

## **The Executive – 17 June 2008**

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Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **17 June 2008** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore  
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs M J Webster

Cllr Mrs L A Butcher  
Cllr Mrs T J Capon  
Cllr K J Gordon

Cllr K H Hudson  
Cllr M G B Starke  
Cllr P F A Webster

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

P Warren - Chief Executive  
R J Honey - Corporate Director (Internal Services)  
S Scrutton - Head of Planning & Transportation  
J Bostock - Committee Services Manager

### **204 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **205 LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT AND ENVIRONS JOINT AREA ACTION PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Planning and Transportation on the London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan Issues and Options consultation and related matters.

In presenting this item the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation, Councillor K H Hudson, detailed the historical background of the airport, the factors considered in development of the consultation paper and the fit of options with the Council's objective of encouraging a thriving local community.

It was noted that there was no intention to increase car parking availability at the airport, with use being made of the rail network. It was also noted that finalised airport proposals would form an integral part of the Core Strategy and that new regulations may facilitate the removal of some of the plan preparation stages. The issues and options consultation arrangements included a business breakfast for businesses in the vicinity of the airport.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan Issues and Options document be approved for public consultation.

- (2) That the timescales for the preparation of the Submission version, as set out in the minutes of the London Southend Airport and Environs Action Plan Forum, be agreed.
- (3) That Southend and Rochford Councils jointly employ an experienced strategic planner on a short-term contract to work on the document up to the finalisation of the Submission draft in May 2009 to be funded through the Councils' existing LABGI commitments to the project.
- (4) That Southend and Rochford Councils procure specialist companies to complete the necessary evidential studies, including Traffic Impact Assessments and Noise and Air Quality Studies, to be funded through the Councils' existing LABGI commitments to the project. (HPT)

**206 REVIEW OF LOCALLY DETERMINED PROGRAMME 2007/08 AND PRESENTATION OF LOCALLY DETERMINED PROGRAMME 2008/09**

The Executive considered the report of the Area Manager South, County Highways on the programme of Locally Determined Schemes for the financial year 2008/09 and the programme of reserved schemes.

It was noted that Councillor K H Hudson, the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation, was to meet the County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation to express concern at the overall budget level. Responding to questions, Councillor K H Hudson confirmed that concern that adjustments may be made to the monies available over a year would be raised at the meeting and that the County Council seemed alert to weed clearance issues. It was observed that issues of road congestion can be associated with land availability.

It was noted that Castle Point Borough Council and the County Council had formed a joint Highway Committee.

**Resolved**

That, subject to noting that the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation is to meet the County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation to express concern at the overall budget level, the programme of Locally Determined Schemes for the financial year 2008/09 and the programme of reserve schemes, as shown in sections 3 and 4 of the report, be agreed. (County Highways/HPT)

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

**207 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S APPRAISAL**

The Executive received the exempt note of the Chief Executive's appraisal.

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....

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