use of safeguarding areas; proposed uses on sites for waste treatment; the way sites were distributed across the county; and where appropriate detailed individual points on sites.

In supporting the proposals set out in the report Councillor Mrs Spikings drew particular attention to the objection to the County Council proposed site incorporating Roydon which was an SSSI.

Alan Gomm, LDF Manager summed up that the objections would go to the Inspector for consideration via the County Council. The points

raised needed to be registered and discussed in order to protect the interests of the Borough.

Councillor Mrs Nockolds commented that she was pleased that the Castle Rising site was being recommended for deletion, as a great deal of time and effort had been put into the Gaywood Valley including Roydon Common.

Councillor Long drew attention to the public meeting held regarding the Roydon allocation which highlighted the public interest and concern in the proposal.

Councillor Daubney thanked officers for the work which had gone into the production of the document, and drew attention to the importance of getting the submission right in order to protect the future of the Borough.

RESOLVED: 1) That representations be made on the subjects indicated in the appendices to the report.

2) That the main elements of the representations suggested be made as outlined in appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

3) That the final detail of the representations be delegated to the Executive Director – Planning and Regeneration in conjunction with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Development.

CAB27: REVENUE OUTTURN 2011/2012

Lorraine Gore, Chief Accountant presented a report which set out in summary the revenue outturn of 2011/2012 for the General Fund (council tax accounts). The revenue outturn for 2011/2012 of the Council must be approved by Cabinet prior to the external audit of accounts which commenced in July 2012.

The report showed details of the major differences between actual costs/income and the revised estimates for 2011/2012 reported in February monitoring.

The accounts showed actual Borough spend of £18,303,305 which was £272,335 less than the Revised Estimate for 2011/2012 of £18,575,640. The working balance of the Council will stand at £3,549,738 on 31 March 2012.

Councillor Daubney reminded Members that the Cost Reduction Programme had commenced early and was delivering early wins in this year. The Council was having to look to different ways of delivering services, as the country was being faced with bigger challenges and bigger demands. He reminded Members that a full debate on the report had been held at the Audit Committee who had supported the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the revenue outturn and proposed transfers to reserves for 2011/2012 be approved.

CAB28: CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND RESOURCES 2011-2013

Lorraine Gore Chief Accountant presented a report which provided details of the outturn of the 2011/2012 capital programme and outlined amendments and rephrasing to the spending on schemes, revising the programme for 2012/2013. The capital programme outturn for 2011/2012 totalled £5,542,502 against an approved budget of £6,211,930. It had been necessary to rephase a total of £852,990 of scheme costs to 2012/2013.

Capital receipts generated in the year totalled £692,288 of which £683,427 were useable.

Councillor Daubney reminded Members that Capital was an equally big challenge, and because of the national financial situation predicting funding and capital receipts from land sales got harder. Some items had to slip because the money couldn't be spent until it was received.

Councillor Pope asked for clarification on the status of Capital Creditor. It was explained that they were linked to capital projects where there were outstanding invoices at the year end.

The Audit Committee had debated the report and supported the recommendations.

RESOLVED: 1) That the outturn of the capital programme for 2011/2012 of £5,542,502 be approved.

2) That the financing arrangements for the 2011/2012 capital programme be approved.

3) That the revised 2012/2013 capital programme of £8,119,370 as detailed in the report be approved.

4) That a detailed review of the 2012-2015 capital programme and resources be undertaken as detailed in the report and a report presented to the 30 October 2012 Cabinet.

CAB29: RECYCLE BLACK BIN WASTE – PROGRESS UPDATE

Prior to the exclusion of the press and public Councillor Long explained that the reason the report was being presented as an Exempt item was because of the detailed contract negotiations. An enormous amount of good work was being carried out by officers on this matter.

Councillor Daubney thanked the public for attending, and explained that both he and Councillor Long would be available directly after the meeting should the public have any questions.

CAB30: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: “That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.”

Councillor Long, in presenting the report promoted the potential for jobs for West Norfolk and dealing with the Borough’s waste in a sensible manner, unlike some other proposals.

Councillor Daubney drew attention to the Norfolk County Council Planning Report which had been published today. He reminded Members that whilst supporting the recommendations set out in the report, it was very important to talk to the public about all aspects of the proposals, along with the potential implications should the County Council decide to build an incinerator in the Borough.

RESOLVED:1) That Officers be authorised to progress the contract negotiations as laid out within this report in order to finalise conditional contract terms for the recycling of ‘Black Bin Waste’, with the ‘Special Purpose Company’ (SPC), set up by Duratrust for this purpose.

2) That officers be instructed to engage with interested parties as laid out in section 5 of this report.

3) That officers be instructed to prepare a final report following a full programme of public and business engagement including real and meaningful conversations in public forums and electronically, along with the conclusions of the contract negotiations.

4) That subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the contract negotiation referred to in recommendation1 above, the Legal Services Manager, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader be authorised to prepare a conditional contract with the Special Purpose Company set up by Duratrust for Cabinet.

The Meeting closed at 6.00 pm