

CABINET MINUTES

18 OCTOBER 2011

Chairman: * Councillor Bill Stephenson

Councillors:

* Bob Currie	* Graham Henson
* Margaret Davine	* Thaya Idaikkadar
* Keith Ferry	* Phillip O'Dell
* Brian Gate	* David Perry
* Mitzi Green	

In attendance: Barry Macleod-Cullinane Minute 279
(Councillors) Paul Osborn Minute 279

* Denotes Member present

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

283. **Key Decision - Cabinet Decision Making Protocol and Amendments to the Financial Regulations**

Cabinet received a joint report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services and Interim Director of Finance setting out a protocol on which decisions should go to Cabinet and seeking amendments to the Council's Financial Regulations.

The Leader of the Council highlighted the changes being proposed, such as the increase in financial thresholds for Key Decisions, which had received cross-party support, and changes to the Financial Regulations to help strengthen the process for the approval of the Capital Programme and Projects. The Leader added that the inclusion of guidance on the requirements of the Bribery Act 2010 also formed part of the changes to the Financial Regulations. He referred to the cross-party meetings taking place to take a view on items that ought to be submitted to Cabinet.

The Divisional Director, Corporate Finance and Procurement informed Cabinet that the changes to the Financial Regulations included amendments to the Scheme of Delegations and addressed the recommendations of the Capital Investigation Implementation Plan.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council) That

- (1) the Cabinet Decision Making Protocol proposal for the amendment to Key Decision thresholds be agreed and included in the Council's Constitution
- (2) the amended Financial Regulations be agreed and adopted into the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Decision Making Protocol and the amended Financial Regulations be approved.

Reason for Decision: To give clarity and transparency for officers, Members and the public about which matters would go to Cabinet. To update the Financial Regulations to give greater clarity of financial governance.

[Call-in does not apply to a Recommendation to Council].

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.25 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR BILL STEPHENSON
Chairman