

## ITEM F

**COUNCIL – 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006**

### **ITEM F – RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

Cabinet – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006

#### **F1. 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Cabinet, at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March, considered a report of the Head of Financial Services concerning the capital expenditure estimates and resources for 2006/07 and for the medium term 2007/08 to 2008/09.

#### **Council are Recommended:**

To approve additional Capital Programme for 2006/07 as detailed below:

<b>Detail</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Refuse Collection Vehicle Lease Buy out	277
Playgrounds (5 year programme pa)	50
Cemeteries (5 year programme pa)	30
Building Capital Programme (5 year programme pa)	200
Museum (4 year programme pa)	15
Upgrade Borough Car Parks (5 year programme pa)	30
Private Sector Housing Renewal ( <i>in addition £685k funded from Housing Capital Allocation</i> )	177
<b>Total</b>	<b>779</b>

#### **Reason for Decision:**

To ensure capital resources are maximised and used effectively to improve services to the citizens of the Borough.

#### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

## **F2. 2006/07 TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STATEMENT**

The Cabinet, at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006, considered a report of the Head of Financial Services on the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Statement for 2006/07.

### **Council are Recommended:**

To approve the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Statement for 2006/07.

### **Reason for Decision:**

The Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Statement sets out the Council's policies for managing its investments based on the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

Cabinet – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006 and  
Standards Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006

## **F3. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The Cabinet, at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006, considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services outlining additional powers for the Council under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and the Gambling Act 2005, together with proposals for changes to the Council's Constitution. The report was also considered by the Standards Committee, on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006, and the recommendations were accepted.

### **Council are Recommended:**

1. To amend the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation to officers contained within the Council's Constitution to include additional powers granted under the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005/Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 as detailed in Appendix A.
2. To amend the Scheme of Delegation to introduce the powers contained within the Gambling Act 2005 as outlined at Appendix A.

3. To amend the confidentiality rules in light of the changes introduced by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 as outlined within this report as outlined at Appendix B.
4. To amend the Constitution at paragraph 10 to add a procedure to provide for "Questions by members to the Leader" any such question asked by members at Full Council will be addressed to the Leader and answered by the Leader or in his absence the Deputy Leader or such other Cabinet member elected by them to answer the question submitted. Only questions should be submitted at this stage and statements should not be made by those asking the question.
5. To amend the Constitution at paragraph 10 to add a procedure to provide for "Questions to members of the Cabinet" any such question shall be in writing the member having given 3 clear working days notice to the Democratic Services Manager. The question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder.
6. To agree that the agenda of all Full Council meetings will hear public questions before member questions on notice.
7. To amend the Constitution at paragraph 9.8 to provide that the Leader of the Council will determine which Cabinet member or officer will answer a particular question.
8. To amend Article 7 of the Constitution "Overview and Scrutiny Committee" to insert the words "act as an Audit Committee". The terms of reference for the Audit Committee will be:

To oversee all arrangements for both the internal and external audit of the Council's accounts and financial records.

To consider and make recommendations to Cabinet on the accounts and to consider the following:

The annual audit report and the management letter of the external auditor.  
Any other statutory report of the external auditor.

Any internal audit report that may be referred by the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (as Monitoring Officer)

To approve the annual accounts and report of this Council (with delegated power). Power to approve the Council's statement of accounts pursuant to regulation B(2) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996. The

Leader /Deputy Leader /Portfolio Holder for Finance and Risk Management /Leader of the Opposition /Deputy Leader of the Opposition will constitute the Committee.

**Reason for Decisions:**

The Council seeks to continually improve and the amendments will allow the Council to enforce new legislation.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

Standards Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006

**F4. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IN RESPECT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND**

The Standards Committee, at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006, considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services arising from the recommendations of the Review Team on Edgeside Park, following its consideration of issues relating to a planning application at Edgeside Park, Waterfoot.

**Council are Recommended:**

1. To agree a minor amendment to the Constitution/Scheme of Delegation to the effect that all planning applications on Council-owned land, by, or on behalf of the Council, its partner organisations or other agents, should be excluded from the Scheme of Delegation and determined by the Development Control Committee.
2. To amend the Scheme of Delegation to provide that applications for planning permission on behalf of the Council may be submitted by the Head of Service and in the case of applications on land owned by the Council by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.