

COUNCIL RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 31 OCTOBER 2005

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN (OR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE TAKEN) SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

4 decisions - Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

1 decision - Leader

13 decisions - Cabinet

Total = 18

TAKEN Cabinet - 21 September 2005

1. **Major Construction Schemes - Project Management Code of Practice:** Approved appendix A for general corporate use and the various modified forms in appendix B. Noted incorporation of findings of HIC Break-out Space Panel in the revised Code.
2. **Annual Review of Reserves:** Noted uses of Business Unit Reserves and transfer of funds between Reserves in 2004/05 and proposed and committed uses for 2005/06 detailed in appendix 1a and also approved planned uses in 2005/06; noted use of DSO reserves in 2004/05 and transfer of remaining DSO reserves at 31 March 2005 to Business Unit Reserves following restructuring detailed in appendix 1b; and noted information in appendix 1c.
3. **Replacement Financial Management System:** Approved entering into of contracts with Agresso Limited and Spectrum Computer Services Plc and authorised Head of IT&D to purchase necessary hardware, database licences and peripheral equipment in accordance with SORC 2.2.
4. **Insurance Renewals 2005:** Approved renewals for the insurance year 1 October 2005 to 30 September 2006.
5. **General Fund Revenue Monitoring Report 2005/06:** Noted the report and its contents.
6. **CPA 2005, Value for Money Self-Assessment - Initial Draft:** Approved initial draft, subject to minor amendments to be made by the Leader in conjunction with Strategic Policy Officer and final document be submitted to the Audit Commission by 30 September 2005. Thanked Council Resources Overview and Scrutiny Commission its contribution.
7. **Improvement and Involvement Members Steering Group:** Received Minutes of 17 August and 14 September 2005.

Leader - 28 September 2005

8. **Corporate Communications Strategy:** Approved the adoption of the Council's corporate strategy 2005-2008.

Cabinet Member for Resources - 30 September 2005

9. **Knapping Mount Annexe - Risk Management:** Authorised the Director of DS to procure the necessary fire and safety works set out in the report at estimated cost of £33,000 to be funded from Planning Business Unit Reserves.

Cabinet - 19 October 2005

10. **Capital Programme and Target Levels Non-Housing Services Small Schemes 2006/07 to 2008/09:** The spending targets in appendix 1 be approved and capital programmes for economic development and planning be prepared within spending totals for consideration in February 2006.
11. **2005/2006 Best Value Performance Indicators Satisfaction Survey - Overview of Results:** Recommended to note results and use data when setting targets for the 2006/07 Performance Plan.
12. **2005/06 Corporate Basket of PIs - Quarter One Report:** Recommended to focus consideration on PIs in appendix 1 which are unlikely to meet their year-end performance target.
13. **2005/2006 Quarter One Corporate Action Plan Top Priority Actions Update:** Recommended to note the report.
14. **Making Harrogate District Council a Fair Trade Council:** To receive report by the Deputy Leader.
15. **VAT Exempt Limit:** Recommended to give Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources delegated authority to approve variations to capital spending profiles in advance of detailed budgets being agreed by Council.

**TO BE
TAKEN** **Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources - 26 October 2005**

16. **Pension Fund, Revocation of LGPS (Amendment) (No 2) Regulation 2004:** Recommended to agree that the previously agreed contribution rates set as a result of the 2004 valuation are held in anticipation of new regulations taking effect from 1 April 2006.
17. **Discretionary Housing Payments Scheme:** Recommended to approve policy in appendix A, with addition to paragraph 2.12 regarding awards to be made, disputes relating to officer's decision to be referred to Cabinet Member and monitoring report to be made to Member on a quarterly basis.
18. **Applications for Rate Relief:** To determine if relief should be allowed in case attached at appendix A to the report.