

RECORD OF URGENT CABINET DECISION

The following is a record of an urgent cabinet decision which cannot be delayed until the next meeting of the Cabinet (as set out in Rule 12 of the Cabinet Procedure Rules):

Officer: Cathy Lord	Signature:
I can confirm that consultation has taken place with the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader 	Date Consulted: 19.03.10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Leader 	Date Consulted: 19.03.10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Portfolio Holder plus one of the following: 	Date Consulted: 19.03.10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive or 	Date Consulted: 19.03.10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Chief Executive in the absence of the Chief Executive or if the Chief Executive is a decision taker 	Date Consulted:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Officer in the absence of the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive or if one is absent and the other is a decision taker 	Date Consulted: 19.03.10
In the absence of the Leader, Deputy Leader or Portfolio Holder (if any) the consent of another Cabinet Member will be required. If so, please give details here:	

Details of Decision and Reasoning:	<p>To grant delegated authority for the Council to enter into a contract with the North West Improvement and Partnership (NWIEP) Agency to secure the grant funding offer of £160,000 to purchase a Roaming One Stop Shop (ROSS) and for powers to procure a mobile advice unit, up to and no more, than £120,000 in accordance with the Council's Contract procedure Rules s.2.1a.</p> <p>The NWIEP bidding and funding process</p>
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has been operating to a tight timescale of 8 weeks and while officers have been flexible to meet this opportunity for grant funding this has fallen outside of the Cabinet meeting schedule. In order, to meet these tight deadlines stipulated by NWIEP, secure the grant funding offer and commence the project we require that an Urgent Cabinet Decision is approved.

The ROSS will provide access to holistic services delivered by the Council and Help Direct, and other partners as appropriate, in specifically targeted and outlying communities in Rossendale, Ribble Valley and Pendle. Other district Council partners will contribute to the running costs of the scheme. NWIEP have approved the scheme due to its innovative and partnership approach and also its ability to deliver efficiency savings through early intervention. It is anticipated that the unit will provide secondary longterm savings to the LA and other agencies such as the PCT averaging £9,000 per customer. Over 2,500 hard to reach customers will be able to access and support this service per year. The ROSS will provide access to holistic services delivered by the Council and Help Direct, and other partners as appropriate, in specifically targeted and outlying communities in Rossendale, the Ribble Valley and Pendle. (This may be extended to other areas in Pennine Lancashire in later years of the project.) Other district Council partners will contribute to the running costs of the scheme. NWIEP have approved the scheme due to its innovative and partnership approach and also its ability to deliver efficiency savings. Rossendale will be the lead authority to deliver this project with a Steering Group of all partners and will be able to use this as evidence within CAA, Use of Resources and other Audit Inspections.

A full detailed report on this three year ROSS project, including financial costings, governance structure with partner agencies and both Pendle and Ribble

Valley Borough Council, projected outputs and outcomes and the operational procedure within Rossendale will be submitted to Cabinet in June.

The annual running costs of the scheme are £45,000 if a driver/benefits advisor is employed or £16,500 if not. This would be apportioned across the three participating LAs. As part of the bid process both Ribble Valley and Pendle have indicated that they are happy to commit £15,000 each per annum for the next three years to this scheme. This is additional to the £20,000 revenue funding secured from NWIEP for Year 1 of the project.

Rossendale's contribution would be from existing approved grant funding sources as detailed below:-

PCT Infant Mortality	£6,500
LSP Health and Wellbeing	£20,000
DWP 2010/12	£22,000
SAT* provisions 10/11	£9,000
DWP efficiency statement Monies	£4,500
RAR LEGI Funding	£5,000
Total	£67,000

*SAT Service Assurance Team

The team have had discussions with the Rural Development Programme for England and are confident that an **additional £20,000** will be secured from this scheme once it is opens for bids in April 2010. There is also an **additional subsidy of 2009/10 within the Service Assurance Team of £32,268** that could be utilised towards this project. Further funding may also be available through partner agencies such as the Fire and Police these are being pursued.

We are confident that the project can be delivered as the declaration to NWIEP and that the scheme will have no direct financial commitment from Council resources and can be funded through secured grant funds.

	The scheme has also been approved by Team Lancashire and will be monitored by them.
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Details of the reason for the use of the urgency procedure:	The timescale set by NWIEP for both the bidding process and securing approval of project funding has been very restrictive and has not allowed officers to progress the project through the normal decision making process. In order, to meet these tight deadlines stipulated by NWIEP, secure the grant funding offer and commence the project we require that an Urgent Cabinet Decision is approved.
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Decision to be taken by:	Stuart Sugarman, Director of Business
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Impact on Corporate Priorities:	The project will positively contribute to a wide range of corporate priorities, including reducing the equalities gap, providing opportunity for equal access to Council services, promoting social inclusion, delivering quality services to customers, promoting the Borough, encouraging healthy and respectful communities and providing value for money services.
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Consultees and Method(s) of Consultation:	Heads of Service, Management Team, Portfolio Holder and partner organisations.
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Documents to be considered by the decision taker:	NWIEP contract
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Implications:	The NWIEP contract specifies certain requirements and conditions pertaining to the grant of £20,000 revenue and £140,000 capital. The grant will be claimed quarterly in arrears as existing programmes such as HMR. If the terms and conditions of the contract are not adhered to, any grant that has been claimed has to be repaid.
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