

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 7 NOVEMBER 2012
REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on the evening of Wednesday 7 November 2012.

On that occasion, the Cabinet considered the matters set out below. Decisions shown in boxed areas are subject to Council confirmation; the reports considered by the Cabinet were available to all members in advance of the Cabinet meeting.

1. Treasury Management Activity – Mid Year Review

Councillor P Hamman (Shared Services & Corporate Support) introduced this report which reviewed the Treasury and Investment Strategies approved by the Council on 29 February 2012, and reported on performance in the first half of the year and compliance with prudential indicators.

It was decided to note the Treasury Management report.
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2. Performance Monitoring Report – Mid Year 2012/13 - April 2012 to September 2012

The Leader (Councillor Mrs M R Smith) introduced this item which reported the Council's position against the Corporate Plan and indicated that the corporate plan which was a two-year plan in-line with the local government finance settlement and which had only recently been agreed with many of the projects and actions underway and therefore shown as on-track. She also referred to two recent achievements, the recent acquisition of the Mackenzie Arms and the conclusion of the consultation exercise on the Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme, the results of which would be reported in due course.

It was decided to note the Performance Monitoring Report – Mid Year 2012/13 - April 2012 to September 2012.

3. Contract for the Supply of Banking Services

Councillor P Hamman (Shared Services & Corporate Support) introduced this report which informed Cabinet of the four tenders that have been received for the provision of banking services for the five years commencing 1 April 2013. The report gave the scores for price and quality, and also commented on the issues if the Council were to change bank.

It was decided that the bank identified as Tender A in the report be accepted for the provision of the Council's banking services.

4. Leyland Town Centre and Christmas Car Parking

Councillor P Mullineaux (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods & Street Scene) introduced this report which provided an update on the initiatives and activities in relation to Leyland Town Centre and outlined a proposal to suspend car parking charges for a period of 2 weeks prior to Christmas.

It was decided that:

1. The update in relation to Leyland Town Centre be noted.
2. The proposal to suspend car parking charges for a period of 2 weeks prior to Christmas, as detailed in the report be agreed.

5. Worden Park Footpath Improvement Works

Councillor P Mullineaux (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods & Street Scene) introduced this report which sought approval to accept the most economically advantageous tender for footpath improvement works at Worden Park.

The improvement works were classed as essential due to the deteriorating condition of these footpaths.

It was decided that:

1. The award of the tender, for the footpath improvement works at Worden Park, to Tenderer no. 5 in Table 1 of the report, be approved.
2. The virement of £16,563, from savings in the neighbourhood's revenue staffing budget, to the capital financing budget to fund the difference in cost, be approved.

6. Occupancy of Worden Hall

The Leader (Councillor Mrs M R Smith referred this item and informed Cabinet that Worden Park was a cross cutting corporate priority and a top ten action for the Leyland My Neighbourhood plan.

Councillor P Mullineaux (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods & Street Scene) introduced the report which explained the Council's wish to develop the role and function of Worden Park as South Ribble's number one visitor attraction, attracting as it did in excess of 1/4 million visits per annum and to seek to maximise the use and enjoyment for visitors by improving the amenities in the Park.

The report informed Cabinet that The Derby wing of Worden Hall currently stood empty which detracted from the Council's aspirations for the Park and that Shaw Trust, a national charity, had recently expressed interest in occupying this part of Worden Hall and the report detailed the proposals arising from this interest.

It was decided that:

1. The occupation of the Derby Wing and the lower Brew House, Worden Park by Shaw Trust be approved.
2. The allocation of £80,000 capital funds to make the improvements described in this report be approved
3. The virement of £30,000 from the Worden Park Energy Improvement Capital budget be approved.
4. Following a tender procedure, authority be given to incur the necessary capital expenditures.
5. The Director of Neighbourhood Services be authorised to finalise details on the scheme going forward.

7. Work to Civic Centre Roof

The Leader (Councillor Mrs M R Smith) introduced this report which informed Cabinet that the proposed capital programme for 2013/14 as part of the Asset Management Plan £88,000 included fees identified to carry out long term maintenance and improvement to the Civic Centre Office roof. To date the roof had been coated with a fibre reinforced plastic paint type coating system in order to extend its life, but this gradually degraded due to sunlight and every ten years or so minor repairs and a new top coat had been necessary. In 2011 the roof of the

Civic Suite was upgraded to improve the insulation values and extend its life. In the Asset Management Plan, it was planned to adopt a similar insulation approach to the Civic Centre Offices and to cover the roof with a membrane to extend its life to a minimum 20 years. This added lifespan and insulation then would complement the new windows and cavity wall insulation currently being carried out. On this basis the buildings would have reduced heat loss and would achieve a higher energy efficiency standard and potentially lower energy bills.

In order to carry out the works to the roof, there was a need to begin the design and exploratory work now, so that a contract could be let for the works to be carried out in the summer months when the weather should be more suitable. This design and subsequent supervision of the project were normally bought in, and on that basis the capital programme for 2013/14 included provision for this element of the project.

It was decided that:

1. The proposed expenditure of £8,000 in 2012/13 for the design and exploratory work in respect of the planned maintenance and improvement work to the Civic Centre Offices roof be approved.
2. Following the completion of the specialist advice/design work, the Director of Planning and Housing be authorised to seek tenders for the works to the roof.

8. The Cabinet's Forward Plan

It was decided to approve the Forward Plan submitted under section 22 of the Local Government Act 2000.

I hereby commend the report of the Cabinet to the Council.

COUNCILLOR MRS MARGARET SMITH

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL